

# **CYO Emerald Knights Summer Marching Band and Guard**

## **2016 Season Information**



It's time to prepare for another summer of marching and fun with the CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band and Guard of Kenosha!

### **Overview**

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Emerald Knights Band and Guard is a non-profit organization that provides a summer marching band opportunity for students in the Kenosha, Racine and Northern Illinois communities. The CYO Emerald Knights Band and Guard prides itself on being an affordable, close-knit organization for students who wish to perform in many events throughout the Summer. The band performs at parades and special events throughout Wisconsin and Illinois between the middle of June and early August.

### **Membership**

Membership is open to all public, private and home school students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through age 21. Younger color guard members may be eligible with the approval of the color guard instructor and the director. We welcome students from all schools in the Kenosha, Racine and Northern Illinois area. Previous marching experience is not necessary and previous CYO Band membership is not required. Students from all religious and cultural backgrounds are welcome.

### **Instructors**

Ms. Kate Easton is the director of the CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band and Guard. A percussion instructor and color guard instructor will be hired and announced shortly.

### **Band Camp and Rehearsals**

A Band camp will be held June 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. This is required as the students will learn critical marching band components. After that rehearsals will be twice weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All rehearsals and performances will begin and end at the CYO Band room in the basement of St. Joseph Catholic Academy Upper Campus (St. Joseph High School – 2401 69<sup>th</sup> St.).

### **Performances**

Performances will primarily be parades during weekends in June and July. Additional performances will consist of our 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade tour, Kingfish performance, Ice Cream Social in July and other events throughout the summer. The current schedule of all rehearsals and performances is attached. All events not currently on the schedule will be announced via email and at rehearsals. Schedule is subject to change.

### **Performance Tour**

This year, the CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band and Guard will be taking a performance tour to Nashville, Tennessee in late July. This will be an overnight trip consisting of at least one performance in uniform (parade and/or stand-still), sight-seeing and other activities. Details and exact dates of the performance tour will be announced prior to the first regular rehearsal on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the time between July 28<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> available for this opportunity.

### **Attendance Expectations**

It is expected that EVERY student will participate in all rehearsals, travel, parades and other performances. Any absences must be communicated to Ms. Easton *as soon as they are known*, preferably before the season begins. Excessive or unannounced absences may be grounds for dismissal from the ensemble. Our ensemble success depends on the full attendance and participation of all members.

### **Registration Fees and Policies**

**Standard Membership** - We understand that budgets are tight. For the third year in a row, membership fees will NOT increase and the CYO Emerald Knights will remain the most affordable summer marching band in the Kenosha area. Standard membership fee for all brass, woodwind, percussion and color guard members is **\$250.00**, which covers staff, travel, uniform, activities, insurance, and a host of other needs. Please note that the performance tour to St. Louis will be a separate cost and is NOT included in the standard membership fee (see below).

**Deposit (Commitment Fee)** - The Commitment Fee is **\$50.00**, which *does* act against your total fees. This Fee/deposit is non-refundable and is due along with your registration materials at or before **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.

**Equipment Fee** - Our equipment fee helps to maintain and replace instruments and equipment. This is a **\$25.00** fee for all drum line, color guard, and wind players that use our marching instruments. Both the membership fee and equipment fee (if applicable) are due on or before **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Students using their own woodwind or brass instrument do not pay this fee.

**Performance Tour Cost** – The cost for our performance tour to Nashville is not included in the Standard Membership fee. The final cost has not yet been determined, but the cost for each member will decrease with every additional member of the band. In other words, the more people we get to join the band, the cheaper the trip will be for everyone. While the trip cost will not be insignificant, we will not allow anyone to be left behind solely because of financial reasons. We will work with every member family to ensure that as many students as possible take part in this performance experience. Payment for the performance tour will be made on a separate schedule to be announced later. There will also be fundraiser opportunities to help offset the cost of the Performance Tour.

**CYO Band Student Account Money** - To make use of funds in your student's *CYO Band student account* for any of the above fees, please contact John Rimkus, CYO Band Treasurer, at [jrimkus@hotmail.com](mailto:jrimkus@hotmail.com) and indicate such when submitting your registration materials. Student Account money is only available to students who have earned money through participation in CYO Band fundraisers, including Tag Days in May.

**Registration Paperwork** – Three main pieces of paperwork need to be filled out and submitted before your registration is complete. The *Emerald Knights Summer Contract 2016* must be filled out completely and signed by both the student and at least one parent. The *Emerald Knights 2016 Activity and Travel Waiver* gives the CYO Band permission to supervise and provide travel arrangements for all related activities. The *Medical Information Form* is REQUIRED and must be filled out completely before the first “pre-season” rehearsal on **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Students will not be allowed to participate in marching activities without this form on file.

### **Uniforms and Apparel**

Students are expected to arrive at all rehearsals and performances with the appropriate attire. All students must arrive to all rehearsals wearing clothing appropriate for the weather and

*closed-toe athletic shoes*. Sandals or flip-flops are not appropriate for any member of the ensemble. For performances, all CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band members will be fitted for a marching uniform (uniform jacket, pants and hat) at no additional cost. Color Guard members will be fitted for an appropriate outfit after the first rehearsal. All members will also be issued a CYO Band t-shirt for wearing underneath the uniform and for informal performances. All members are required to provide their own black shorts (gym/athletic mesh shorts or other light-weight material), black socks (NOT navy blue or white) and black marching shoes. If you do not own a pair of black marching shoes, some “used” pairs will be available for purchase (sizes are limited). If you have marching shoes that no longer fit (and are in good condition), you may trade them in and receive a properly fitting pair.

### **Parent Involvement**

Parents, we need your talents, too – not just your students! The CYO Band “Security Team” works with Mr. Poole and the other instructors throughout the season to provide supervision and support at rehearsals and performances. Some duties that the Security Team takes care of include sewing/uniform maintenance, transportation, fundraising, food, and chaperoning events. We will also be looking for carpool drivers for events directly in and around Kenosha. Unlike other summer ensembles of our type, we maintain a lot of adult supervision over our members. In fact, we prefer to travel with one (1) chaperone for every five (5) students. The CYO Band Security Team parents are a great group of people to work with and we can always use new people and ideas. Please consider assisting us. The more parents that help out, the lighter the work will be for everyone in the band.

**We will be scheduling an information meetings after school on Tuesday, May 10th at the North Campus and Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the South Campus, so stay tuned for details on this meeting.** Your student needs you!

We are anticipating another fantastic summer and we hope you can be a part of it! To officially sign up, please fill out the *Emerald Knights Summer Contract* that is included and return it with the \$50 deposit as soon as possible! **Before May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015!**

Thank you and we look forward to working with all of you in the CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band and Guard of 2016!

### **For more information, please contact:**

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# EMERALD KNIGHTS SUMMER CONTRACT 2016

*\*Required Information*

**\*Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*I'm interested in joining the CYO Marching Band:** *Check all that apply.*

Color Guard (Previous color guard experience: \_\_\_\_\_)

Brass/Woodwind Section (Specify marching instrument(s): \_\_\_\_\_)

Drum Line (Percussion) (Previous marching instrument(s): \_\_\_\_\_)

**\*Grade (Fall 2016):** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Age (as of May 24<sup>rd</sup>, 2016):** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*School Attending (Fall 2016):** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Parent Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous years marching with CYO:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Which section(s)?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*T-shirt Size (adult sizes only):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dress Shoe Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Student:**

By signing below, I understand the commitment I am making to the CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band Program, its members and directors. *I understand that our ensemble success depends on the full attendance and participation of **all** members and that excessive or unannounced absences may be grounds for my dismissal from the ensemble.* I will do everything in my power to attend all rehearsals, to be on time and to memorize my music in a timely manner. In the chance that I am unable to attend a required rehearsal I will make every effort to contact my section leader or staff members/directors. I will schedule work and social activities around the summer band schedule, so they will not conflict. I realize that I am fully committed to participate for the entire season and I will be fitted for a uniform.

**\*Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent/Guardian:**

By signing below, I understand the commitment that my student is making to the CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band Program. I will do everything that I can to ensure that my student attends and is on time

to all rehearsals. *I understand that the ensemble's success depends on the full attendance and participation of **all** members and that excessive or unannounced absences may be grounds for my student's dismissal from the ensemble and forfeiture of all monies paid.* I will make sure that my student practices at home and memorizes their music in a timely manner. If I have time, I will volunteer to assist other band parents in helping our students at rehearsals and performances. I realize that my student will be fitted for a uniform and is fully committed to participate for this season. I also agree to pay a \$50.00 commitment fee that will go toward my student's summer fees. If after I turn this signed contract in with the \$50.00 fee, my student decides not to participate, the fee will not be refunded.

\*Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Please sign and return immediately with \$50.***

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**Activity and Travel Waiver**

*Please fill out and return with summer contract*



As the parent / legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (print student name), I authorize the Catholic Youth Organization Emerald Knights Summer Marching Band, the CYO Band Board of Directors, and any official agent thereof to transport the above-named student for any and all program-related functions throughout the 2016 Emerald Knights season (January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016), including the scheduled overnight performance tour. I understand that color guard and marching band are physical activities and that the rehearsals will be of a physical nature. In addition, I understand that from time to time, the students will be taking on various recreational and team-building activities. I understand that the above student will be appropriately chaperoned for all activities. I hereby release the Catholic Youth Organization Emerald Knights Summer Marching Band, the CYO Band Board of Directors, and any official agent thereof from liability in the event that the above student sustains injury during the normal course of rehearsal, performance and recreation with the program, provided the student has consented to such activity.

\_\_\_\_\_, 2016  
Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent/Guardian name

*For Office Use Only*

Fees:

Deposit (\$50) – Due May 24<sup>th</sup> (Check #: \_\_\_\_\_)

Full Fee (\$125 total - \$50 deposit = \$75 remaining) – Due May 24<sup>rd</sup> (Check #: \_\_\_\_\_)

Equipment Fee (\$25) – Due May 24<sup>rd</sup> OR (Check #: \_\_\_\_\_)

Not Applicable (Using personal instrument)

Forms:

All Required Information Complete on Contract

Contract Signed by Student

Contract Signed by Parent

Travel Waiver Signed

Medical Form Complete