Snider Winter Guard

Handbook

2026-2027

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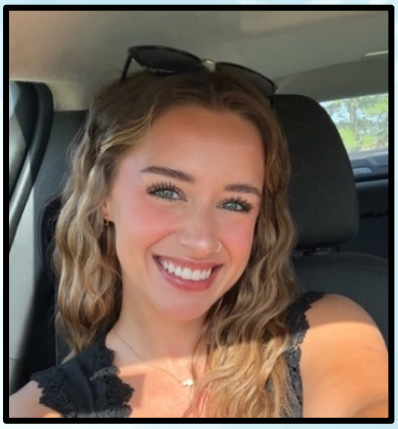
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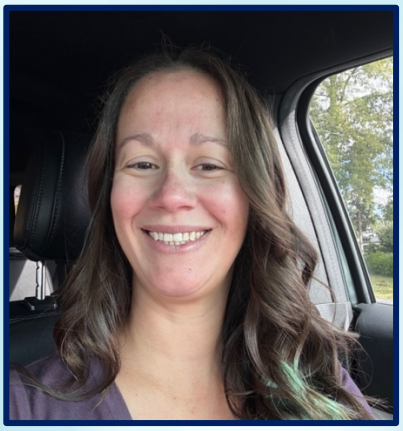
Meet the Staff



Jenna Claghorn
Director



Madison Cypher
Instructor



Lisa Klausing
Instructor



Emma Ng
Instructor



Juan Larranaga
Instructor



Jama Ross
Instructor



Kayliana Fisher
Instructor

Communication

- The **BAND** app will be used to communicate all information including upcoming events, scheduling updates, performance footage, volunteer sign-ups, fee reminders, etc.
- All parents and students involved in the program are required to download this app to stay informed throughout the season.
- All group chats created in the Band app will be supervised by a staff member.

Scan QR code to join or download

the app and search "Snider Winter Guard 26-27"

Attendance, Behavior, and Attire

ALL COMPETITIONS AND REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY

Rehearsal Attendance:

If a student is unable to attend a rehearsal due to a physical inability, notification of the absence must be submitted through the Absence Form at least **24 hours** prior to the rehearsal. The Absence Form is located under the "Winter Guard" tab on the Snider Performing Arts website. Extenuating circumstances must be communicated to **Jenna** as soon as they arise.

- A doctor's note must accompany injury-related absences
- We will not accept a notification of a student's absence through another student.
- **Late arrivals will count as an absence**. Members should arrive 5-10 minutes *prior* to rehearsal to be properly prepared *at* the rehearsal start time.

Competition Attendance:

- If a student misses the rehearsals prior to a competition day, we reserve the right to have them sit out of the scheduled performance. However, to ensure the student does not continue to fall behind, it is required that they attend the competition rehearsal and the show with the rest of the team.
- If a student must miss a performance, **Jenna** must be directly notified at least **7 days** in advance.

Behavior Policy:

It is expected that all students will abide by the FWCS Code of Conduct behavioral policies during rehearsals, transit to and from competition sites, and at all competitions/events.

Snider Winter Guard Member Expectations:

- Will show respect towards themselves, their staff, their teammates, and any property of the Snider Winter Guard.
- Will not lie, use foul language, or tease/bully.
- Will adhere to the attendance and communication expectations.
- Will not misrepresent the Snider Winter Guard or Snider High School through social media.
- Will try their best **at all times**.

Rehearsal Attire:

- All members must arrive to practice in properly fitting athletic wear. Pajamas, jeans, skirts, or any everyday clothing is prohibited.
- Hair must be tied up during rehearsals.

Failure to abide by these policies may result in a parent meeting, performance suspension, or removal from the Snider Winter Guard.

Season Cost Estimate

IHSCGA Membership Fee	$350
IHSCGA Contest Entry Fees	$1,400
Screen-Printed Tarp	$3775 + Shipping
Costumes and Flags	$6,000
Staging/Music Designer	$4,000
Choreographers	$5,500
Rehearsal Staff	$17,000

Fundraisers

- **Mad Anthony's Laundry Soap**
  Applied to student fees
- **RaiseRight**
  Applied to student fees
- **Sponsorship Drive**
  Due January 26th
- **Dine & Donate**
- **Nothing Bundt Cakes**
  Applied to student fees
- **Calendar Drive**
- Due January 4th (Second half applied to student fees)
- **Nelson's Chicken**

Students are required to participate in fundraisers.

Fees and Payment Schedule

Winter Guard Fee: $400.00

Payment Schedule:

December 15th, 2026: $100.00

January 15th, 2027: $100.00

February 15th, 2027: $100.00

March 1st, 2027: $100.00

All scheduled payments **MUST** be paid in full by March 1st, 2027

*Fees are utilized in real time throughout the season. Refunds cannot be accommodated for program withdrawals. Costumes are purchased pre-season; if a student resigns after the start of the season, they will be charged the cost of their costume.

EasyReg Payment Tracking:

- **All students are required to make an EasyReg account.**
- **Scan the QR code or find the EasyReg form under the "Winter Guard" tab on the Snider Performing Arts website.**

Fee/Payment FAQ

How can I pay my fees?

- Fees can be paid through **cash**, **check**, or **EasyReg.**
- **Cash/Check**: Must be in a sealed envelope. Label the envelope with the student's first and last name and the month of payment on the front. All physical payments need to be turned into the grey box located in the SHS band room. Make checks payable to "Snider High School".
- **EasyReg**: All students are required to make an EasyReg account. Find the EasyReg form under the "Winter Guard" tab on the Snider Performing Arts website.

What do my fees pay for?

- Student Fees make up 40%-50% of our budget and are the base that allows us to maintain a thriving winter guard program.
- Fees pay for design elements, uniforms, equipment, membership and contest fees, rehearsal staff, props, and show and sound design.

Extra expenses may include:

- Makeup and hair products (Required)
- Skin-colored Capezio Transition Body Tights (Required): can be found on Amazon or Standing Ovation
- Show shirt (Optional)
- Electrical tape (Required)
- 36" DSI Rifle with leather strap (Weapon line only)

Volunteering

All volunteers *must* complete a Background Check. Please contact Polly.Skidgel@fwcs.k12.in.us for a Volunteer Application Link!

We know your time is valuable, but we truly can't run a successful Winter Guard program without your help. Below is the estimated number of parent volunteers needed, per group, for each competition. Sign-up links will be shared on the **BAND** app.

Equipment Transportation (2+):

Requires early arrival to Snider on contest days, loading the trailer with color guard equipment, supervising equipment in the hallway at the host school, bringing the tarp/props onto the floor for the show, reloading equipment at completion of contest, and transportation home.

Chaperones (2+):

Requires supervision of students on the bus, at the host school, and traveling to warm up with a bag/wagon to hold flip flops.

Food Coordinator (1):

Requires planning communication with parent base regarding food donations, food preparation on Friday night/Saturday morning, feeding and supervising students during breakfast, or preparing sack lunches for the bus.

Medical (1):

Responsible for medical forms and parent contact information in case of injury or emergency. (This parent MUST be present the entire time the students are at a contest.)

Home Show | January 30th

Our home show on January 30th is funding a large majority of our design elements for both groups. We need at least 50 volunteers to pull off this event. We were selected as a host for our competitive circuit, profit 100% of the ticket sales, and our PAB makes 100% profit on food! This is a wonderful opportunity to represent our program and Snider High School. A sign-up link for our home show will be posted on the **BAND** app.

Concessions:

Another primary source of funding for the program that requires volunteers. For the most balanced sharing of this responsibility, we ask that each family cover at least four shifts throughout the winter guard season. This can be a fun opportunity to do together as a family while keeping our program fees at a minimum! A sign-up link for concessions will be posted on the **BAND** app.

Physical Forms

All students participating in the Snider Winter Guard must complete a physical. Students must have their physical turned in before the first official rehearsal on 12/1. Students without a physical on file will be ineligible to practice or compete.

Students will upload their physical to Final Form. Students who are not enrolled in Snider High School, such as Blackhawk or Lane students, must fill out a Google form and upload a copy of their physical.

Snider HS Students:

1. Get a physical
2. Scan QR code
3. Upload physical to Final Forms by 12/1

Middle School Students:

1. Get a physical
2. Scan QR code
3. Upload physical and complete google form by 12/1

Snider HS Winter Guard Schedule

2026-2027

Junior Varsity:
Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM
Wednesday 5:30-7:30 PM
Friday 5:30-8:00 PM
Saturday 8:30-11:30 AM

Varsity:
Tuesday 6:00-9:00 PM
Wednesday 6:00-9:00 PM
Friday 5:30-8:00 PM
Saturday 8:30-1:00 PM

December 2026

Tuesday, December 1st (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, December 2nd (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, December 4th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Tuesday, December 8th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, December 9th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, December 11th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Saturday, December 12th (8:30am- 1:00pm)

Tuesday, December 15th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, December 16th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, December 18th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Saturday, December 19th (8:30am- 1:00pm)

****NO REHEARSAL THE WEEKS OF CHRISTMAS + NEW YEARS****

January 2027

Monday, January 4th (8:30am- 1:00pm)

Tuesday, January 5th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, January 6th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, January 8th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Tuesday, January 12th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, January 13th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, January 15th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Saturday, January 16th (8:30am- 1:00pm)

Tuesday, January 19th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, January 20th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, January 22nd (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Saturday, January 23rd --- Competition @Anderson HS

Tuesday, January 26th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, January 27th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, January 29th (5:30pm- 8:00pm) **–HOME SHOW PREP**

Saturday, January 30th --- Competition @ Snider HS

February 2027

Tuesday, February 2nd (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, February 3rd (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, February 5th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Saturday, February 6th (8:30am- 1:00pm)

Monday, February 8th (8:30am- 1:00pm) Varsity Only

Tuesday, February 9th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, February 10th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, February 12th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Saturday, February 13th --- Competition @Goshen HS

Tuesday, February 16th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, February 17th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, February 19th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Saturday, February 20th --- Competition @Dekalb HS

Tuesday, February 23rd (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, February 24th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, February 26th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Saturday, February 27th --- Competition @Carroll HS

March 2027

Tuesday, March 2nd (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, March 3rd (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, March 5th (5:30pm- 8:00pm)

Saturday, March 6th --- State Prelims @Mt Vernon HS

Tuesday, March 9th (5:30pm- 9:00pm)

Tuesday, March 10th (5:00pm- 8:00pm)

Friday, March 12th Community Performance @7:00pm

Saturday, March 13th --- JV State Finals @ Plainfield HS

Tuesday, March 16th (6:00pm- 9:00pm)

Wednesday, March 17th (6:00pm- 9:00pm)

Friday, March 19th (5:00- 8:00pm)

Saturday, March 20th --- Varsity State Finals @ Center Grove HS

More information regarding competition times and locations will be posted on the BAND app closer to the event!

Snider HS Winter Guard Commitment Form

Member Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name:

_____

Parent/Guardian Name:

_____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Student Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name (Other than Parent/Guardian, in the case the Parent/Guardian cannot be reached):

_____

Relation to Student: _____

Phone: _____

Student Responsibility: I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Snider Winter Guard Handbook. I acknowledge my understanding of expectations for participating in the Snider Winter Guard, including following the FWCS Code of Conduct and participating in fundraisers.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Responsibility: I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Snider Winter Guard Handbook, including the financial responsibilities, and fundraising/volunteer participation expectations. I accept responsibility for these commitments and give my student permission to participate in the 2026-2027 Winter Guard season.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

TURN IN COMMITMENT FORM INTO THE GREY BOX LOCATED IN THE BAND ROOM BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th!!