



Switzerland Point Middle School Winterguard



2022-2023 Season Auditions

Like to Dance or Perform? Want to be part of a team and make new friends? Want to learn new skills, get coordinated and gain confidence? Want to throw things in the air and make an audience scream?

Join the Award Winning Switzerland Point Middle School Winterguard!!

Audition Dates & Times

*Please note, elementary participants can arrive after school gets out

All audition dates are required to participate

<u>Audition:</u> Wednesday April 20 th 1pm-5pm	<u>Audition:</u> Wednesday April 27 th 1pm-5pm	<u>Audition:</u> Wednesday May 4 th 1pm-5pm	<u>Team List</u> <u>Posted:</u> Thursday May 5 ^h	<u>Team Practice:</u> Wednesday, May 11 th 2pm-5pm <u>Parent Meeting:</u> 5pm-6pm
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Attire: comfortable black shorts or leggings, black t-shirt and hair secured in a bun or a neat ponytail

Location: SPMS gym. No friends or family will be permitted in the gym during auditions; this is a closed audition process.

Please bring a snack and a drink (Your drink MUST have a lid).

You will also need to bring the following forms, which should be delivered to Ariel Gibson (SPMS school sponsor) the first day of tryouts. If the forms are not completed, the student will not be able to participate in tryouts.

- Parent Information and Approval Sheet
- Student Profile/Bio Sheet
- Teacher Recommendation Sheet for math, science, social studies and language arts. You will need to make additional copies and deliver to each of your academic teachers who will return them back to Ms. Gibson

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ariel Gibson, SPMS Winterguard school sponsor, at spmsguardteam@gmail.com.





SWITZERLAND POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTERGUARD

Audition Packet 2022-2023 Season



Welcome to the 2022-2023 Switzerland Point Winterguard Audition Process. Please read through the entire packet to get information about auditions and requirements for each student.

Audition Dates, Attire, and Location -

Audition training and tryouts will be held on 4/20, 4/27 and 5/4. The student must attend all dates.

Students need to wear comfortable black shorts or leggings (school appropriate), black t-shirt and hair secured in a bun or a neat ponytail black and report to the SPMS gym. Please bring a snack and a drink (your drink **MUST** have a lid). No friends or family will be permitted in the gym during auditions; this is a closed audition process.

Experience and Achievements

Winterguard is an exciting activity that gives students the opportunity to meet new friends, learn a new skill, travel to competitions, and perform in front of crowds many times. During the past 12 years of competition the SPMS Winterguard brought home 4 Gold Medals, 5 Silver Medals, and 1 Bronze Medal from the Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit. We compete against mostly high schools, so this is a high honor for a middle school. In 2021 our team received a Silver Medal for their performance.

Time Requirements

The SPMS Winterguard will practice during the school year, with the possibility of additional voluntary practices during the season. Practices will be set before the school year begins, but are expected to take place weekly on Wednesday afternoons, from 1-5:30pm and Thursday afternoons from 2-5:30pm. Some weeks, we may only have Wednesday practices, but this will be based on need.

August - December is used to learn new skills and write/design the show. January – Early April is the performance season. During the performance season there will be between 6-9 shows. Competitions will always be on Saturdays, with the exception of FFCC Championships, which is usually on Friday. Additionally, we perform at other high schools “friends and family nights”, “SPMS Night of the Arts & SPMS Friends & Family”, which are weeknights.

It is very important for guard members to be at every practice and EVERY SHOW. Shows are performed throughout the State of Florida, and can last from 8:00am to well into the late afternoon, so prepare for an all-day event. **We require that all students remain at the show until awards are given for our class category.**

Financial Requirements

As with any activity, Winterguard requires a certain amount of financial responsibility. Each member will have a “fair share” of the budget that he/she is responsible to uphold. Please plan for a fair share of approximately \$560-\$665 per child (based on 2021-2022 budget), as well as travel expenses, makeup and incidentals. More details will be handed out to SPMS guard members after tryouts. **A non-refundable \$250 portion of the fair share, which will be applied to our fixed costs, will be due at the June 22nd camp.** A budget will be presented in June or July, explaining the remainder of the “fair share.”

Academic / Behavior Requirements

Switzerland Point requires that our members maintain a minimum 70% in all classes, display a positive attitude, and model positive behavior at all times. Grade and behavior reports will be required throughout the school year to verify they are maintaining the academic and behavior requirements.

Required Paperwork

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Switzerland Point Middle School Winterguard

Dear Parents,

This form authorizes your child to audition for the Switzerland Point Winterguard Team. Winterguard is a performance-based activity that starts at the middle school level and extends to high school and beyond. This sport builds teamwork, discipline, character, and coordination in students that are involved.

The audition process consists of a three day evaluation of a student's ability based upon a rubric developed by the coach. The first sessions will consist of learning Winterguard techniques. The last day will be the actual audition day. Each child will be assessed according to, but not limited to performance, ability, academics, and behavior.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school sponsor, Ariel Gibson at spmsguardteam@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and dedication to your children's activities.

Switzerland Point Winterguard,
Ariel Gibson, Director
Taryn OKeefe, Co-Director
Dawn Evans, School Sponsor

Parent Approval Form

I, _____ (parent's name), Parent or Legal Guardian of
_____ (child's name) hereby give authorization for my child
to audition for the Switzerland Point Middle School Winterguard under the direction of Ariel Gibson,
Director. I understand that if there is a pre-existing health condition, the school/county and coaches will
not be held liable. I also understand that upon making the team, my child is required to have a physical
turned in by the mandatory Summer Camp the week prior to the start of the school year in August.

Guardian signature

Date

Guardian Name (please print)

Contact Information:

Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

PARENT AND STUDENT AGREEMENT:

By signing this page, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to all terms, policies, procedures, time obligations, fees schedule as described by the Director, School Sponsor and expectations within this handbook. The Director and School Sponsor reserves the right to alter any content within this packet at any time to further refine and improve upon the quality and success level of the program. When and if changes are made, students and parents will receive updated pages, when necessary, or a digital copy will be provided. Students involved in any aspect of the program are bound by this packet. The Director reserves the right to remove any student who does not comply with the contents of this packet. This packet is in place to ensure all students have the opportunity to experience a high-level performing program. Please return this page, with signatures, by Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Any packet forms turned in will be considered in agreement with everything outlined in this packet.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Audition Form

Student Name: _____

Grade (2022-2023 School Year) _____

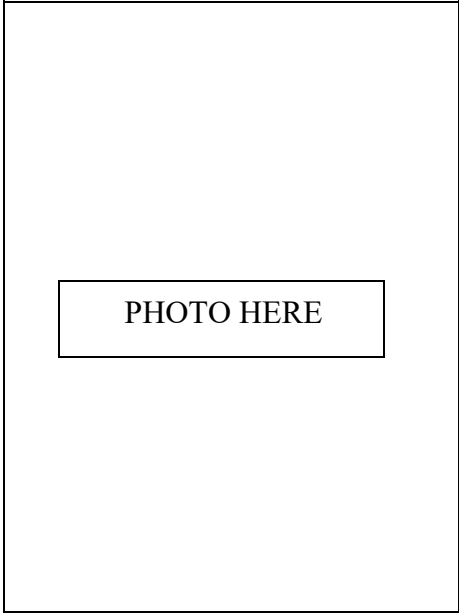
Parent Name: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Past Experience (winterguard, dance, gymnastics, etc.)

Why do you want to be involved in Winterguard?



*****PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTO OF YOURSELF (will not be returned)**

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Teacher Recommendation 2022-2023

Return to Ariel Gibson no later than 4/20/22

(Elementary School Teachers please send through school mail to Ariel Gibson)

Please complete the following academic and behavioral information concerning the student below. Please be honest in your appraisal of the student, you know the student best, and can help determine if this student will be an asset to the SPMS Winterguard team. Members are expected to display positive attitude and model the six pillars of character at all times. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

STUDENT NAME _____
First Last

Teacher _____ **Subject** _____

Student's Overall Grade _____

	Always	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Trustworthy				
Participation				
Work Ethic				
Attitude				
Works well with others				

Please feel free to list additional comments or concerns:
