

Fall 2008 Soccer Gator Drumline Packet

This informational packet applies to both the Tuesday and Wednesday Drumline for the varsity soccer game activities for the University of Florida and for the UF Homecoming Parade.

This is the Gator Community Drumline's fourth year. The group is made up of students and performers of all ages. We have three goals: 1) be inclusive (all ages, all levels) 2) perform often and 3) ensure that everyone is being challenged musically and in their leadership and team working skills. All Gator Community Drumline members are Studio Percussion members and pay tuition. Scholarship students pay reduced tuition. To apply for scholarship get an application from our office.

We have two core drumlines. Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 pm we have our beginning/intermediate group. Tuesday/Thursday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 pm we have our intermediate/advance group. The main difference is the pace of rehearsals and the Tuesday/Thursday group marches. Wednesday nights is more laid back with a focus on setting a firm foundation. Tuesday nights is more for people who want a greater challenge.

Requirements:

- Evaluation for membership placement.
- A positive attitude and a commitment to teamwork and community.
- Members may be any age and any skill level as long as they are mature enough to handle the group. These groups may be unsuitable for younger children.
- Everyone is expected to participate in fundraising but we don't sell junk to people who don't want it. If we don't fundraise, we have to raise rates for everyone. So, please help fundraise!

Materials: Instruments are provided however we will hold fundraisers to help pay for their maintenance. Snare players should be using Ralph Hardimon marching drumsticks. Tenor players should use Vegas Vic Firth tenor sticks. Both the snare sticks and tenor sticks may be purchased in our store for \$15. Bass players should also buy Ralph Hardimon drum sticks for general practice. Bass drum mallets are provided.

Sheet Music should be downloaded for free from our web site www.studiopercussion.org. Go to the membership area... user name is "member" and the password is "sp2008." Both groups need to download all sheet music from both group sections and place it in page protectors in a binder, which should be brought to all rehearsals and games. We will use them OFTEN. Students who are not prepared will greatly limit their ability to participate. This is the most fun we have all year.

Uniforms: T-Shirts provided for free by the University Athletic Association. Studio Percussion hats are required and are \$15. Pants/shorts and shoes are casual. Wigs, sunglasses, and other "flare" encouraged.

Leadership: Tobin Wagstaff is the principle director of both drumlines. At times, section leaders may be appointed and we may also have volunteer assistant instructors at times. At times a student may be asked to lead a sectional or small group. Whether a rehearsal or performance is led by a staff person, volunteer, or student please show them the respect you would show the Executive Director.

Information on the Homecoming Parade will be provided at a later date. We can only take a limited number of members to the homecoming parade and typically choose members who have great attendance, are well prepared, have a great attitude, and give us every reason to consider them. If your attendance is poor, you are ill prepared, and do not follow directions you will not likely be chosen.

Friday games will be primarily attended by Wednesday drumline members but Tuesday drumline members are encouraged to come. **Sunday games** are for Tuesday drumline members only and are required to participate. Friday games we will be stationary in the stands during the game. Sunday games we will be mobile and will have to march. For Friday games, we will set up a sign up list on the door. It will be first come first serve until all spots are full. If you want to play at a game and your instrument is full, sign up earlier next time! Please do not sign up if you do not intend on going to the game for Friday

