



## **Membership Packet 2010**

# Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps

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# Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps

## General Information

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Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization and as such, the IRS has determined that contributions are tax deductible under section 509(a)2.

Tax ID: 54-1626523

Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc. is dedicated to education in music, marching, and Drum and Bugle Corps performing in Virginia, and across North America.

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## About Shenandoah Sound

The Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps (the Corps) is a non-profit public benefit 501(c)3 corporation. We are an all-age, non-touring drum and bugle corps based in Northern Virginia. Membership is open to drum and bugle corps enthusiasts of all ages. In addition, the corps sponsors Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew 1196 to provide opportunities for personal growth and leadership. The Venture Crew is open to all members age 14-21.

The Corps was started in Winchester, Virginia in 1991, and incorporated in 1992. Our mission is to create an organization to help promote the drum corps activity throughout Virginia, the DC Metropolitan area, and beyond. The goal is to form an ensemble that will be known and respected throughout the area as being a quality musical and visual performing ensemble.

Throughout its first years, the Corps participated in parades, concerts, and other performances at events from New York through Georgia. In 2003, the Corps took its first steps onto the Drum Corps Associates (DCA) competitive field. The Corps has since performed at DCA and DCA South competitions from Florida to New York. The 2008 season saw the corps's successful return to the competitive field. In 2010, we will build on that success and grow and improve the performance value of the corps.

# Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps

## Membership

- Membership is open to any interested persons, of **all ages**, who subscribe to the purpose and objectives of the Corps without regard to race, creed, gender, religion, political affiliation, age, or physical hardship.
- The Corps encourages DCI eligible individuals to consider their opportunities to participate in DCI organizations.
- Parents of underage members are encouraged to actively participate in this organization, but this is not a requirement.
- Audition requirements may be instituted at the discretion of any caption head for position placement in the sections to best meet the needs of the corps and the abilities of the performer.
- Prior experience is not a requirement; however, the Corps is limited in its ability to train individuals with none.
- All positions are open at the beginning of the season. Prior membership does not guarantee a position, but it helps.
- Each member must comply with the membership code of conduct and meet any applicable deadlines for Membership Fees.
- Each member is encouraged to maintain an e-mail account through which Corps information and time-critical notifications can be disseminated. As many rehearsals and events are sensitive to weather and other short-notice variables, the Corps will utilize e-mail as the primary method to alert the membership of changes to the schedule.
- Each member must have no outstanding financial obligations with the Corps or any other drum corps organization. Any prior financial obligations must be paid in full before a member will be considered for continued membership.
- Each member must ANNUALLY supply the corps with completed membership application and a medical/travel release. Changes to medical information must be kept up-to-date throughout the performance season.
- All members age 21 and under will be registered as a member of BSA Venture Crew 1196. Membership in the Venture Crew will provide leadership opportunities and a venturing opportunity for current boy scouts. Additional health and liability insurance are also included.
- Each member must possess the ability and desire to attend each scheduled rehearsal, official performances and unofficial performances/fundraising events.
- Lack of attendance at rehearsals may disqualify individuals from participating in performances.
- Individuals are expected to practice on their own beyond scheduled rehearsals.

# Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps

## **Equipment:**

Any and all equipment provided by Shenandoah Sound is the property of Shenandoah Sound. This includes, but is not limited to, brass, percussion, and guard equipment. It is the members' responsibility to keep all corps property in presentable and working condition. Issues regarding functionality of any equipment should be brought to the attention of a section leader, instructor, or director.

All equipment is to be signed out and returned on demand to Shenandoah Sound.

Individuals who wish to purchase and/or march with their own equipment must get permission from a Corps Director. Usage of individual equipment does not impart any liability to the Corps for any wear and tear or accidental damage. See Equipment Release form included in this packet.

Brass players are to provide their own mouthpiece.

Percussionists are to provide their own sticks; larger mallets, etc., will be provided.

## **Uniforms:**

Brass and percussion members must provide their own:

- Shoes (Drillmasters) & socks (black for Brass & Percussion; to be determined for guard)
- Gloves – practice (black gloves – performance) - brass

Bibs and guard uniforms will be available for purchase from the Corps. Jackets and hats for Brass and Percussion are provided by the corps and remain corps property.

Guard uniforms are typically not determined until the spring, and are to be purchased through the corps. These become the property of the individual corps members.

The estimated cost of uniforms can be found under the Schedule of Fees.

# Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps

## Code of Conduct

It is neither the desire nor the intent of Shenandoah Sound to write, re-write, or enforce any existing laws pertaining to acceptable social behaviors. It is the desire of Shenandoah Sound to make the drum corps experience a positive learning and social experience. In its short history, Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps has built a reputation of professionalism. All members are expected to uphold this reputation, and conduct themselves in a professional manner. Any conduct that discredits Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps may result in the dismissal of the offender or offenders. Discrediting conduct consists of, but is not limited to the following.

- Any illegal activity, e.g. use of illegal substances, is prohibited.
- Activities prohibited by a facility used by the Corps for rehearsals, performances, or other events (e.g. it is against the Law to imbibe alcohol or smoke on school campuses).
- Members under 21 will not drink alcoholic beverages at any Corps function.
- The Corps members are guests in the schools and other facilities they use for rehearsals and on tour. Stay within assigned areas, clean up the grounds, and do not touch school or facility property without permission. It is important that we leave each facility orderly and cleaner than we find it.
- Handle all corps equipment and uniforms with extreme care. You are completely responsible for all equipment issued to you.
- Do not act in any manner that would be detrimental to the image or reputation of the Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps. Remember, someone is always watching. This provision includes behavior or statements in any medium, i.e., Internet (RAMD, DCP, etc.). Your comments there reflect not just your thoughts – they are representative of the entire corps. Think before hitting the send button.
- Members will attend rehearsals in a timely manner. If you know you will be late or absent, be courteous enough to contact your caption head or section leader.
- Any behavior which may be deemed to promote discrimination in any way, or any behavior which promotes any form of harassment will not be tolerated.
- Romantic or sexual involvement between any adult member and any person under the age of 18 is unacceptable.

Members are expected to exhibit the following:

- **DESIRE**
- **ENTHUSIASM**
- **TEAMWORK**
- **TIMELINESS**
- **PROFESSIONALISM**

Shenandoah Sound is a volunteer organization and its members are comprised from a wide variety of ages and backgrounds. It is the position of the Corps that its members' behavior is their individual responsibility. The Corps will not be held liable or responsible for the inappropriate behavior of any of its members or volunteers.

# Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps

## Schedule of Fees

Please keep in mind, Shenandoah Sound does not want money to deter your involvement. Let the director know of any potential problems with our fees so that an alternative can be worked out.

**All membership and uniform fees are subject to change and are NON-Refundable.**

Non-performing members are not required to pay membership or uniform fees. Travel expenses, however, are not currently covered by the Corps. Travel expenses include, but are not limited to, transportation, lodging, and meals.

You can pay your fees in a variety of ways: online through PayPal online via the Shenandoah Sound Website ([www.shenandoahsound.org](http://www.shenandoahsound.org)) or by cash or a check (made out to the Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc.) given or mailed to the Business Manager:

Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc.  
c/o Russ Ferrer  
PO Box 1975  
Woodbridge, VA 22195-1975

### Annual Membership Fees:

Please plan to pay off your Membership Fees as soon as possible. The business manager will provide a fee payment schedule for those that want to pay in installments.

For 2010 this non-refundable fee is **\$950** for new members and **\$850** for returning members including **\$200** of fundraising activities.

# Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps

## Uniforms

### **Uniform Fees are NOT refundable.**

**Brass and Percussion:** The following uniform parts are to be purchased through the corps by the individual members and become their possession:

- **Bibs** **\$65**

Uniform jackets remain Corps property and will be stored by the corps. Use of this uniform piece is granted at no charge to members in good standing.

**Guard:** Guard uniforms are purchased through the corps by the individual members and become their possession. Subject to change, guard uniforms are expected to cost no more than \$100.

## Equipment Deposit

Currently there is no fee to utilize Corps equipment. However, there is a refundable **\$50** deposit for any brass instrument that any member needs to take home. Percussion instruments may **not** be taken home by members.

## Tour Fees and Travel Expenses

The Corps does plan to participate in a number of events that will require travel. Travel expenses for long trips will be covered by the travel expense component of the fees and will be collected as part of the total dues. Members will carpool to some events.

For long trips, the corps will arrange transportation and these costs will be included in the annual dues.

In addition to transportation costs, each corps member is responsible for lodging, food, and other incidentals on trips. Corps management makes every effort to structure affordable accommodation packages for lodging and travel and we will consciously strive to tour economically. Most travel rehearsal day meals are provided by the corps.

The 2010 performance Schedule is currently tentative and will not be finalized until the spring. Based on the participation of the Corps at DCA shows, the Corps expects to travel to several events that will require an overnight stay. All other scheduled performances (parades and exhibitions) are not anticipated to require an overnight stay; however, transportation arrangements have not been finalized. On most trips of a great distance, the corps will depart Friday evening for a Saturday show and return on Sunday.

# Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps

## Fundraising

Fundraising is a major part of Corps income. The Corps Fundraising Committee will set up numerous fundraising opportunities throughout the season. Each member is required to participate in at least four non-performing fundraiser each year.

A portion of the funds generated through fundraising activities may be allocated towards the Annual Membership Fees and travel expenses for those individuals that participate in those specific events.

Members choosing not participate in at least four fund raising events may opt out by paying **\$200** in additional dues.

Upon completion of four fund raising events, member participation in each subsequent event will reduce the member dues/costs by **\$25** per event worked.

## Cost Summary

<b>Dues</b>	<b>New Members \$750</b> <b>Returning Members \$650</b>
<b>Fund Raising Opt out</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Instrument Deposit</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Bibs (Brass &amp; Percussion)</b>	<b>\$65</b>
<b>Guard Uniform</b>	<b>Max. \$100</b>
<b>Total Brass/Percussion (including Bibs)</b>	<b>\$1015</b>

## Forms

The following forms are attached to this packet.

- Membership Application and Fee Schedule
- Medical Information and Release Form
- Uniform/Equipment Rental Agreement
- Personal Release of Liability
- Media Release

**Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps  
2010 Membership Application and Fee Schedule**

**Members' Information Form**

Please print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My particular talents are (select all that you wish to be involved with):

- Brass                       Percussion                       Guard  
 Performance Support     Administrative Support     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prior Experience:**

**Fees for 2010:                      (Note: Membership and Uniform fees are NOT refundable)**

Equipment Deposit:	<b>\$ 50</b>	(Brass only - refundable)
Uniform:	<b>\$ 65</b>	(Brass & Percussion; Guard TBD)
Annual Membership Fee:	<b>\$ 750</b>	(NON-Refundable) New Members
	<b>\$ 650</b>	(NON-Refundable) Returning Members
Fund Raising Opt Out	<b>\$ 200</b>	
Total:	<b>\$ _____</b>	

- I will Pay in full: Check # \_\_\_\_\_                       I will Pay via the Corps website using PayPal  
 I will Pay in payment plan installments                       I will Pay in 6 monthly installments  
 I have made other arrangements with the Corps Director

I certify that I do not owe any other Drum Corps Organization any money, nor am I in possession of any equipment, uniform, or other item that I am obligated to return.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), hereby grant permission for my young adult to participate in the activities sponsored by Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required if member is under age 18)

# **Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps 2010 Medical Information and Release Form**

This information is to be used in strict confidence until such time the Director or designated staff member deems it necessary to inform the supervising adults.

While Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps strives to make this a safe activity, please be aware that there is an element of risk involved to the participant. All members participate at their own risk. So that we can be of assistance if the need arises, please complete the following to the best of your knowledge.

### **Member Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Emergency Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Personal Physician**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Insurance Information**

Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Group#: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to member: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps 2010 Medical Information and Release Form**

## **Pertinent Medical History**

List only those conditions that affect or may be affected by your participation in Corps activities. Use the back of this form if necessary.

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Limitation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Medical Release:** This release will authorize medical doctors and/or emergency room treatment of the above named Corps member while under the supervision of the Corps Director or his designee(s) of the Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc. Listed above, are any known medical problems, medications to be used/not used, or special treatments this Corps member is presently under which could occur while with the corps.

**Note:** Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps is not responsible for medical expenses incurred by or for members.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required if member is under age 18)

## **Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps 2010 Uniform/Equipment Rental Agreement**

- I am purchasing my uniform bibs from the Corps.
- I agree to furnish those items that are not Corps provided (Mouthpieces, sticks, shoes, socks, etc.).

- I acknowledge that I may hold possession of Corps equipment and will return such equipment upon demand. Other than damage or wear and tear that occurs while using that equipment under Corps supervision, I assume personal liability for the condition of this equipment.
- I acknowledge that, should I refuse to return Corps equipment and instruments, I must refund the Corps the current retail value for such equipment.
- I choose to utilize my own equipment while participating in Corps activities. I understand that Shenandoah Sound maintains no liability regarding any damage or wear and tear that my equipment may suffer while in use for these activities.

<b>Corps Items</b>	<b>Member Initials</b>	<b>Corps Initials</b>	<b>Date Returned/Corps Initials</b>

Member Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian and date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If member is under 18 years of age)

## **Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps 2010 Personal Release of Liability Form**

I have read and understand the membership information and code of conduct provided by Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps.

Participation in Drum Corps Activities involves a measure of risk and inherently exposes participants to certain physical dangers. The Corps maintains orderly and supervised rehearsals to minimize these risks and will provide the appropriate training and alerts to all members regarding potential dangers. I understand that I participate at my own risk, and that Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps assumes no liabilities whatever.

I do hereby waive, release, absolve, and agree to hold harmless the Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps (and other rehearsal facilities as needed), the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and people transporting me to or from activities, from any claim arising out of an injury.

Member Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian and date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If member is under 18 years of age)

# **Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps 2010 Media Release**

The signing of this form, allows Shenandoah Sound to use any or all media content (such as photographic images and video or audio recordings) of the member listed below and releases Shenandoah Sound from any liability that may result from such use. Such media content may be modified, published, and distributed without further release via any means deemed appropriate by Shenandoah Sound.

Media content may be created during any Shenandoah Sound sponsored activities, including but not restricted to performances, rehearsals, and social events. NOTE: Shenandoah Sound can not restrict current membership, guests, or bystanders from filming or recording our activities at public venues, however, Corps directors reserve the right to restrict generation of media during private rehearsals.

Furthermore, these rights may be assigned or extended by Shenandoah Sound to other organizations or rehearsal and performance venues. These include, but are not restricted to, DCA, DCA South, and Manassas Park City Schools.

Members acknowledge that Shenandoah Sound involves performances at public venues and that appearances at such venues constitutes acceptance of, and release to those venues, usage of media related to that particular performance by related organizations.

Rights of individuals to generate media content may be further restricted by organizations or venues that host rehearsals, performances, or other Shenandoah Sound sponsored activities.

I hereby irrevocably authorize Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps to copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute any and all such images and audio of me. This includes any composite or other artistic forms and media wherein I appear. I understand that such media is to be used for purposes of publicizing Corps activities or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, wherein my likeness appears. I agree that any such use is permitted without compensation, monetary or otherwise.

**Furthermore, member affirms that they are not restricted by any existing contract or obligation from appearing or performing with Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps.**

Member Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian and date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If member is under 18 years of age)