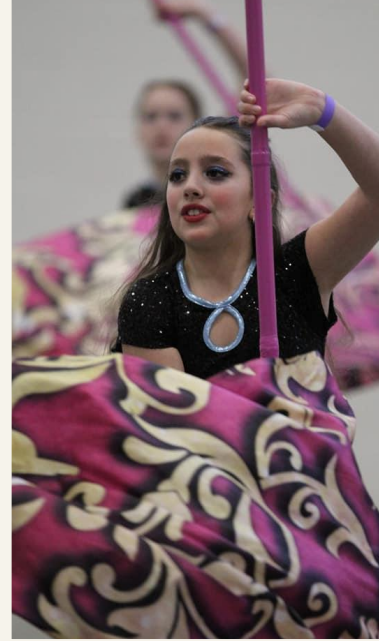


Developing and Maintaining a
**Middle School
Color Guard**

Ruth Ann Medworth and Susie Harloff
WGI Con 2024



Ruth Ann Medworth

Some highlights:

- From Brazil, Indiana
- Married to Bob, 1 kid
- Physical Education Teacher
- Northview Band/Guard Administrator
- North Clay Cadet Corps Director
- Northview Creative Team



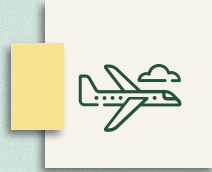
Susie Harloff

Some highlights:

- From Avon, Indiana
- Married to Matt, two kids
- Kindergarten music teacher
- Movement instructor with Avon Winds
- Director of Avon Cadet Guard

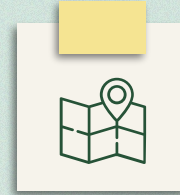


What We Hope to Cover



Getting Started

What are things you should think about when starting a group?



Logistics

How can you run the guard efficiently and effectively?

A Few More Things to Cover



Recruiting

How do we get kids in the door?

Training

What kind of skills are they learning?

Retaining

How do we keep them coming back?



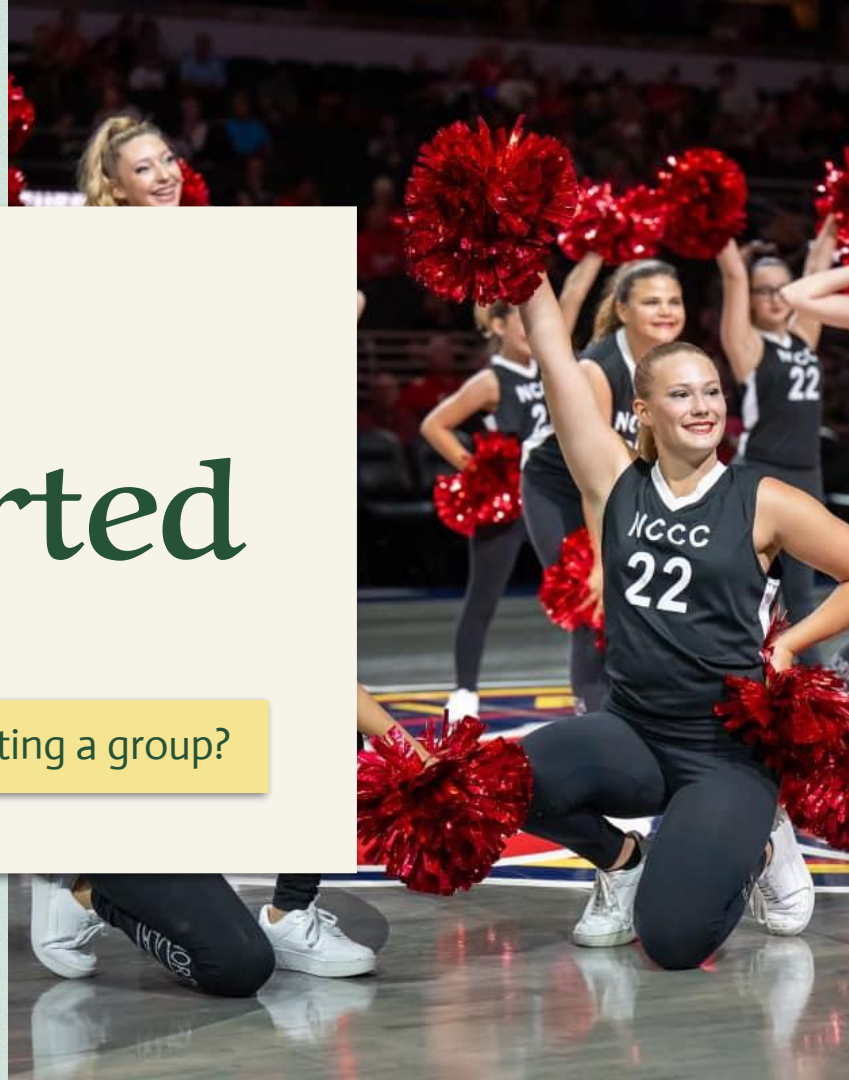
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Time for a disclaimer!



Getting Started

What do you need to think about when starting a group?



You need GOOD BONES



Purpose

Competitive?
Parade? Ball Games?
School/Community
Events?

Who's the Boss?

Band program?
Middle School? Color
Guard?

Staffing

Director? Instructor?
Alumni? HS Students?
Volunteers?

Logistics

How can you run the guard efficiently and effectively?



Know these answers before you get going!



Administrative Duties

Facilities?
Schedules?
Communication?
Paperwork?

Equipment

What kind?
What size?
Buy new?
Use High School's?

Budget

Individual Dues?
Fundraising?
School Provided?

Costumes

What kind?
How to get?
Budget-friendly options?

Recruit
Train
Retain



RECRUIT

- Auditions or no?
- School Announcements
- HS Band Website
- Flyer to students
- Go to schools
- Invite to game night
- Recruitment letter
- Car/ bus visibility
- HS members give out flyers
- Social Media
- MS teachers
- MS fine arts teachers

CADET CORPS!



August 19 & 26 North Clay Gym

TRAIN

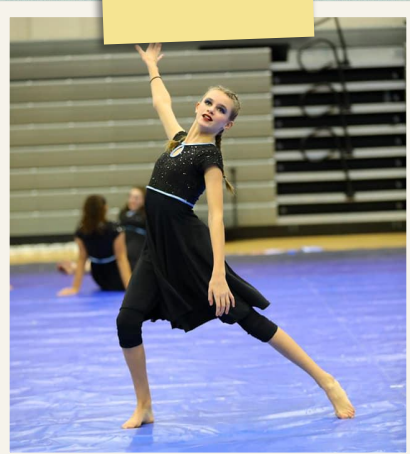
- Life skills
 - Time management
 - Respecting others
 - Pushing beyond comfort zone
- Color guard team skills
 - Dealing with a tarp
 - Rehearsal etiquette
 - Costumes/ Hair/ Makeup
- Training parents
- Equipment
- Dance
- Performance



RETAIN

- Safe and positive environment
- Learn their names
- Have boundaries and expectations
- MAKE IT FUN
- Traditions
- Theme days
- Connection with HS members
- Invite to performance





Thank you
for joining
us today!

