

As a member of the L. I. Sunrisers, you'll meet many great people who share your passion for performance.

Answers to a few questions frequently asked about our program

1. What is the Sunrisers Drum & Bugle Corps?

The Sunrisers is a competitive performing arts & music education organization which participates in Drum Corps Associates. We're an independent, self-sponsored, non-profit organization which is recognized nationally for excellence in youth programming. The Sunrisers are the 2007 DCA Class A Champions.



2. Where does the corps meet? Are car pools available?

The corps is based in central Long Island, NY and rehearses in several different locations throughout the year. Car pools are available throughout the region and are usually established at the first few rehearsals. Members come from Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Rockland, as well as areas of NJ and CT. Directions to our rehearsals and performances are available on our website prior to each event.



6. How old are Sunrisers members?

Sunrisers membership ranges in age from 14 through 30. Average age is 18 years.

7. How does the corps eat? How does it travel?

Meals are provided whenever possible by volunteers, but at times it is necessary for members to eat at local establishments. Distance trips are by coach bus or school bus. When sleepovers are necessary on road trips sleeping bags are required for gym floors at host schools or facilities. Occasionally, some members families share homes for sleepovers.



8 Who provides instruction and supervision?

Nearly all of our instructional staff members are music education professionals. Our activities are chaperoned by adults who have helped to create our award-winning programs. Parent-volunteers are welcome and encouraged. Please contact us if you feel you can offer assistance.

3. How much of a time commitment is required to participate?

The Sunrisers corps rehearses weekends only - twice a month in December, January, February & March, two full weekends in April and May and then each weekend, thereafter until Labor Day Weekend when we travel Fri/Sat/Sun to our championship contest. Members are expected to make every effort to be present at every corps function, and to communicate scheduling changes with our staff.



9. How much does it cost for membership?

Payments are due according to a pre-arranged schedule and can be offset by fundraising and member-sponsorship programs. The annual Membership Contribution amount is \$300.00.

4. Do I need to audition in order to become a member of The Sunrisers?

In general, Sunrisers membership is awarded to responsible young adults who share our values and who display a willingness to work hard and to achieve our mutual goals. We look for members of character who are committed to being the very best they can be - as individuals and as members of our team.



10. Where does the corps perform?

Most performances are in the NY/NJ/CT area with exceptions, depending on the seasons schedule.

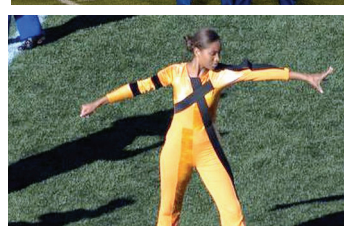
5. Do I have to own or purchase my own instrument or guard equipment?

All of the instruments and equipment is owned and maintained by The Sunrisers, with the exception of shoes and gloves.



11. Will Sunrisers membership interfere with band or school activities?

Our program has been established to supplement the music education experience our members receive in high school and college....not to replace it. It's important, however, that Sunrisers members and their families fully understand the significant time commitment they are making to our organization in light of other obligations they may have. We believe effective communication and personal responsibility are keys to our mutual success.



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