

# As a member of The Jersey Surf, 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 Jersey Surf Drum & Bugle Corps?

The Jersey Surf is a competitive performing arts & music education organization which participates in the Drum Corps International Summer Music Games Tour. We're an independent, self-sponsored, non-profit corporation which is recognized nationally for excellence in youth programming. We're also the 2003, 2004 & 2005 recipients of the prestigious "Spirit of Disney" award for creativity and performance.



### 2. Where does the corps rehearse? Are car pools available?

The corps is based in southern New Jersey, and rehearses in several different locations throughout the year. Car pools are available from throughout the region, and are usually established at the first few rehearsal camps. Members come from throughout NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, NC, NY & beyond. Directions to our rehearsal facilities and performances are available on our web site prior to each camp or event.



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

The Jersey Surf rehearses one weekend a month from November through April, increasing to every weekend during May & June. The competitive season spans every weekend in July & the first two weeks of August. There is a week-long camp during the beginning of July & a 2-week tour in August. Members are expected to make every effort to be present at every corps function, and to communicate their scheduling challenges with the staff.



### 4. Do I need to audition in order to become a member of The Jersey Surf?

In general, Jersey Surf membership is awarded to responsible young adults who share our values and who display a willingness to work hard 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.



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

All of the instruments and equipment are owned and maintained by The Jersey Surf.



### 6. How old are Jersey Surf corps members?

Jersey Surf corps members range in age from 14 through 22. Average member age is 18.5 years.

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

Meals are provided at camps and on the road by our all-volunteer food service crew. The corps travels to competitions and performances in a caravan which includes four motor coaches, which we own and maintain. At host schools, corps members sleep in sleeping bags, usually on the gym floor.

### 8. Who provides instruction and supervision?

Nearly all of our instructional staff members are music education professionals. All of our activities are chaperoned & supervised by adults who have helped to create our award-winning program.

### 9. How much does it cost to be a member? Do I have to pay all at once?

Payments are due according to a monthly schedule, and are offset through participation in a number of fund-raising and member sponsorship programs. Specific fees vary by section, and average approximately \$1500.00.

### 10. Where does the corps perform?

Most of the corps' performances take place in the Eastern US including NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, NY, CT, MA, RI and NH. The season will culminate with a "final tour" which will lead the corps to its performances at the Drum Corps International World Championships in Indianapolis, IN.

### 11. Will Surf activities interfere with band or other 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 is important, however, that Jersey Surf members and their families fully understand the significant time commitment they are making to our organization in light of other obligations they may already have. We believe the effective communication and personal responsibility are the keys to our mutual success.

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