

2019 Vanguard Cadets Color Guard Auditionees,

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 SCVC Color Guard. We are thrilled that you want to join the Vanguard family!

At Vanguard Cadets, all of our color guard staff has marched either the Santa Clara Vanguard, the Santa Clara Vanguard Winter Guard, or both. We have loved calling Vanguard our home, and we are excited to share that tradition with you. Beyond being a consistent Champion of DCI Open Class and competitive contender among World Class programs, one of our goals is to give you the tools, technique, performance quality, and work ethic that you need to be competitive at The Santa Clara Vanguard A Corps if you choose to audition there in the future.

Audition dates will take place as listed:

December 14-16, 2018 – San Jose, CA

Audition Camp

January 25-27, 2019 – San Jose, CA

Callback Camp

April 26-28, 2019 – San Jose, CA

Final Guard Callback and Rehearsal Camp

NOTE: If you are unable to attend these dates, please contact us at the email below to request information on auditioning by video.

The audition process will take place over the entirety of each weekend. Each audition weekend is a great way to expand your vocabulary and learn our style of technique and choreography.

At Vanguard Cadets, we strive for excellence, but will audition potential members from a wide range of levels of experience. As a staff, we will be observing the following skills:

- Range of movement fundamentals and expression
- Range of equipment fundamentals and proficiency
- Quality of technique

While these aspects are important, at Vanguard Cadets we are looking for teachable members who are eager to better themselves. Because of this, most importantly, we will be looking for:

- An openness to **new skills** and **new choreography**

- A willingness to accept and **apply** information and corrections from staff
- Performance quality
- Positive attitude
- Strong work ethic
- **Growth** throughout the audition weekend and between camps

Listed below are equipment skills you may see throughout the weekend:

Flag:

- Drop spins
- Backhands
- Thumb flips
- Pull hits
- Tosses (vertical as well as 45 degree angle)

Rifle and Saber:

- Spins
- Double time spins (two handed and single)
- Spin/Stop
- Tosses

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you home to SCVC! Please contact me with any questions you might have.

Best wishes,

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