



THUNDERBOLTS

DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

2022 Membership Packet

All Members must complete, sign and return the Member Information Form, Liability Release Form, and the Medical Information Forms (4 pages total). You may complete and submit electronically or in-person at the Welcome Camp on April 24, 2022.

The Thunderbolts Drum and Bugle Corps are a DCI SoundSport performance ensemble and are affiliated with the Thunder of Roanoke Performing Arts, a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation.



Name: _____

Personal Release of Liability Form

I have read and understand the membership information and code of conduct provided by the Thunderbolts Drum and Bugle Corps, a program of the Thunder of Roanoke Performing Arts.

Participation in drum corps activities involves a measure of risk and inherently exposes participants to certain physical dangers. The Thunderbolts maintain 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 the Thunderbolts assumes no liabilities whatever.

I do hereby waive, release, absolve, and agree to hold harmless the Thunderbolts (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.

Media Release

The signing of this form allows the Thunderbolts to use any or all media content (such as photographic images and video or audio recordings) of the member listed below and releases them 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 the Thunderbolts. Media content may be created during any sponsored activities, including but not restricted to performances, rehearsals, and social events.

The Thunderbolts cannot restrict current membership, guests, or bystanders from filming or recording our activities at public venues, however, the corps director reserves the right to restrict generation of media during private rehearsals. Furthermore, these rights may be assigned or extended by the Thunderbolts to other organizations or rehearsal and performance venues.

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

I hereby irrevocably authorize the Thunderbolts 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 group 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 the Thunderbolts.

I have read and fully understand the contents of this Agreement and/or have had the contents fully explained to my satisfaction.



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Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

- 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.
- I will make every attempt to be at all rehearsals and performances. Attendance is required for the Thunderbolts to achieve its goal of excellence. All personal time (such as vacations) should be scheduled to avoid conflicts with rehearsals and performances
- In the event of any absence, I agree to notify my section leader/ staff member well in advance.
- I acknowledge that I may hold possession of group equipment and will return such equipment upon demand. Other than damage or wear and tear that occurs while using that equipment under group supervision, I assume personal liability for the condition of this equipment.
- I have reviewed the complete rehearsal and performance schedule with my parents and we don't foresee conflicts that will require me to miss rehearsals and performances.
- Both I and my parents (if applicable) have reviewed the Policy Manual and the included Code of Conduct.
- Both I and my parents (if applicable) have read through the membership packet and understand the commitment of membership in the Thunderbolts.

Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____
(if member is under age 18)



2022 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.

Member Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Personal Physician

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Insurance Information:

Insurance: _____ Member #: _____

Group #: _____ Policy #: _____

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to Member: _____

Please attach a copy of your insurance card to this 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 Limitations: _____

Other: _____

COVID Information

Have you recently tested positive for COVID? Yes No If so, when: _____

Have household members tested positive for COVID? Yes No If so, when: _____

Have you been fully vaccinated for COVID? Yes No If so, when: _____

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 Thunderbolts. 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. The Thunderbolts are not responsible for medical expenses incurred by or for members.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(if member is under age 18)



General Information

Neil Huss - President & Director

Thomas Hilliker - Assistant Director & Percussion Tech

Ashley Hilliker - Color Guard Tech

Website: www.thunderboltsdbc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/thunderboltsdbc

Instagram: thunderboltsdbc

Communication is the Key

We are here to help you and there is very little we can't achieve if we're working together. If you encounter challenges with payments, rehearsal preparations, transportation, scheduling conflicts or whatever, please don't be afraid to ask for assistance or share with us. We can't always control the circumstances but we can control how we respond to them.

Corps History

- The Thunderbolts are a program of the Thunder of Roanoke Performing Arts.
- Established in 2015 as an athletic pep band at Roanoke College in Salem, VA.
- Disbanded in 2016 and was reorganized as a "senior" drum and bugle corps in 2018.
- Performed at NightBEAT and the Summer Music Games of Southwest Virginia.
- Reformed in 2020 and offers a drum corps program and a jazz orchestra program.

Membership

- Membership is open to any interested persons who subscribe to the purpose and objectives of the organization without regard to race, creed, gender, religion, political affiliation, age, or physical hardship.
- Parents of underage members are encouraged to actively participate in the organization.
- Prior experience is not a requirement; however, the group is limited in its ability to train individuals with none.
- All positions are open at the beginning of each season.
- Each member must comply with the membership code of conduct and meet any applicable deadlines for participation fees.
- Each member must have no outstanding financial obligations with the Thunderbolts 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 group with a completed membership application and a medical/travel release. Changes to medical information must be kept up-to-date throughout the performance season.



- 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.

Equipment

- Any and all equipment provided by Thunderbolts is the property of the Thunder of Roanoke Performing Arts. This includes, but is not limited to, brass, percussion, and guard equipment.
- It is the members' responsibility to keep all 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.
- Individuals who wish to purchase and/or march with their own equipment must get permission from the Director.

- Use of individual equipment does not impart any liability to the group for any wear and tear or accidental damage. See the Equipment Release form included in this packet.
- Percussionists are to provide their own sticks; larger mallets, etc., will be provided. Percussion instruments may not be taken home by members.

Schedule of Fees

- Participation fees will be \$250 in total for the season.
- A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by March 1, 2022 to secure your spot.
- The remaining balance will be split into monthly payments in May, June, and July.
- Food may be provided at rehearsals but members are encouraged to pack a lunch.
- Members will be responsible for any costs related to travel with the corps such as meals or personal transportation if transportation, such as a motor coach, is not provided.

You can pay fees online via donation on the Thunderbolts website, by mail via check (made payable to the Thunder of Roanoke), or in-person by cash/check. Mailed payment should be sent to: Thunder of Roanoke, 420 Cedar Bluff Ave SE, Roanoke, VA 24013. Payment in full is greatly appreciated and discounts are available to those who assist in recruiting.

What Your Fees Cover

- Liability and Accident Insurance
- Travel-Related Expenses
- Uniforms & Cleaning/Maintenance
- Medical Personnel and Supplies
- Competition Entry Fees & Expenses
- Color Guard flag and Equipment
- General Props and Scenery
- Instrument Purchases and Repairs
- Instructional Staff Expenses
- Music Licensing Fees
- Advertising and Marketing



No-Refund Policy

We are unable to offer refunds for fees paid to the organization, including any and all funds raised through sponsorship programs, donations or any other fundraising activities.

Optional Expenses

The Thunderbolts offer apparel such as t-shirts, hats, shorts, jackets, and polo shirts through an online vendor, Squadlocker. Please visit our website for details and to place an order.

2022 Schedule

Welcome Camp

April 24th

Rehearsals

May 1st, 15th, and 22nd

June 5th, 12th, and 24th

July 10th, 12th, and 24th

Performances

July 29th – **Masters of Summer Music Games** – Murfreesboro, TN

July 30th – **DCI Southeastern Championship** – Atlanta, GA

July 31st – **NightBEAT** – Winston-Salem, NC

August 1st – **West Virginia** – TBD

August 2nd – **Summer Music Games of SWVA** – Salem, VA

****Schedule is subject to change. Please refer to our website for up-to-date information****

Rehearsal Facility

Apple Ridge Farm
173 Apple Ridge Farm Rd NE
Copper Hill, VA 24079