

Thank you for your interest in the EMU Marching Band! Students state the quality of performance, friendships, and fun they have while a part of the EMU Marching Band are the main reasons for its success. We would love for you to “Be a Part of the Pride” and a member of the 2018 Color Guard.



2018 EMU Color Guard Audition Rehearsals & Formal Auditions

August 4, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

August 5, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Alexander Music Building

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**Eastern Michigan
Marching Band**

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General/Audition Information

What To Expect:

Throughout the weekend you will be taught basic flag and dance technique. We believe that an excellent color guard is the result of great training so we focus on good technique. You will also be taught dance and equipment combinations that may show up in future performances. We will observe your progress and hard work over the course of the audition day while you are relaxed in a group situation. On Sunday you will be notified before you leave of your membership with the color guard for the 2018 season.

What To Bring:

- ✓ Comfortable workout clothing that you can move in for all rehearsals (tank tops, sports bras, shorts, etc.)
- ✓ Comfortable sneakers or guard shoes
- ✓ Sunscreen, sunglasses, a sweatshirt/sweatpants, and rain gear (most rehearsals are outside)
- ✓ Snacks to eat during short breaks, and a water bottle

What Not To Bring:

- ✓ Poles and silks (EMU will provide all guard equipment)
- ✓ Blue jeans, or other tightly fitting clothing
- ✓ Flip-Flops, boots, heeled shoes

Housing/Parking:

You are welcome to commute to campus if you live close enough to do so. If you reside too far away to commute or would like to stay close to campus during auditions, housing will be provided by current EMU Color Guard members. Please contact the band office at emu.bands@emich.edu as soon as possible to arrange housing. Parking will be available in Ford, Sill, and Alexander parking lots. If you would like to use GPS or Internet maps to get to the Alexander Building, please use the intersection of Lowell and Jarvis Streets.

Individual Member Cost:

The cost of being in the EMU Color Guard is very reasonable. Once selected as a member you will be responsible for funding the following items:

\$75	Member Fee	
\$60	Guard Jacket	(We will order these during band camp)
\$35	Black Guard Shoes	(These are available for purchase through the EMU Bands)
\$20	Equipment Bag	(You must procure your own – it's okay to make it yourself)
\$15	Gloves	(These are available for purchase through the EMU Bands)

Please note these amounts are approximate and are subject to pricing/availability of items.

Other guard apparel may be purchased as a section during the season, but those purchases are not a requirement.

2018 Color Guard Summer Rehearsal Schedule

Students who are serious about joining this group should make every effort to attend for the entire Audition Weekend (however, if unavoidable circumstances prevent attendance, alternate arrangements must be made with the instructor prior to the audition weekend). At EMU, we have a tradition of never performing the same show in the same venue twice, so we often have little preparation time before shows. This audition schedule will help us to determine which candidates are able to handle the mental challenges of learning skills quickly. Additionally, there may be activities planned during off times on Friday and Saturday, so please plan to spend some time getting to know your section mates.

Pre-Camp: **Saturday, August 4: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.**

Audition: **Sunday, August 5: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**

Band Camp: **Saturday, August 26 – Friday, September 1**

2018 Fall Semester Rehearsal Schedule

Marching Band Rehearsal: **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 4:05–6:05 p.m.**

Regular rehearsals begin the first day of classes.

Color Guard Sectionals: **Wednesdays, 6–8 p.m. & Prior to game days**

Additional sectional time called as needed. Please do not schedule classes during sectional/rehearsal times.

NOTE: This weekend is about learning and becoming a member of the EMU Color Guard and Marching Band. We ask that you ask friends or family members to not be present so you can focus exclusively on being a member of the ensemble. Thank you for understanding! Go Green!