

The Lyman Diamonds
"Diamonds Are the Band's Best Friend!"



I am a member of the Lyman High School WinterGuard, a performance oriented organization. WinterGuard is a highly competitive sport that combines flags, rifles, and sabres with dance choreography. Our team, The Lyman Diamonds, consists of 26 hardworking students, our director, Mr. Stephen Porter, 3 instructors, and parent volunteers. Our team has placed 1st 2nd or 3rd in our Scholastic A division at each competition we have attended this season. Our team goal is to be able to compete in the WinterGuard International World Championship Competition in Dayton, Ohio in April 2008. The cost for the trip is \$500 per student. This will include bus transportation, hotel, some meals and our entrance fees for the competition. We will only be able to accomplish this with the help of family, friends and community!

I am asking for your financial help in raising the \$500 for this trip. No amount is too small. I am very grateful for whatever amount you may be able to invest toward my goal. Here's how you can help:

1. Make a check payable to Lyman H. S. WinterGuard. Place my name in the memo section. This will assure that your gift will be placed into my trip account.
2. You may return the check to me or to Lyman High School Band Association, 865 S. Ronald Reagan Blvd, Longwood, FL 32750

I put my heart and soul into each performance along with hours of practice in learning dance, flag and rifle choreography and drill. Many of us started our school year on the Lyman Marching Band ColorGuard and continued in November with WinterGuard auditions and rehearsals. Our competition season started in late January 2008 and will continue through the end of the school year. The schedule can be found on www.lymandiamonds.com Our team is in good standing with the Florida Federation of ColorGuards (www.ffcc.org) and WinterGuard International (WGI) (www.wgi.org)

We are extremely proud of some of our recent accomplishments:

- 2008-Performed in the Pre-Race Show for the Daytona 500 with Brooks & Dunn
- 2006-2007 Featured Performers on Walt Disney World Parade which was televised on ABC
- 2007-Performed at the Chick-Fil-A Bowl in Atlanta, GA.
- 2007-Music in Motion Triple A Award Winner
- 2007-Performed at the Pre-Race show for the Daytona 500 with Kelly Clarkson
- 2007- WGI South Power Regional Finalist & Orlando Regional Finalist

I am very proud to be a member of Lyman High School's WinterGuard team! Thank you for your support. I promise to strive to do my very best for you, my school, family and community. I invite you to come see our competitions if you are able or visit www.lymandiamonds.com where we will be posting pictures of our competitions leading up to the Worldwide Competition in Dayton, OH.