

## UNIFORM INFORMATION

**WEAR** - Your show t-shirt is always worn under the jacket. A pair of white, (or skin-toned) shorts is worn under the pants. The waistband of your pants must be pulled up high enough so no part of the fly shows when your jacket is on. (I'm sure this is not how you wear your own pants, but it is how you must wear your uniform.) Wear a white cotton web belt on the pants. The straps on the cross belt are crossed right over left in the back and front (making our signature X). White socks (crew socks or longer) are required. (No skin can show above the socks when you march.) All of your hair must fit neatly under your hat (nothing can touch your jacket collar) and must be held securely with hair gel. YOU must put and keep YOUR hair up! **No jewelry, no nail polish.**

Information is provided on the band website PDF file to show the proper length of pants and hemming instructions. Please follow it closely. **DO NOT CUT ANY MATERIAL OFF OF STRIPED UNIFORM PANTS.**

**CARE** - Your white work pants, cross belt, braids, snap-off collar, and gloves are all machine washable. Do not dry clean; **DO NOT USE CHLORINE BLEACH** as these items will yellow. **DO NOT** send cross belt or braids to the cleaners. The work pants and gloves may be machine dried, but all other items must be air dried. The striped pants and jacket **MAY NEVER BE MACHINE WASHED**--always dry clean them. The silver buckle on your cross belt is cleaned with window cleaner. Clean your shoes with a magic eraser. After cleaning, polish with **NEUTRAL** (clear) shoe polish. (This is a paste-type polish and leaves a protective coating on the shoes.) The hat should be cleaned inside with a disinfectant cloth (Lysol or similar product); outside top with magic eraser; visor with window cleaner. Don't try to clean the red cloth portion of the hat. If you have any questions regarding proper care, ask Mrs. Becky **BEFORE** trying something!

A fabric softener sheet is kept in your garment bag for a few reasons: it absorbs odors and keeps your uniform smelling fresh; it repels moths; but most importantly, it absorbs moisture. We will replace these periodically.

A suit hanger has been issued with your uniform. Please use the hanger provided--it keeps your uniform in shape. With all the uniforms on the same type hanger, they hang neatly without wrinkling. Uniform is hung with the label facing **FORWARD!**

**STORE** - After wearing your uniform, hang it properly on the hanger. The pants go inside the hanger legs to back, waistband to the front. (Match up the creases and seams, stripes go on top and bottom, slide legs through the hanger over the pants bar. Hang jacket with zipper to the front. Zip the zipper--**DO NOT** snap the snaps or hook the hook.) The cross belt is crossed in the back (but not in the front) when hanging, the belt is closed. After wearing the uniform, keep bag unzipped until you hang it in the uniform closet. This allows your uniform to air dry. Zip the garment bag when you turn it in to the uniform closet. Please don't store shoes, socks, gloves, or workpants in the garment bag in the issue room. (It's fine to carry them in the bag when traveling, but these are your personal items and you need to keep them at home.) The hat box carries **ONLY** your hat and plume--**NO OTHER ITEMS PLEASE.** The plume has one way in and one way out of the carrier--don't break the feathers by forcing it the wrong direction.

Someone will be in the uniform closet to issue and collect your uniforms. This keeps the congestion to a minimum and is proven an efficient system to get uniforms out quickly. Keep traffic flow through the instrument room one way. Enter the instrument room through doors near bathrooms, go up right aisle (keeping left aisle clear), exit through back door.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR UNIFORM--WE ALL LOOK SHARP WHEN THE UNIFORMS LOOK GOOD!  
\$ IMPROPER CARE OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY PART OF THE UNIFORM REQUIRES REIMBURSEMENT \$  
\$ Uniform items are very expensive \$