

LA QUINTA HS MARCHING AZTECS (LQMA)

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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in being a La Quinta High School Marching Aztecs Leader! Leaders each year are entrusted with a tremendous amount of responsibility and will be asked to be extremely dedicated in the fulfillment of their duties. Leaders are the link between the students and the staff and will be expected to work closely with everyone involved in the Marching Band to ensure a successful and smooth marching season. Being a Leader will stretch you to serve others in ways you never thought possible, so be ready!

For the 2016 – 2017 school year, leadership will include, but not limited to: Drum Major(s), Assistant Drum Major(s), Woodwind Captain, Brass Captain, Color Guard Captain(s), Battery Captain, Pit Captain(s), and Section Leaders. To be considered, you must have exemplary attendance and behavior, demonstrated leadership, maturity, and have the ability to fulfill expectations at a high standard of excellence.

Characteristics of a successful and effective leader

- They are highly responsible and reliable
- They are dedicated to having the ensemble succeed
- They support and communicate well with the Band Director(s), staff, and the membership of the band
- They know how to teach and assist other members of the band in a positive manner
- They have the ability to inspire the band in performance

The duties of the leaders include (but are not limited to):

- Support the Director and instructional staff, with the utmost dedication, devotion and loyalty
- Maintain a strong dedication to the entire program
- Serve every student with passion and desire to ensure a positive experience for everyone
- Act as a liaison between the Director, staff and students
- Get the band out to the proper area and prepared to begin rehearsal
- Help rehearsals run smoothly and productively
- Communicate information to members before, during, and/or after rehearsals
- Set the standard and help enforce discipline and conduct for the members of the band to follow
- Organize room clean up details as directed
- Work with new members to help them feel a part of the team/family
- Tutor individual members to improve skills
- Monitor behavior in the stands at competitions and football games
- Help foster the goals of teamwork and excellence with the band
- Set a high standard for performance and personal integrity
- Communicate with the Director and staff regarding specific issues concerning the group

Drum Major(s) –The Drum Major(s) leads the Marching Band during all field show, parade activities, and school/community events. The Drum Major must know how to conduct and help run rehearsals.

The duties of the Drum Major will also include, but not limited to:

- Conduct the field show and help conduct the pep band
- Assist Director and staff during rehearsals
- Take band through warm-up exercises
- Monitor section leader effectiveness
- Help get all needed equipment to and from rehearsal area/performances
- Represent the band at awards ceremonies and special functions

The Assistant Drum Major(s) duties will also include, but not limited to:

- Assume all responsibilities in the absence of the Drum Major
- Help conduct the field show (if needed)
- Same expectations as head Drum Major

Captain/Section Leader – This is the person who will lead their respective section, from a disciplinary, marching, and musical perspective.

Captain/Section Leader duties will also include, but not limited to:

- Monitor section attendance and participation at rehearsals/performances and report absences and/or concerns to Secretary, staff and/or Director
- Supervise their respective section’s drill maneuvers and dot books
- Organize and run sectional rehearsals as needed
- Monitor student performance of all show music and responsibilities
- Give memorization test to section members
- Organize weekly instrument maintenance checks
- Tutor individual members to improve skills

Audition Requirements for Leadership:

- Current Teacher recommendations (separate form available on “Downloads” section of website)
- Essay explaining, “Why You Would Make a Successful Leader”
- Conducting (for Drum Majors only) of: wind warm ups, and all of the upcoming fall field show
- Interview with Director(s), staff, and/or previous leaders

If you have any questions, please ask. Thanks for your interest in a position of leadership. I wish you the best of luck throughout this process!

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La Quinta High School Marching Aztecs (LQMA) 2016 – 2017 Leadership Application

To be considered for a leader position, please fill out this application completely and submit to Mr. Sebastian by your interview time on Thursday, May 26, 2016 or Friday, May 27, 2016.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Circle interested leadership position(s)

Drum Major	Woodwind Captain
Section Leader	Brass Captain

_____ *Instrument/Section*

The following leadership positions are determined by a different method:
Drumline/Pit Captain and section leaders (chosen by Director and percussion staff)
Color Guard Leaders (separate application process and decided by Director and guard staff)

Upcoming Important Dates

Leadership/Conducting Workshops:

Monday, May 16th • Wednesday, May 18th • Friday, May 20th • Tuesday, May 24th – 3pm to 4:30pm

Essay: DUE Tuesday, May 24, 2016 (PDF via e-mail to: rsebastian@ggusd.us by 11:59pm PST)

Teacher Recommendations: DUE Tuesday, May 24, 2016 (in Mr. Sebastian's mailbox) by 3pm

Conducting (for Drum Major candidates): Wednesday, May 25, 2016 – 1st period & 3pm to 5pm

Interviews: Thursday, May 26, 2016 – 3pm to 8pm; and Friday, May 27, 2016 – 3pm to 6pm

By signing below, I am stating that I have read and agree with this entire Leadership packet. I am aware that my child is interested in a position of leadership and if chosen, he/she will require additional time throughout the school year (including the summer). I support my child if he/she is chosen for this position.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

By signing below, I agree that I have read and agree with this entire Leadership packet. I am interested in trying-out for a position of leadership and I agree to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. If chosen, I promise to perform **ALL** duties of my leadership position to the best of my abilities, including possibly spending time during the summer and outside of school. If I do not get selected for my desired position, I will show that I should be considered for the following year by having a positive attitude and cooperating and supporting of those who have been chosen.

Print Leadership Candidate Name

Leadership Candidate Signature

Date