

2010 Pacific Crest Quick Facts

Q: What is the tour for 2010?

- A. Everyday rehearsals begin Monday, June 14, 2010. We will rehearse each day, and perform on weekends and some weeknights.

We depart for tour on Saturday, July 10, and will fly home on Sunday, August 15th. In all, we will perform more than 20 times, and travel through a dozen states. Our tour will culminate at the Drum Corps International World Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN.

Q: What's the tuition, and what else will I be expected to pay?

- A: The tuition amount will be set on or before December 1, but members should plan to pay \$2,300. This amount covers instruments, equipment, uniforms, instruction, facility rental, bus and plane transportation, and food and housing during tours. **Brass players and percussionists will also purchase a plume and shoes from the corps (\$50).**

Brass players must provide their own rehearsal/performance gloves, valve oil, and mouthpiece. Brass players must also have a BERP. Percussionists will purchase sticks and mallets directly from the corps.

Color guard performers will have additional uniform costs, e.g. shoes, undergarments, rehearsal clothes.

Q: What if I can't afford it?

- A: **In our 16 years, we have found that if you have an intense desire to march, you will find a way to get the funds to do so.**

The first step is to ask for sponsorships in lieu of holiday gifts. We also have a few ways we can help obligation.

- Send **sponsor letters** (which we provide you)
- Work the Tour Fund Phonathon (\$25 per evening of calling)
- Finance your tuition using Visa or Master Card. This is also a convenient way to take advantage of early-pay discount and **save \$200.**

NEW FOR 2010: If you cannot pay in full upon acceptance, you must make a tuition payment at each camp in order to participate in that camp.

Q: Can I attend school and/or work during the summer?

A: You will not be able to work or attend summer school at Pacific Crest. A number of our members get ahead academically, however, by taking a night class during the spring at their local community college.

Q: What about school events that conflict with Pacific Crest activities?

A: At Pacific Crest, school events come first until the day of our first public performance in June (Sneak Preview). After that date, Pacific Crest becomes your first priority, and absences are not acceptable. (NOTE: The only exception to this policy will be for those students who are still in school past this date.) The drum corps activity is Marching Music's Major Leagues, demands an unwavering level of commitment to the group.

The following is a list of acceptable rehearsal conflicts in the winter and spring:

1. A rehearsal with your school music or guard program
2. A performance with your school music or guard program
3. Graduation ceremony
4. Prom (yours only)
5. End-of-year banquet for your school music/guard program

Q: What if I have to quit during the winter or spring?

A: Each year, there are a few members for whom PC is not a good fit. If this is the case for you, you will need complete the Member Withdrawal Form and return it to Pacific Crest. This is the only way to officially withdraw and cancel your Member Contract. Whether or not tuition will be refunded will depend upon the date of your withdrawal. See the Member Agreement for details. **Please note that after May 1, there are no tuition refunds. If you quit that late, you'll owe the full amount of tuition.**