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I am proud to announce that this summer I will be taking part in a wonderful activity called Drum and Bugle Corps. I will be marching with the **Thunder Drum and Bugle Corps** in its fifth competitive season. I am honored to be associated with such a group that demands excellence, commitment, outstanding achievement, and positive attitudes. Thunder's mission is "*To promote Leadership, Personal Growth, Achievement, and Community Involvement for Young Adults.*"

As a member of Thunder Drum and Bugle Corps I will be spending approximately two months this summer with about 90 other kids. We will travel on buses from state to state, and rehearse anywhere from 9-12 hours a day! Once our competitive season starts, we will perform about 2-5 times a week, ending our season in Los Angeles at Drum Corps International's Pacific Region Championships. I am very excited to be able to be part of such an elite group, knowing that I will be part of a complex team that strives for excellence.

Thunder Drum and Bugle Corps is the only Open Class corps in the Inland Northwest, and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit private youth organization. We are funded mostly by member fees, but we are actively pursuing corporate sponsors, community support, and private donations in order to keep these fees as low as possible. This season the tour fees are \$1,300 per participant. Although that seems high it really is the *lowest* fee in the Northwest. Most Drum and Bugle Corps charge over \$2,000 ! While this is the lowest fee in the Northwest, it is still quite a lot for one person to handle. This is why I'm requesting your help, by becoming one of my sponsors. Anything that you might be able to contribute would go towards my fees. Checks can be made out to "Greater Spokane Drum Corps Association" with my name in the memo field.

I would be incredibly thankful and appreciative of any support you can give. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Corps Director, Rich Harvey, at (509) 869 – 6105 or director@spokanethunder.org. And please visit our web page for tour information, updates on the season, and general information about Spokane Thunder.

Once again, thank you

YES, I would like to support _____ fulfill his/her dream of participating with Spokane Thunder.

Attached is my check for \$_____ that should be applied to his/her Tour Fee.

I am also interested in providing additional support to Thunder Drum and Bugle Corps. I understand that the Greater Spokane Drum Corps Association is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, and any donations not tied directly to member fees may be considered tax deductible.

I would like to learn more about Thunder Drum and Bugle Corps. Please contact me at: _____.