



Dear:

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 sixth 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 50 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 Southern California at Drum Corps International's Pacific Region Championship. I am very excited 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 our tour fees are \$995 per participant. Although that seems high it really is the lowest fee in the Northwest. Most Drum and Bugle Corps charge over \$2000! 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, or you can contribute with credit card via Pay Pal on the Thunder Drum and Bugle Corps website: www.spokanethunder.org, simply click the donate button and specify my name in the comment section.

I would be incredibly lucky and appreciative of any support you can give, no matter how small. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Corps Associate Director, James Layman, at (509) 868-4732 or jlayman@spokanethunder.org. Please visit our web page for tour information, updates on the season, and general information on Thunder Drum and Bugle Corps.

Once again, Thank You!

YES, I would like to support _____ fulfill his/her dream of participating with Thunder Drum and Bugle Corps

Attached is my check for \$ _____ that she 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:

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