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**2016-17 Mississippi Lions All-State Band
Colorguard, Dancer and Mace Drum Major
Workshops**

FIRST SESSION: Saturday, August 27, 2016
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Grenada High School Gym
Grenada, MS

SECOND SESSION: Saturday, August 27, 2016
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Pearl High School Fine Arts Building
Pearl, MS

THIRD SESSION: Sunday, August 28, 2016
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Oak Grove High School Gym
Hattiesburg, MS



2016 LIONS BAND WORKSHOPS DANCERS/FLAGS/MACE DRUM MAJORS

Below are the dates and times of the workshops for dancers, flags, and mace drum majors. Upon the workshop registration, all participants must:

- (1) Submit a Lions Band application that has been signed by their band director.
- (2) Pay the \$35 application fee. The students' must submit a separate application and application fee for each section they audition for.....flute, dancer, etc.

For an additional fee, a DVD, including an mp3 file of the audition routines, may be purchased at the sites, or ordered from Jeff Cannon after the workshops. The cost is \$10.

For the protection of the students, NO VIDEO TAPING IS ALLOWED!

Band directors/visual staff, please announce this information to your students ASAP so that they can plan ahead and attend these sessions. The students may attend as many workshops as they choose after paying the one time application fee for the sections they are auditioning for. The applications and information pertaining to the workshops and auditions are located at <http://www.misslionsband.org/>

If you have any questions, please contact me at lkhisaw@hotmail.com.

Thank You,
Kent Hisaw
(Visual Coordinator)

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AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS FOR DANCERS/COLORGUARD

(Tryouts will be held at Pearl High School. Registration begins at 8:00AM.
Finals will occur the following Saturday November)

All auditions will be closed.

DANCERS/COLORGUARD

* Style, posture, general appearance, clarity, control of equipment, carriage, rhythm, co-ordination, self-discipline, and showmanship are the criteria upon which you will be evaluated.

* Students will perform a required routine – flags and dancers will have different routines. For the finals, a group impromptu routine observation will follow the same required routine.

* Candidates for the Lions Band groups must perform the required routine in a manner that sets them apart from others. The performance will be evaluated on the technical proficiency of equipment and/or movement as well as their performance qualities.

* Males and females may audition.

* Dress for the audition is as listed below:

1. Black Leotard, plain, no rhinestones, no distracting earrings, etc. Males wear a black t-shirt.
2. Black shorts.
3. Tights, nude preferred but not required. Males no tights.
4. Jazz shoes, dancers may wear paws.

Good luck! If you have questions, please contact me at lkhisaw@hotmail.com

L. Kent Hisaw

(Lions Band Visual Coordinator)

2016 Mississippi Lions All-State Band Drum Major
Auditions/Mace Details

(Tryouts will be held at Pearl High School)

* Clinics will be offered on August 27 & 28, 2016 for instruction on the routine and requirements. Check the Lions Band web site for the workshop times and locations. www.misslionsband.org The workshops are not required to audition, but will be extremely helpful!!!

The mace drum majors will audition to the same music. I will choose the music and have it recorded onto a DVD along with a video of the basic whistle routine, and a video of the mace routine. The mp3 file of the music, and the video of the routines, including a break down count for count, can be downloaded onto a computer, iPod, etc. The routine can actually be learned from the breakdown on the DVD. You can purchase the DVD at the workshops for \$10.

To make the experience positive and a better opportunity for success, most of their routine, moderately basic, will already be made up for the drum majors; however, a portion of the routine will be left to demonstrate any advanced mace skills that they would like to include for extra credit. This section must be filled to complete the routine!

Buy, borrow, acquire a mace now (American or British mace 60 inches – no signal batons!!!!) British Maces are better and are easier to maneuver, but either is acceptable. You must bring a mace to the workshops!

Students may begin learning spins and a single/toss in both hands prior to the workshops. Even learning on a rifle is better than nothing!

Tim Avant, former Lions Band Drum Major, and I will be putting this routine together. At the end of this message is information provided to assist you with the logistics of choosing a mace.

- * Style, posture, general appearance, clarity, control of mace skills, carriage, rhythm, co-ordination, and self-discipline are the criteria upon which you will be evaluated.
- * Students will perform a required routine after the whistle routine.
- * Students should wear a drum major/band style uniform.
- * Candidates for the Lions Band drum major must perform the required routines in a manner that sets them apart from others. The performance will be evaluated on the technical proficiency of mace skills, marching, and vocal commands as well as their overall performance qualities.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. lkhisaw@hotmail.com

Thanks
Kent Hisaw
(Visual Coordinator)

Mace recommendations...

The British Mace. Standard length is 60". It is also called a Premiere Mace. It could cost up to \$299.00. Here is a tip: Cut the cross off of the top and grind it down to smooth. The cross can rip uniform and cause injuries.

The American Mace. You want it with chains, not chords! The practice crown or ball is preferred over the eagle. The eagle is bulky and can get in the way. The standard length is 58". You want the LOW DOME, not the high dome. \$176 is a ballpark price; and it is preferred to be black or white.

Local music stores may have maces in stock. Please use them as a resource to consider if making a purchase. Check online for other resources.

We prefer the British or Premiere Mace. It is kind of the step up version of maces. The American mace is more of a beginner style, or at least that is our professional opinion. We think the weight of a British Mace allows for better control and allows for more advanced tricks. Plus, we like the way it spins in the air during tosses better than the American.