

**Royalette Baton Corps**  
**Beginner Information for the 2011-2012 Twirling Season**

We are very excited about our beginner class this year. Beginner classes will be held on Tuesdays each week for 1 hour, from 6:30 – 7:30pm at Bailey Bridge Middle School. Our session runs from October through June. During class, we teach basic baton skills, stretching, marching and twirling routines. We have a skill level program and award ribbons as the class completes a category of twirling. Twirlers are also encouraged to practice at home.

**Beginner twirlers will be ready to perform at the Royalties in Revue, held June 21, 2012. They will also participate in the Virginia State Baton Twirling Championships held in Richmond June 23, 2012. Please mark your calendar now for these events in June, as these are required events.**

We ask that parents do not stay and watch the class, because we have found that we get more accomplished results without distractions. Parents please don't take this personally, as we do want you involved with our Corps. There will be many opportunities for you to see your child perform. We do need & want your support!

At registration, you will be required to pay a \$40.00 registration fee. The monthly dues are \$50.00 and the first payment is due at the first practice held in October, and then every first practice of the month thereafter. If you pay the entire amount by October 5, 2011 you may take 10% off the total price, bringing it to \$405.00. A 25% discount is given for the second child in a family for dues only.

Also at registration, we will measure your child for a baton and for practice attire. Twirlers will be required to purchase practice attire that is to be worn to each practice. Practice attire will consist of a red tank top and black soffee shorts. On cold days you will be permitted to wear black leggings under your shorts if you wish. The leggings you can purchase on your own. You will also need to wear tennis shoes to class. The cost for the practice attire, (red tank top & black soffee shorts), and a baton is \$50.00. If you are a returning twirler and already have a baton, the price for the practice attire is \$25.00.

We will be in contact with you in January regarding a performance costume. We are unsure of the price at this time, but we estimate it around \$70.00 to \$80.00 and will include a costume, headpiece, tights, and tan twirling shoes. This costume will be used in June for the Royalties in Revue and the VA State Championships.

The Royalette website ([www.royalette.com](http://www.royalette.com)) gives the latest information on events and changes in schedules. We also communicate through email. So, please be sure to give your email address on the registration form so you will know everything that is going on with your twirler.

The goal of the Royalette teachers and staff is to produce a top-notch corps of twirlers, while providing a fun and challenging art-sport activity. Building self-esteem is one of our main priorities.

Diane Gunnels has been directing the Royalties for over 30 years. The Royalette Baton Corps holds many twirling titles on a state, regional, and national level. We are Virginia State Teams and Corps Champions. The Royalties are National Champions and have consistently placed in the top five in the National Competition. We are the 2004 National Juvenile Twirling Corps Champions, the 2005 National Senior Twirling Corps Champions, and the 2006 Beginner Junior Large USA National and World Open Dance Twirl Team Champions and most recently became the 2009 National Tiny Tot Dance Twirl Team Champions, 2009 National Tiny Tot Twirl Team Champions and the 2009 National Juvenile Dance Twirl Team Champions. We also have several twirlers that hold Miss Majorette titles for 2011, and have many twirlers twirling for their college and high school.

**Royalette Motto**

"Reach For The Stars"

**Royalette Creed**

The Royalette Baton Corps promotes the enjoyment of the art-sport of baton twirling. We encourage physical fitness, poise, goal setting, and self-confidence. As members of the Royalette Baton Corps, we promise to practice hard, follow instructions, and always do our best to benefit our Corps. We support each other in practice, performance and competition. We strive for excellence and realize this comes with hard work. It is an HONOR and a PRIVILEGE to be a Royalette.