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## THREE FIRES COUNCIL



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### **Allegiance Color Guard Top Midwest Champions** *Boy Scouts of America Explorer Post earns high award*



**ST. CHARLES, IL** – Allegiance Color Guard, an Explorer Post of Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America, won the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships (MWCGC) in LaPorte, Indiana, on March 31, 2019. It was here that Allegiance earned a gold medal in the Independent Open Division of MWCGC.

In addition to the Independent Open Division victory, Allegiance also competed in the Winter Guard International Championships in Dayton, Ohio, in April 2019. In this competition, Allegiance placed in the 'Top 15' finalists out of nearly 50 teams in their division, placing sixth overall.

"In 2018, we were promoted to a higher division of competition at the Winter Guard International Championships in Dayton and only missed the 'Top 15' finals by two places," said Eric Hall, Director of Allegiance Color Guard. "This year, we were extremely excited to not only make the 'Top 15', but to make it all the way to sixth place. This was a huge accomplishment for our group because it was the highest we have ever placed in this new, more challenging division of competition."

The 2018-2019 Allegiance team is comprised of 23 young adults—five young men and 18 young women—who reside in the greater Chicagoland area. The Allegiance Explorer Post develops its youth through character building, encouraging members to practice hard, learn from their mistakes and help strengthen dynamic relationships between youth and organizations within the community.

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“Ultimately, the team had an incredible journey this season where they learned new skills, made new friends and created memories that will last a lifetime,” said Hall. “At Allegiance we encourage members to practice hard, learn from their mistakes and always strive to make their next performance better than their last.”

As of April, the 2018-2019 Winter Guard season has officially concluded; however, the Allegiance Summer Guard program is just around the corner. Previous color guard experience is not required to join, and the summer guard is a great time to find out more about Color Guard before joining a competitive team.

For more information about the Allegiance Explorer Post visit, [www.allegianceyouth.org/programs/summer-guard](http://www.allegianceyouth.org/programs/summer-guard).

### **About Three Fires Council**

Three Fires Council is headquartered in St. Charles, Illinois, and was formed in 1925. It serves nearly 14,000 youth throughout Kane, DuPage, Kendall, DeKalb, and parts of Will and Cook Counties. Local communities are divided into volunteer-led districts. Approximately 6,000 adult volunteers serve local youth. Last year, more than 115,000 community service hours were accumulated in Eagle Scout projects and other service opportunities. Three Fires Council also hosts two camps to serve youth: Camp Big Timber (Elgin, Illinois) and Camp Freeland Leslie (Oxford, Wisconsin).

Website: [www.threefirescouncil.org](http://www.threefirescouncil.org)

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