

# Registration

If you would like more information about the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps, please contact Katie Brightman at: 252-514-4939 or [kbrightman@tryonpalace.org](mailto:kbrightman@tryonpalace.org)

*Or, fill out the form below and return to:*

**Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens**  
**Attn: Katie Brightman**  
**P.O. Box 1007**  
**New Bern, NC 28563**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE/AGE \_\_\_\_\_

**IF UNDER 18**

SCHOOL/GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL OF FRIENDS MEMBER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE? \_\_\_\_\_

Not ready to enlist, but you'd like to support the Corps? Contact Katie Brightman at 252-514-4939 or [kbrightman@tryonpalace.org](mailto:kbrightman@tryonpalace.org) to find out how!

Thank you to the Tryon Palace Council of Friends for their generous support of the Fife and Drum Corps.

Visit [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org) for more information about this and other programs at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.



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HISTORIC SITES & GARDENS

## FIFE & DRUM CORPS

NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA



*March to the beat of OUR drums!*



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## Calling All Musicians!

Musicians were an important part of the eighteenth century military. Fifes and drums played from sunrise to sunset and served as a primary mode of communication from commander to troops during battles. The high-pitched sound of the fife made it the perfect instrument to be paired with the drum, as it could be heard over the noise of combat. Music also served more mundane functions in daily camp life by signaling meals, drills and inspections.

In the summer of 2005, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens began the exciting task of re-creating a colonial fife and drum corps. In just a few short years, the Tryon Palace Corps has grown tremendously in skill and reputation, and become one of the most visible and popular of Tryon Palace's programs. The Corps plays at numerous events throughout the year, in New Bern and beyond.

We invite you to join in this exciting program by becoming a member of the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps. Help bring history to life in a truly unique way!

"Sir,

*I was honored with your letter... on Monday last, by the Sloop which brought most Opportunely, the two Field Pieces with their Furniture and six Drums all compleat agreeable to the Bill of Lading sent with them...."*

*Royal Governor William Tryon to General Thomas Gage  
26 April, 1771*

### Requirements

- Minimum age 10. No maximum!
- Musical experience is not required, though certainly helpful.
- Expectation of practicing several hours a week on your own, in addition to beginner and group rehearsals.

### Rehearsals

- True beginners (with little or no musical experience) will participate in weekly classes on "the basics" (reading music, basic scales/rudiments, basic marching, and history). These classes are two hours long, and are held on varying weeknights; contact for schedule.
- For those ready to move onto the next level (or those who come in with significant musical experience), the full Corps rehearsals take place Sunday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm.
- The average "recruit" (with no experience) can be in a uniform, performing and marching, within six months.

### Cost

- There is a one-time fee of \$25 for the beginner lessons.
- There is a one-time uniform fee of \$50. To earn a uniform, recruits must have memorized and be able to perform a minimum of six songs while marching.
- All drummers must also purchase practice pads, approximately \$30.

*"The English may not like music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes."*

*English conductor Sir Thomas Beecham*

## Have fun!



## Make new friends!

