



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE BIG BEND**

To: Parents and Guardians
From: DeShawn D. Hollis, Percussion Instructor
Date: Friday November 5, 2021
Re: The Stick Patrol Drumline

Hello Parents, This letter is sent to guardians of Riley Elementary School students who may have an interest in joining The Stick Patrol Drumline. The drumline was established by DeShawn D. Hollis as an enrichment program for Boys & Girls Club members in 2007. No prior musical experience is necessary to join the drumline. The Stick Patrol's main goal is to make a difference in the lives of its participants by continuing to teach the value of music as a culture and experience; and to provide children with opportunities to explore musical interests and develop musical skills and knowledge through percussion techniques and performances.

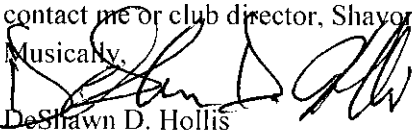
The Stick Patrol family is planning to host a meet-and-greet to prospective members on **Friday November 19, 2021 at our Springfield club site**. This "meet-and-greet" will began at 6:00pm where we will discuss the future direction of the drumline. A focal point of this meeting will be to introduce myself (for those who may not know me) and to establish productive methods of membership opportunities to Riley Elementary School students. We will also discuss membership requirements, and rehearsal schedules. **The Boys and Girls Clubs will provide staff escort (walking) to our Springfield Club Site from Riley Elementary School to all members on rehearsal days. Also, parents and or guardians will be required to pick up their child(s) from our Club site at the end of rehearsal; and lastly all membership financial fees will be waived to Riley Elementary Members.**

If you desire your child to participate in this music program, we request your presence and input at this meeting as we plan to map and lay foundations in the pursuit of excellence! Once again, this program is free to all eligible Riley Elementary School Students. Our Springfield Boys and Girls Club Site location is 1700 Joe Louis Street, Bldg 1702 Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

Lastly, in efforts to establish optimal success for our youth drumline, we believe strong parental support is necessary. Let's remember that it all begins at home, with you the parent, at Riley Elementary School with Mr. Jerrod Walters the music director, and finally at the Boys and Girls Club with me, DeShawn D. Hollis the percussion director as we must work together.

I would like to personally thank you parents and Mr. Walters for supporting our efforts in inspiring the children through music because your support in The Stick Patrol is sincerely appreciated. If you should have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or club director, Shayonda Dennis at (850) 661-3094. Thank you.

Musically,



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