

# SOME THINGS TO KNOW UPON JOINING WILTED ROSES:

- **WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS.** First of all, we're not just your bandmates, we're your friends. If you have a problem, please tell us, or if you just wanna chill with us outside of band practice, no prob. We're here for you. ☺
- **DOUCHEBAGGERY POLICY:** We don't tolerate douchebags. If we hear you talking shit about us or our friends, or just being a douchebag, at first you'll get a warning, but if it continues there's a good chance you're getting kicked out of the band. We've already had to deal with the lovely Mr. Shane Fonseca being a dick, and we don't need any more of it.
- **GAY MAKEOVER DAY, WOOHOO!** Upon induction to the band, if you haven't done so on your own, you will get a Gay Makeover Day with us! ☺ It's up to you whether you want to spend your own money or if you want us to buy you stuff (and you can pay us back, don't worry) and what we do is go to the mall and go shopping for your clothes to wear for shows! Don't worry, we're not gonna try to make you someone you're not, since you only have to wear it for shows. And we'll let you pick out the clothes, but we have kind of an idea of what everyone should wear for shows. Then, you'll get your hair and makeup done (regardless of whether you're male or female, sorry) by our resident stylist and lovely guitarist, Piper! (That's what girls are good for.) And don't think you have to try to fit in with us and wear your new clothes every day, it's just for shows. Just like when my mom stuffed me in that fugly velvet dress for Christmas when I was 4. But it won't be fugly.
- **EXPRESS YOUR OPINION!** Don't be afraid to speak up and express how you feel about something we're doing. Maybe you don't like one of our songs, or maybe a note someone's playing sounds wrong, or maybe you love Nirvana so much you want to do all their songs off *Nevermind*. Please let us know; you're part of the band too! Don't be shy! ☺ Please note: The only exception to this is if you join the band like a week before we have a big gig or what not, because at that point we actually have to get stuff done and in most cases we would have already come up with a setlist for it. But after the gig, please do tell us what you think!
- **BAND RIVALRY:** We have to be friendly and supportive to other bands, as well, rather than being competitive or rude. Outlet Runner and Shawn Westcott have always been really supportive of us, so it's only nice that we return the favor by being supportive of them, and besides, they're our friends. Same with whatever other bands there are, like 14<sup>th</sup> Union (although they really have enough support, but Brad Feeney has been pretty supportive

of us), Replace the Broken (despite the fact that they suck balls), Shawn Westcott, or whoever else. If a band really sucks (like Replace the Broken, what the deuce kind of a name is that anyways?), we don't have to be "really" supportive of them, just take a neutral stance towards them. Only if another band really snubs us or does something really bad (besides being shitty musicians) can we hate them.

- YOU DO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TOO. But it's not too hard. We ask you to:
  - Show up to band practice, recording sessions, shows, and/or meetings sort of on time (within a half-hour of the scheduled time would be great, but for shows you kind of have to be there on time) but if you can't make it, just call us or text us or Facebook us to let us know. Or if you need a ride, our parents probably wouldn't mind. Piper's number is **774-269-4989**.
  - Actually play your instrument during practice and not just pretend. Because then practice is just a waste of time if you're not doing anything. Our former "bassist" (Wonderballs Fonseca's friend Mike that he dragged over for band practice) didn't actually know how to play bass, so he sat there the whole practice with the amp off and pretended to play. He did the same thing during the show, and it was humiliating. Moral of story: You gotta know what you're doing or we're gonna kick you out of the band.
  - Be proud of being a Wilted Rose! Tell your friends to come to our shows and buy our CDs! If you have any friends who play an instrument or might want to be involved with the band somehow, let us know and bring 'em over for practice! *\*\*This is entirely voluntary.*
  - Try not to get into any romantic relationships with other members of the band; that just tends to break bands up.