Georgia Southern University
Southern Pride Marching Band
Color Guard Auditions

Date: May 16th, 2020
Location: Hanner Fieldhouse at Georgia Southern University
590 Herty Drive
Statesboro, GA 30458

Audition Day Schedule:
8:30am - Check-in
9:00am - Welcome & Introductions
9:05am - Stretch Block
9:15am - Dance block (across the floors, & choreography)
11:45am - Lunch
12:30pm - Stretch Block
12:45pm - Flag Block (basics, across the floors, & choreography)
3:00pm - Group review
3:15pm - Individual review
3:30pm - Group Auditions
4:30pm - Deliberations
5:00pm - Results posted
5:15pm - Mandatory member meeting
6:00pm - Dismiss

Georgia Southern Color Guard Auditions will consist of two components: a flag portion and a dance portion that is learned the day of auditions from the GSU Instructor and Captains.

Taught Routine
The GSU staff and/or captains will teach the routines to the candidates. Possible skills that could be incorporated into this routine include:

- Advanced tossing, including doubles, 45’s, and parallels;
- Understanding of bodywork and dance combinations;
- Advanced hand placement and body under equipment.
Frequently Asked Questions:

What do I wear to auditions?
- Black, form-fitted exercise clothes and tennis or dance shoes. Full performance hair and makeup is required. Hair should be up and out of the face.

Where will auditions be held?
- Auditions will be held in the back gym in Hanner Fieldhouse on the Statesboro campus of Georgia Southern University. More detailed information and a map will be sent at a later date.

How many will make the line?
- There is not a set number each year.

How much experience is required to make the guard?
- As long as you have an advanced understanding of the skills required, there is not a set amount of experience required.

What is the cost associated with being a Color Guard member?
- TBD. In the recent past the school has committed to covering almost all costs of being in the Color Guard including fees normally used for buying uniforms, equipment, etc. All travel costs will be covered. The remaining costs (make-up, registering for the class, etc.) are minimal and will be discussed during auditions.

What do the judges look for at auditions?
- Judges will look at technique, memory, timing/recovery, appearance and performance.

Will auditions be open to the public?
- Auditions will not be open to the public, but during the rehearsal portion, family members and friends are allowed inside the gym.

Do current members have to go through the re-audition process?
- Yes, all returning members must go through the audition process each season. Their spots on the team are not guaranteed. The purpose of returning members going through the audition process every year is to maintain ideal physical condition and the required skills.

Does the Southern Pride Color Guard spin weapon?
- Yes, however auditions for weapon are held during the summer after the initial flag line has been set. Weapons are not necessary for Spring auditions.

Will there be a make-up audition date if I am not able to attend the actual audition?
- No. If you are unable to make the scheduled audition date you may send in a video submission to Dr. Haddad at dbrechthaddad@georgiasouthern.edu. Video submissions are due no later than noon on the Friday before auditions. It is strongly encouraged that you make every effort to be there for the live audition to give yourself the best chance of making the group.

What will I need to do for the video submission if I am unable to make it to the live auditions?
- 1. Brief introduction including your name, high school, and color guard experience.
- 2. 1 minute of flag choreography of your own creation including the skills listed above as well as anything else you are able to and want to showcase to the judges.
- 2. 32 counts of dance work including rifle if able. This will also be created by you.
- 3. Lastly, we will provide a toss sequence for you to record. This will be posted on the website no later than one month before the submission due date.

Do I need to bring anything to auditions?
• Participants will supply their own flag. (GSU uses 6’, weighted poles with 35” header silks. If you cannot bring your own flag, one will be provided for you as long as you answer “yes” to the question on the application)

• Lunch is not provided. There are plenty of fast food restaurants within a short distance to the RAC. You may bring your own lunch if you like - the RAC has a dining area at the entrance as you will not be able to eat in the gym.

Please follow this link and fill out our audition application before noon on May 15th, 2020.

Georgia Southern University Southern Pride Color Guard 2020 Audition Application