Georgia Southern University
Southern Pride Marching Band Majorette Auditions
May 2nd 2020 from 1:00pm – 4pm (Rehearsal space will be available starting at 11am)
At Hanner Fieldhouse on the Statesboro Campus of Georgia Southern University

General Information:
Georgia Southern Majorette Auditions will consist of three components. These components include a routine of your choice that is prepared by the candidate prior to the audition date, a taught routine that is learned the day of auditions from the GSU Staff, and a skills execution demonstration. These components allow for judges and staff to assess your skill level, personality, work ethic and attitude.

For the 2020 season we will consider anyone who is interested to be the Georgia Southern University Feature Twirler. This position will only be granted to a member(s) who earns it by demonstrating superlative excellence in performance, ability, and maturity. The judges and director of the band will decide whether or not anyone meets that standard. The additional skill requirements are listed at the end of this document. If an auditionee earns this position, they will receive a $1000 scholarship. Additional scholarship money may be available for members beyond the feature twirler depending on the aforementioned standards. If more than one feature twirler is selected, the scholarship money will be split evenly between those selected.

Though it is recommended to be at the live audition to give yourself the best opportunity to be successful, video auditions will be accepted. Video auditions will be accepted no later than noon on May 1st. They should include the following:
1. A verbal introduction/resume
2. Solo routine
3. Demonstration of all required tricks relevant to the position you are auditioning for (section or feature twirler) no already included in your solo routine
**Prepared Routine:**
Each candidate will need to prepare a solo routine not to exceed 2 minutes. Please incorporate personal style as well as required technical skills. You may choose any music that is tasteful. This routine should demonstrate your personality and your skill level.

Please bring 2 copies (CD/IPOD) of your music. This routine will be your first performance of the day and will also be your feature routine if you wish to audition for the feature twirler position.

**Taught Routine**
The GSU Instructor or Guest Staff will teach this routine to the candidates. Possible skills that could be incorporated into this routine include:
- Toss Walk-over or Cartwheel
- Toss Illusion (forward and reverse on the right leg)
- 2/3 Spins (Horizontal & Vertical)
- Toss one spin reverse illusion on the right leg
- Two spin catch blind
- Double elbow layout
- 2 Baton Combinations
- 3 Baton Combinations
- Advanced understanding of bodywork and dance combinations
- Grand jetes on both legs

**Skills Execution Demonstration:**
This component of the audition will consist of demonstrating a number of individual skills for the judges. You may be asked to demonstrate them as an audition group, in small groups, pairs, or as an individual. These are basic dance and twirling skills such as, splits, leaps, spins, or illusions. A more detailed list is included at the end of this document.
Frequently Asked Questions:

- What do I wear to auditions?
  - Black/Navy leotard, tan tights and dance (twirling) shoes. Full performance hair and makeup is required. Hair is up and out of the face on the field.

- How should I fix my hair and make-up?
  - Your hair and makeup should be complimentary and appropriate for a performance.
  - Hair should be pulled back out of the candidate’s face.

- Where will auditions be held?
  - Auditions will be held in main gym at the Hanner Fieldhouse on the Statesboro Campus of Georgia Southern University.

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

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

- What is the cost associated with being a Majorette?
  - We are extremely fortunate that the university has recently covered most expenses to all members of the Southern Pride Marching Band though it is unknown at this time whether that will be the case in 2020. We will let you know as soon as that decision is made. This would include your uniform, warm ups, and other related items. All travel will be paid for by Georgia Southern University regardless. The only other costs you will be responsible for are smaller items such as make-up, batons, etc.

- Who choreographs the routines?
  - The captains are responsible for all choreography at the discretion of the Majorette Instructor.

- What do the judges look for at auditions?
  - Judges will look at your appearance, showmanship, twirling/dancing ability, poise, personality, and speaking ability.

- Will auditions be opened to the public?
  - Auditions will not be open to the public.

- 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 to maintain skills required.

- When will I find out if I made the line?
  - The judges and director will confer once everyone has a chance to audition and will post the list soon after. Everyone will need to stay around until the list is posted and, once it is, we will hold our first official meeting of the 2020 Southern Pride Majorettes. This is scheduled to happen by 4pm on the audition day.
Section Twirler Requirements

- 2 turn vertical catch blind
- 2 turn horizontal
- 3 turn
- Crossover illusion
- Regular illusion
- Horizontal crossover illusion
- One turn crossover illusion
- Cartwheel or walkover
- Grand Jetes on both legs
- Splits – Right and Left
- Advanced understanding of body work and dance combinations
- Rolls
  - Double elbow layout
- 2 baton
  - Horizontal vertical neck wrap, horizontal 2 turn
  - Left toss, right high toss, right to left flip catch blind
  - Left toss, right high toss, illusion
  - High low one turn
  - High toss flash around catch backhand
- 3 baton
  - 5 vertical boxes, one turn
  - 3 horizontal boxes
  - 3 circus juggles
  - 3 stacks
  - 4 juggles toss, backhand flash
  - 4 juggles toss, illusion

Additional Feature Twirler Requirements

There is no guarantee that we will have a feature twirler. We may have none, one, or more than one. It is entirely dependent upon the skills and personality of the applicant.

- All of the majorette line requirements
- Advanced 2 and 3 baton combinations
- 4 baton combinations
- Double 1 baton tricks (double illusion, double walkover, leap walkover, illusion walkover, kick illusion, etc.)
- Any additional advanced tricks (back handspring, back walkover, ariel, etc.)