Hello!

The staff and captains of the Southern Pride Color Guard (SPCG) are extremely happy and excited that you have chosen to join us at Georgia Southern and audition for a spot in the Southern Pride Marching Band (SPMB)!

Due to the rapid change to an online submission process, please carefully read through everything and contact me ASAP if you have any questions at all about the audition process for 2020.

We have a phenomenal group of people here at Georgia Southern, and especially in the SPMB. Please don’t worry about perfection, simply put in your best possible effort. We want to see what you’re capable of and what you would bring to the group!

Best of luck (skill) and Hail Southern!

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Online Submissions due by 1:00pm EDT on May 16th, 2020

The Southern Pride Color Guard Auditions consist of three components, two of which are required:

**REQUIRED**

1. Flag Routine
   - Choreography will be provided in an online video.
   - **The video will only be available on May 15th from 8am – 1pm.**
   - The link to the video will be posted on our website and sent out to each member who has registered up to that point.
   - Movement with the flag is required. Please don’t just stand in place while spinning.
   - Please use a 6-foot pole

The purpose of the time restriction is to make sure you are able to learn and perform work with minimal exposure and preparation. Collegiate color guards, especially ones like the Southern Pride Color Guard, typically learn 3-6 times the amount of work than high school groups due to the constantly changing shows. DON’T WORRY! That may seem like a lot, and it is, but we work extremely hard to set everyone up for success. We just want to see what you’re capable of learning and retaining in a short period of time. Don’t worry about perfection, just strive to do your best in the time allotted

2. Solo Routine
   - Routines should be between 60 – 90 seconds and should include (at minimum) dance and flag work
   - Please use a 6-foot flag pole
   - Please include the following skills:
     - 45 toss (single rotation and/or single and a half rotation)
     - Parallel toss
     - Vertical toss (flag single, J-toss, flag double, etc.)
   - If you choose to include a weapon, please only use a rifle (we spin 37.5” rifles) and/or a sabre. Do not use any other props.
   - Music must be age-appropriate and loud enough to clearly be heard on video
   - We will post a video from our captains in the coming weeks demonstrating some of the common tosses and tricks we commonly use in the Southern Pride Color Guard

The purpose of the solo routine is for you to show us what you’re capable of. Have fun with it and show off a bit!

**OPTIONAL**

3. Weapons Routine
   - Please include the following skills
     - 16 right-sided spins with a single out to flat
     - 16 left-sided spins with a single out to flat
     - 4 double tosses
     - 4 triple tosses
- 4 quad tosses
- If possible (not required)
  - Four 5 tosses
  - Four 6 tosses
- In addition to the above skills, please include a 45-second routine for each weapon you audition on
  - Music must be appropriate and loud enough to clearly be heard on video

**ATTIRE AND APPEARANCE**
- Please wear:
  - Fitted black athletic clothing
  - Black or nude jazz shoes
  - Make-up used for a field performance
- Hair should be up and out of your face
- No jewelry except for rhinestone earrings (optional)

**VIDEO SUBMISSION**
All videos will need to be uploaded to YouTube and the link provided to the SPMB staff via an online Google Form. Further instruction and the link to the form will be available later this spring on the SPMB website.

When you are putting your videos together, please start each with a brief introduction including your name, high school, and color guard experience. The video, with all of the elements, even the optional weapons portion, should be no longer than 5 minutes and will likely be closer to 3 minutes in length.
Frequently Asked Questions:

Where will auditions be held?
- Auditions will only take place online this year. We hope to return to an on-campus audition in 2021.

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?
- Minimal. Georgia Southern University 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.

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

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.

Will there be a make-up audition date if I am not able to be available on May 15th to learn the provided choreography?
- No. If you have any issues with the audition times, please contact dbrechthaddad@georgiasouthern.edu ASAP.

If you haven’t already, please follow this link to fill out our audition application before 11:59pm on May 14th, 2020.

Georgia Southern University Southern Pride Color Guard 2020 Audition Application