Hello!

The staff and captains of the Southern Pride Majorettes (SPMJ) 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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GENERAL INFORMATION
This year the Georgia Southern Majorette Auditions will consist of two components. First, a routine of your choice that is prepared by the candidate and second, 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 is earned 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.

All videos should include the following:
1. A verbal introduction including your full name, school, status (new member, marched 2 years, etc.), and where you’re from.
2. Solo routine
3. Demonstration of all required tricks relevant to the position you are auditioning for (section or feature twirler) that aren’t already included in your solo routine.

PREPARED ROUTINE
Each candidate will need to prepare a solo routine between 90-120 seconds. Please incorporate personal style as well as required technical skills. You may choose any music that is tasteful and appropriate. This routine should demonstrate your personality and your skill level. This should be done in one take and with no editing.

SKILLS EXECUTION DEMONSTRATION
Each candidate will be required to demonstrate the following individual skills. All tricks should be executed 3 times in a row and all of them in one take. Please do NOT edit this portion of the video in any way.

Section Twirler Requirements (video in this order)
- 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 one leg
- Splits – Right and Left
- Rolls - Double elbow layout

2 Baton Tricks
- Horizontal vertical neck wrap,
- Left toss, right high toss, right to left flip catch blind
- Left toss, right high toss,inside illusion
- High low one turn

3 baton Tricks
- 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.
- Double illusion
- Double walkover
- Leap walkover
- Illusion walkover
- Kick illusion
- 4 Baton combinations
- Any additional advanced tricks (back handspring, back walkover, ariel, etc.)

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.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

● What do I wear for 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 only be allowed through online submissions. We hope to return to on-campus auditions for the 2021 season.

● 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. This includes 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.

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

● 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 list of the 2020 SPMJ line and any feature twirlers will be posted no later than one week after the submission date. All members who make the line will also receive an email once the list is posted with further instructions.