

Troy University
Sound of the South
Color Guard Audition Information

Thank you for your interest in the Troy University Color Guard. We are very proud of our color guard and they are a great addition to the *Sound of the South* each year.

Saturday, April 10th, 2010

8:00 a.m. Registration – Long Hall

9:30 a.m. Auditions in Wright Gym

Warm Ups/Stretching/Instruction (Learning Group Routine)

. Review Materials/Rehearsal, etc.

Captain Auditions/ Judges Interviews

Full Guard Auditions

Captain and Co- Captain Interviews: (specific details to follow)

Interviews will be held following spring break.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in Long Hall after spring break. If you are interested, please sign the sheet for an interview. You must have marched with Troy University Color Guard for at least one year prior to auditions. You also must have a GPA of 2.2 and maintain a GPA of 2.2. You will also need to be enrolled in MUS 1181 during the fall semester of 2010. The candidates should be prepared to teach a short routine to a small group. This could be part of their individual routine or a separate routine. There will be a 15 minute teaching session that will allow the judges freedom to observe the candidates teaching ability, style, and leadership skills.

Results:

The results of the auditions will be posted the following week. Formal letters will also be mailed to each individual who auditions.

What to expect:

Color Guard will meet once a month during the summer months of May, June, July for uniform fittings and to learn standard routines that will be performed at every game. Band camp will begin near the end of July prior to the start of the fall semester. You will also be expected to make a \$200 deposit for the uniform and other accessories. There will be no exceptions to this.

**If you have any questions concerning auditions for the color guard
our faculty advisor:**

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Color Guard Audition Requirements

Basic Skills:

Drop Spins
Speed Spins
Over Hand Spins
Pop Toss
Speed Spin Toss

Individual Routine:

Perform 1-2 minute routine to music of your choice. Music should not contain explicit lyrics; needs to be recorded on a CD labeled with your name. Routine should show off your best abilities such as movement, dance, tosses, and weapon work. There will be a weapon line tryout immediately following the individual routine, but it would be best for you to show off your weapon skills in your individual routine as well. **Judging will cease after two minutes.**

Impromptu Routine:

You will also be judged on your learning ability through an impromptu routine that will be taught the day of auditions. You will be judge on your ability to perform with good facial expression, body technique and coordination to perform in a group.

Weapons:

The Sound of the South is excited to be starting their first formal weapon line this year! Weapon line tryouts will be held immediately following the individual routines. Anyone interested in trying out for the weapon line should bring their own equipment and be prepared to do some basic spins and tosses in a group setting, as well as learn a short impromptu routine that will demonstrate their ability to learn and perform weapon work.

Marching Fundamentals:

You will be judged on your learning ability regarding marching fundamentals.

Performance Attire:

Please wear comfortable clothes you can move in. No baggy clothes.

What to Bring:

Application, application fee, resume and picture if you have not already mailed it
Your own equipment – flag, rifle, etc.

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Application

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Local phone number _____

Local Address (if you have a Troy address) _____

Other Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

(Emails are sent frequently throughout the summer, so please provide one that is checked regularly.)

High School _____

Years of experience in color guard (flag) _____

Years of experience in weapons _____

Height _____ Weight _____

**** Please include a headshot picture (color) of yourself along with this application and your \$20 application fee, made payable to Troy University Color Guard. Also please attach a one page resume for the past four years of your experiences in band, color guard, weapons, etc. Note that your picture will not be returned to you. Please mail your application to Carol Franks, Troy University Bands, School of Music, Smith Hall, Troy, AL 36082.**