

Sylacauga High School Band



Majorette and Color Guard Audition

Information Packet

Dear Students and Parents,

We are excited to announce that it is time to begin preparing for the 2017 Edition of the Sylacauga Marching Aggie Band Auxiliary Try-outs. We are looking for hard-working, highly motivated individuals with great attitudes who are dedicated to helping us create another unforgettable year with the Sylacauga High School Band. We would love you to be a part of our success.

Please read through this entire packet carefully. Then fill out all of the forms included, and bring them with you on the first day of clinic. In the packet you will find:

- Auxiliary General Expectations
- Separate pages for Majorettes and Color Guard (Flags) with Tryout Information, Schedule, and Financial Obligations
- SHS Auxiliary Application and Information Form
- Auxiliary Membership/Behavior Contract Form

<u>Majorette Clinic,</u> location TBA	<u>Color Guard Clinic,</u> location TBA
February 20-23 rd	February 27 th - March 2 nd
Monday/Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00pm	Monday/Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00pm
Wednesday/Thursday: 3:30-5:30pm,	Wednesday/Thursday: 3:30-5:30pm,
Tryouts- Friday, February 24 th beginning at 4pm	Tryouts-Friday, March 3 rd , beginning at 4pm

Attendance is **required** at all clinic sessions and try-outs. If a SCHOOL function conflicts with any of these times, written notice must be submitted in advance and approved by Mrs. Coleman and Mr. Murrell. This includes any late arrival or early dismissal. *See extenuating circumstances document if there are any conflicts.

Save the Dates: Thursday, **March 30th**, we will hold the Auxiliary orientation for ALL new and returning members at 5:30 pm in the SHS Band Room. Each member is required to attend with one parent or guardian. At this meeting we will provide a great deal of information about the coming summer and fall marching band season. If you are unable to attend, please contact the band office or email Mrs. Coleman to schedule a makeup time. *Beginning **every Wednesday** after school starting **April 5th**, mandatory conditioning and barre' from 3:30-4:30 at SHS high school.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the tryout clinic. If you have questions you may contact us either by phone or email. Good Luck!

Ryan Murrell, Director of Bands

Jessica Coleman, Auxiliary Coordinator

SHS Auxiliary General Expectations

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased that your child is interested in participating as a Majorette or Color Guard Member in the SHS Aggie Band. If your child is selected, there are expectations and obligations associated with membership that you must be aware of prior to try-outs.

1. Members must obey all rules set forth by the school and the band staff. All members must sign the attached Behavior Contract.
2. Grade and Discipline records will be checked before selection and factored into the scoring results. They also may impact performance status during the season.
3. Personal Appearance and Grooming Policies are in effect for the entire Band Program. The full policy is available on the Band Website. (Note that there are policies for: tattoos, piercings, and hair color.) Because of the visual aspect of the auxiliary's performance, additional dress code and grooming requirements may be implemented for members beyond the published policy for the full band.
4. If selected, members must make every effort be registered for the appropriate fall band class, which will be 4th Block. This includes Collegiate or Dual Enrolled members.
5. Members are expected to participate in all performances and practices. This includes class time, practices outside of the school day, and those practices scheduled over the summer. Please see each group's specific schedule enclosed in this packet.
6. The Band Department "Rehearsal/Attendance & Grading Policy" document is available on the band website and members are expected to adhere to these policies.
7. The member is aware that selection does not guarantee a spot in every performance throughout the year. Pass-offs will be held on Thursdays, and all directors have the ability to pull a member based on attitude, academic or show performance.
8. There are costs associated with membership for which each member is accountable. Please see each group's specific list of financial obligations enclosed in this packet. Fundraisers will be available to help pay these costs.

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Majorette Specific Information

Tryout Information:

- Those auditioning must be an upcoming 9 – 12th graders to tryout. No previous marching band experience is mandatory, but those who are currently a Marching Aggie Band Member will receive five additional "Aggie Points" added to their final tryout total score.
- All forms in this packet must be returned no later than Friday, February 17th, 2017 to be eligible to tryout.
- There is a non-refundable audition fee of \$30, which is due by Thursday, February 23rd. If you do not have the fee then you cannot audition.
- Attire: During clinic week, please wear dress code appropriate attire (no spaghetti straps or visible undergarments, closed-toe shoes, and hair pulled back).
- For actual day of tryouts, please wear a solid black tank top, solid black shorts (shorts should be unrolled and your mid-section should be completely covered by your shirt, even with your arms raised.), twirling or jazz shoes, hair pulled out of face, field make-up (red lipstick, black smoky eye, and no dangle earrings allowed.)

Majorette Criteria:

Poise/Appearance (10%)

Individual Marching Fundamentals (10%)

- Across the floor movements: chasse, ball change, pas de bouree, deer leap/hitch kick combo, jazz run

Group Routines (25%)

- Routines may include but are not limited to: "Selection from the 2017 Show" Routine
- "Marching" Routines- New and Old Hail to the Varsity and Cadence

Individual Skills (20%)

- Skills may include but are not limited to: two hand spins, continuous thumb flips, continuous backhand flips, big eagle with around-the-world, whip/flash/backscratcher sequence, little joe flips (2 at waist level, then 2 under leg), vertical finger twirls R&L, horizontal finger twirls R&L, elbow roll, double elbow roll with catch behind back, 1 turn (horizontal and vertical), 2 turn (vertical only), toss bow *Bonus tricks include toss illusion and 3 baton juggles

Individual Routine (20%)

- One and a half to two minute individual routine. You must provide a copy of music to auxiliary coordinator the first day of clinic. Multiple batons may be used, but no props.

Fitness (5%)

- Mile run under 10 minutes (will be run Tues. and Wed. before clinic begins. Once mile is made in under 10 minutes, the participant does not have to make the time again, but they do have to complete a mile with the group both of those days.)

Teacher Recommendation (10%)

- Average of two current teacher recommendations *see attached documents. Applicants will have points deducted for each current school year Discipline Referral up to 10% maximum.

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Color Guard Specific Information

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Color Guard Criteria:

Poise/Appearance (10%)

Marching Fundamentals (20%)

- Across the floor movements: chasse, pas de bouree, jazz run, step-ball-change

Pom Routines (10%)

- The pom routine to the fight song will be performed.

Group Routines (25%)

- Routines may include but are not limited to: "Selection from the 2017 Show" Routine
- "Marching" Routines- New and Old Hail to the Varsity and Cadence

Individual Skills (20%)

- Skills may include but are not limited to: Basic Positions: Attention – Parade Rest – Right Shoulder Presents: Front – Back – Left – Right Slams: Front – Back – Left – Right Spins: Drop – Push Pop/Float Exercise

Fitness (5%)

- Mile run under 10 minutes (Will be run Tues. and Wed. before clinic begins. Once mile is made in under 10 min., the participant do not have to make the time again, but they do have to complete a mile with the group those two days.)

Teacher Recommendation (10%)

- Average of two current teacher recommendations *see attached documents. Applicants will have points deducted for each current school year Discipline Referral up to 10% maximum.

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Auxiliary Application and Information 2017-18 Season

(Please print all information clearly!)

Name: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Please list any school activities that conflict with the clinic or tryout schedule:

Please list any obligations that may conflict with the summer schedule:

Please list any medical issues that we should be aware of:

Please list any other Extracurricular Activities:

SHS Auxililary Financial Obligations

Note: These prices are estimates. Prices may change based on vendor availability.

Estimated Costs	
*Items with an asterisk must be purchases by all members	
Uniform (traditional)	\$650 (new member- none)
*Uniform (half-time)	\$100
Boots/Jazz Shoes/*Tights	\$80 (*tights approximately 30\$)
Tennis Shoes	\$60
Pep Rally (Jacket & Pant warm-up included)	\$175
*Section Shirt/tank	\$15-\$20
Earrings/gloves/ *baton wrap/*flag bag	\$40 (*wrap approximately 10\$)(*flag bag approximately 30\$)
Poms	25\$
Show Make-up and Hair Accessories: Cost will vary	

First Year Member: \$1,150

Veteran Guard Member: \$150/\$180 (Pending on what items you have and that are in good condition)

** If there are items on the above list that you currently have (guard shoes), then you do not have to pay for that additional item unless you want to purchase it, but the item has to meet the same standards as the rest of the unit.

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Auxiliary Membership/Behavior Contract

2017-2018 School Year

Members of the Sylacauga High School Band Program are held to a higher standard of conduct than the general student population. In addition to their personal responsibility, they also represent both the school and the community. All Band activities are considered school functions.

I understand that any violation of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a Discipline Referral may result in suspension from all Band performances for an indeterminate length of time and possible dismissal from the performing group.

These offences include but are not limited to: Truancy/Skipping, Inappropriate Clothing, Off-Limits, Tardiness, GSC/Cell Phone/Electronics, Attitude towards staff or members of the program, Bus Infraction, Fighting, Disruptive Behavior, Disrespectful, Willful Disobedience, Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco, Extortion, Profanity, Stealing, and Plagiarism/Cheating.

I/we have read the information for membership in the SHS Marching Pride Auxiliaries. This includes the Behavior Contract above and:

☐ ☐ Auxiliary General Expectations

☐ ☐ Specific Information regarding:

- ☐ Clinic and Tryouts
- ☐ Summer Schedule
- ☐ Financial Obligations
- ☐ Extraneous Circumstances

I/we are aware of the Band Rehearsal/Performance Attendance & Grading Policy, and the Personal Appearance and Grooming Policies for Performances which are available on the band website at www.sylacaugabands.weebly.com

I/we agree to the terms of the tryouts and will abide by all band and auxiliaries policies.

(Please Print) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sylacauga High School Marching Aggie Band

2017 Majorette Audition Form

Contestant # _____

Poise/Appearance (Showmanship, bodywork, etc.)	Comments:	_____ / 10 pts
Marching and Movement Fundamentals		_____/20pts
Basics- Judge's Choice *bonus tricks (.5 for each trick)		_____/20pts *Bonus tricks____pts.
Group Routines 1 minute Group Routine And one of the three routines below (of judges choice) "New" or "Old" Hail to the Varsity, Cadence		_____/ 20 pts _____/5pts
Individual Routine		_____/20 pts
Fitness/Mile Run	Time: _____ /under 10 min	_____/ 5 pts.
Teacher Recommendation Average of 2 current teachers		_____/10 pts.
Bonus: Aggie Band Points (+5)	Circle : Yes or No TOTAL POINTS:	_____/+5 pts _____/ 100 pts

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2017 Color Guard Audition Form

Contestant # _____

Poise/Appearance (Showmanship, bodywork, etc.)	Comments:	_____/ 10 pts
Marching and Movement Fundamentals		_____/20pts
Pom Routine		_____/10 pts
Basics- Judge's Choice *bonus tricks (.5 for each trick)		_____/20pts *Bonus tricks____pts.
Group Routines 1 minute Group Routine And one of the three routines below (of judges choice) "New" or "Old" Hail to the Varsity, Cadence		_____/ 20 pts _____/5pts
Fitness/Mile Run	Time: _____ /under 10 min	_____/ 5 pts
Teacher Recommendation Average of 2 current teachers		_____/10 pts
Bonus: Aggie Band Points (+5)	Circle: yes or no TOTAL POINTS:	_____/ 5 pts _____/ 100 pts

Extenuating Circumstances Document

As stated in the audition packet, attendance is required at clinic and auditions in order to tryout for the SHS Auxiliary lines. However, we understand that situations beyond our control sometimes occur; such as, but not limited to, a death in the family, injury, or coinciding school scheduled functions.

If you have experienced any serious medical or personal difficulty(ies) that will prevent you from participating in clinic or auditions you must

- fill out and submit this extenuating circumstances form
- provide a copy of the educational absence form submitted to SHS
- a complete Auxiliary Application form, with non-refundable audition fees
- approval of absence by the auxiliary coordinator, Jessica Coleman, and director, Ryan Murrell in order to be eligible to participate in auditions.

Name of applicant: _____

Date(s) of absence: _____ Reason for absence: _____

Plan of Action in the event that any part of clinic or tryouts will be missed:

*If a conflict occurs during the week of clinic, the participant is completely responsible for learning choreography that is missed. This must be done outside of regular scheduled clinic times; simply because we must move forward and stay on schedule.

In the event that the participant has no other option but to tryout via video format:

The Auxiliary Coordinator will schedule a date closest to time of normal scheduled auditions where the participant will be present, to hold auditions with two other witnesses present. The very first recording of each portion of auditions (marching & movement, basics, bonus opportunities, individual routine, and mile run) will be taken. First attempts only, no second attempts. It will be handled exactly like tryouts. The video will then be archived and given a contestant number, just like all other participants who are auditioning, and will be judged with the same criteria as listed on the audition form.

Participant must live stream the group routine, which is taught the first day of clinic, with the judges on the day of tryouts at the appointed time given by the auxiliary coordinator.

The one minute group routine will also be judged with the same criteria as listed on the audition form. If participant does not meet all of these requirements, the audition will be considered invalid and participant will not be eligible for a position on the SHS auxiliary line.

Yes, I, _____ and _____ agree to this plan of action.
(Signature of applicant) (Signature of guardian)

Director Approval: _____

Auxiliary Coordinator Approval: _____

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2017 Auxiliary Application Teacher Recommendation Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____ Subject: _____

Room # _____ Teacher Signature: _____

Please rate the candidate above on the following characteristics on a scale of 1 to 5:

1 being a weak characteristic and 5 being a strong characteristic

This form is vital to the student applying for the leadership position. Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. Read over everything before rating them.

****Do not share this form with the student applying for the position! ****

Citizenship	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Honesty	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Respect for others	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Self-control	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Courtesy	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Diligence	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
School pride	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Patience	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Loyalty	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Perseverance	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed

Teacher Comments:

Teachers, please return this form to Mr. Murrell's mailbox by Friday, February 17th, 2017.

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