

# **Auditions for 2009 Tiger Band Auxiliary: April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am on the band practice field**

## **What is the Tiger Band Auxiliary?**

The Tiger Band Auxiliary is made up of three separate visual ensembles. The Tiger Dancers, Tiger Twirlers, and Color Guard work with the band to create the desired visual effect and add to visual appeal to the band performances. The focus of every performance is to represent ourselves, the band, and the university with class, dignity, and respect by performing our rehearsed and choreographed material to the best of our ability.

## **When and where does the Tiger Band Auxiliary perform?**

The dancers, twirlers, and guard perform anytime the full-band performs. This includes: pep rallies, parades, pre-game and half-time at all home games, half-time at 2-3 away games during the season, First Friday parade, Tigerama, bowl game, and other exhibitions. The Tiger Band Auxiliary is an exciting part of all full-band performances.

## **Who is eligible to be a member of the Tiger Band Auxiliary?**

Any full-time Clemson student with a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater. Also, full-time students at Tri-county Technical College taking transfer courses with a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater are eligible to be a member of Tiger Band Auxiliary. Girls may take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the Tiger Band Auxiliary at Clemson as a transfer student for up to 2 years after their high school graduation date. Girls will need to bring a copy of their unofficial transcript with them to auditions to verify current student status. Being a member of the Tiger Band Auxiliary is demanding but academics are still first priority. It is important that anyone interested in participating be able to keep the minimum required credit hours and GPA to demonstrate their ability to balance academics and extracurricular activities.

## **What is expected of a Tiger Band Auxiliary member?**

All members are expected to attend practice with Tiger Band on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week from 3:45-6:00pm. Each member must also be available to practice on Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm for our sectional practice with entire auxiliary on the practice field.

Members of the Tiger Band Auxiliary must be able to learn quickly and retain extensive amounts of material, as we do several different complete shows per football season. Each half-time show has 3-4 songs. In addition to half-time responsibilities, we have a pre-game show that is performed at each home game. Pre-game includes dances to Tiger Fanfare, Soc it to 'em, Tiger Rag, Eye of the Tiger, Modified Soc it to 'em, and Short

Rag. There will also be a traveling version of Tiger Rag that is used specifically for parades.

Girls who are selected for a position come back about a week before school starts to attend a pre-season camp. Included in our pre-season camp will be pre-game material, half-time material, stand dances, and fundamentals of performing on a football field. Some of these practices will be with the band, some with entire auxiliary, and some with our individual ensembles (dancers, twirlers, and guard separate.)

### **What is game day like?**

A typical home game day begins with a morning practice to practice our half-time and pre-game shows. We then all go to the Brooks Center to get ready for game day (change into uniforms, apply makeup, style hair, apply tiger paws, etc.) usually in an hour or less. We then meet and walk to the amphitheater and perform the "90 Minutes before Kick-off Pep Rally." After this, we set up our parade block and parade through campus. We enter the football field from the west tunnel. We perform our amazing pre-game show and are a part of the most exciting 25 seconds of college football. During the game, we perform stand dances in the stands as one large group (entire auxiliary) with poms. Our half-time performance is another highlight of being a part of the auxiliary. It is an awesome opportunity to feature the strengths of our individual ensembles during this time.

### **What is expected of me financially?**

There is some financial responsibility that comes with joining the Tiger Band Auxiliary. It is different for each group and year to year depending on changes in uniforms, warm-ups, etc. Please email your contact person if you have questions concerning what is unique to your group concerning finances. We do fundraisers to offset the costs of certain items.

### **Tiger Band Auxiliary Audition format:**

\*Auditions are held on the band practice field outside of the Brooks Center. In case of rain, we will meet in the club gym at Fike.

**10:00-10:15:** Warm-up and stretch on the practice field. Audition applications and transcripts will be take up at this time. Girls will draw numbers and be given a name tag with your number and group you are auditioning for (dancers, twirlers, guard).

### **Instruction Time (10:15 – approx. 1 hour):**

- Field work: All potential auxiliary members will practice traveling, marching, and moving as a group on the practice field. We will learn a couple of short moving combinations to demonstrate timing and technique of moving on the field as a group. This is very important to our auxiliary as we are all charted in each show.
- Audition routine: We will split off into 3 groups (dancers, twirlers, and guard) to learn an audition routine from the choreographer for that group.

**Audition Time (approx. 11:15am – until):**

- Girls will audition in groups of 3 according to the numbers drawn upon arrival. Dancers audition first, then twirlers, and guard. Each group will perform their field work combinations as well as their audition routine taught by their instructor. After completion of the 3 groups, anyone interested in auditioning for feature twirler may perform their individual routine. This routine needs to be 2:00-3:00 minutes in length, to a song of your choice, and include 1, 2, & 3 baton.

\*All girls will need to wear black shorts and a black tank top to audition in. Girls will need to wear their hair down and make-up fixed as if it were game day. Wear shoes that are appropriate and comfortable for you to audition in. Be sure to look professional. All twirlers bring 2 batons to auditions.

If you have any questions concerning what you should practice and/or be knowledgeable for auditions, please see the appropriate contact below.

Guard: [jsherman@concentrix.com](mailto:jsherman@concentrix.com) (Luther)

Twirlers: [hazel@twirlmagazine.com](mailto:hazel@twirlmagazine.com) (Hazel)

Dancers: [lindsey@upstatedance.com](mailto:lindsey@upstatedance.com) (Lindsey)

We look forward to meeting and working with each of you! Being a member of the Tiger Band Auxiliary is a life-changing experience that you will never forget. It is an incredible opportunity and we want you to be a part of it!

Please download and complete the following form to bring with you to auditions along with your unofficial transcript. If you have trouble downloading this form, more are available in the band office:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am registered as a full-time student for fall of 2009 at: \_\_\_Clemson \_\_\_Tri-county Tech

Classification for fall of 2009: \_\_\_freshman \_\_\_sophomore \_\_\_junior \_\_\_senior

Current cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations & activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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List three characteristics or qualities you have that would be an addition to the 2009

Tiger Band Auxiliary (feel free to explain or elaborate): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check all of the following that apply:

\_\_\_ I am available to attend practices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 4-6pm and Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:00pm.

\_\_\_ I am available the week before fall classes begin for the pre-season camp.

\_\_\_ I am auditioning to be a Tiger Dancer.

\_\_\_ I am auditioning to be a Tiger Twirler.

\_\_\_ I am auditioning for the Guard.

\_\_\_ I am also auditioning for Feature Twirler.