

## **Auditions for 2008 Tiger Twirlers:** **April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the club gym at the Fike**

### **What are the Tiger Twirlers?**

The Tiger Twirlers are a visual ensemble of Tiger Band. Our purpose is to work with the band to create the desired visual effect and add to the visual appeal of the band through baton twirling. The focus of every performance is to represent ourselves, the band, and the university with class, dignity, and respect by performing a clean style of twirling.

### **When and where do the Tiger Twirlers perform?**

The Tiger Twirlers 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 Twirlers are an exciting part of all full-band performances.

### **Who is eligible to be a Tiger Twirler?**

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 with a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater are eligible to be a Tiger Twirler. Girls may take advantage of the opportunity to twirl 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 to auditions. Being a Tiger Twirler is demanding but academics are still first priority. It is important that anyone interested in being a Tiger Twirler 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 Twirler?**

All Tiger twirlers are expected to attend practice with Tiger Band on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week from 4:00-6:00pm. We also practice on Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm for our sectional practice without the band.

Members of the Tiger Twirlers 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 make the team 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. The pre-season practices are held on the band practice field and at Fike.

### **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 (twirling the traveling version of Tiger Rag) and enter the football field from the west tunnel. We perform the pre-game show, watch the game for a little while, leave to stretch, perform the half-time show, and then watch the rest of the football game. We dance and cheer our team on from the stands whenever the band plays songs.

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

The band is very generous and purchases our uniforms for us. We have fundraisers each year that provide us with items such as matching t-shirts, Tiger Twirler duffel bags, and more. There are items that each girl is responsible for purchasing. These items typically include: warm-ups, First Friday parade outfit, Nike shoes, twirling shoes, boots, tights, and poms. The financial commitment on your part to get everything you will need is typically around \$250-\$300 for new girls and \$150-\$200 for returning girls (the main difference being the warm-up). Depending on how you take care of your shoes and tights, this amount can be more as you may need to purchase another pair of shoes or tights during the season. More details on the exact type of shoes, tights, etc. you will need to have will be sent to the selected girls over the summer. All items are yours to keep whether they are purchased by the band, with fundraising money, or on your own.

### **Tiger Twirler Try-out format:**

**Warm-up 10:00-10:30am:** The gym will be open for girls to stretch on their own. This is also a good time to warm-up tricks and routines so you can be comfortable with the floor.

**Instruction Time (10:30am – approx. 30 min.):** Girls will learn a 30-45 second group routine to perform at auditions. Girls will also be shown how to chasse across the floor and jazz run back in order to demonstrate their ability to stay in step and on beat with the music.

**Audition Time (11:00am – until):** Girls will draw numbers to determine their audition order. Girls will audition the group routine and timing skills in small groups. Each girl will audition one at a time with an individual routine 2:00-3:00 minutes in length to a

song of her choice. Auditions will be broken down into 5 parts: 1. group routine 2. timing 3. individual routine 4. technique/style 5. interview (short question and answer time between each judge and each girl).

\*Girls will need to wear a twirling costume of their choice to audition in. Girls will need to wear performance hair and make-up.

Individual tricks that you should be familiar with and prepared to demonstrate at auditions either as an individual trick or in a routine:

3-turn (catching a variety of ways)

4-turn

toss illusion

toss reverse illusion

leaps

**Feature Twirler(s):** Anyone interested in auditioning for feature twirler will audition in the same format as above. Feature twirlers are chosen based solely on ability and technique. A very high difficulty level would be expected in a routine performed by someone auditioning for feature twirler.

The demands and expectations of Tiger Twirlers are high. The good news is that the rewards are even greater! Being a Tiger Twirler is a life-changing experience that you will never forget. It is amazing to be a part of the most exciting 25 seconds in college football when our team is running down the hill and you're dancing to Tiger Rag in front of 80,000+ fans! Tiger Twirlers are also featured on their very own poster!

**TIGER TWIRLER APPLICATION**

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 student for fall of 2008 at: \_\_\_Clemson \_\_\_Tri-county Tech

Classification for fall of 2008: \_\_\_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 2008 Tiger Twirlers and Tiger Band (feel free to explain or elaborate):

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Please check all of the following that apply:

\_\_\_ I am available to attend practices M-W-F 4-6pm.

\_\_\_ I am available to attend practice on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:00pm.

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

\_\_\_ I am auditioning for the tiger twirler line.

\_\_\_ I am auditioning for feature twirler.