Auditions for 2011 Tiger Band Auxiliary

Tiger Guard: April 9th at 10am in 112 Brooks Center
Tiger Dancers: May 1st at 2pm in the Club Gym at Fike
Tiger Twirlers: May 1st at 2pm in the Club Gym at Fike

What is the Tiger Band Auxiliary?

The Tiger Band Auxiliary is made up of three separate visual ensembles. The Tiger Dancers, Tiger Twirlers, and Tiger Guard work with the band to create the desired overall effect by adding to the visual appeal of the band performances. The focus of every performance is to represent ourselves, the band, and the university with class, dignity, and respect by performing 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 surrounding schools are eligible to be a member of Tiger Band Auxiliary. Students 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. Potential members must bring a copy of their transcript (current college students) or college acceptance letter (incoming freshman only) with them to auditions to verify current student status. You will not be allowed to audition if your student status cannot be verified. 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 for a weekly sectional practice with their instructor. Twirlers will meet Wednesdays 2:00-4:00pm and Dancers meet on Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm. Guard will meet Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm.

Members of the Tiger Band Auxiliary must be able to learn quickly and retain extensive amounts of material, as Tiger Band performs several different shows each football season. Each half-time show has 3-4 songs. In addition to half-time responsibilities, a pre-game show is performed at each home game. Pre-game includes dances to Tiger Fanfare, Soc it to 'em,
Tiger Rag, *Eye of the Tiger*, Modified Soci'ty To 'Em, and Short Rag. There will also be a traveling version of Tiger Rag that is used specifically for parades.

Members who are selected for a position attend pre-season camp which begins approximately a week before Clemson classes. Included in the pre-season camp will be pre-game material, halftime 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 individual ensembles (dancers, twirlers, and guard separate.)

All members need to represent Clemson University, Tiger Band, and our Auxiliary with good character and a positive image. Each member will be required to be uniform at all appearances including hair, make-up, costume, etc. A tiger twirler, tiger dancer, or tiger guard member must maintain a good standing in the community and be a positive role model at all times (at practice, in the stands, at games, pep rallies, online, etc.)

**What is game day like?**

A typical home game day begins with a morning practice of half-time and pre-game shows. All Auxiliary members then go to the Brooks Center to get ready for game day (change into uniforms, apply makeup, style hair, etc.) usually in an hour or less. All members then meet and walk to the amphitheater and perform the "90 Minutes before Kick-off Pep Rally." Following the pep rally, the parade block is formed and Tiger Band marches through campus, entering the football field from the west tunnel. The next performance is the pre-game show, culminating in "the most exciting 25 seconds in college football" as the players run down the hill. During the game, the Auxiliary performs stand dances as one large group using poms. The halftime performance is another highlight of being a part of the Auxiliary. It is an awesome opportunity to feature the strengths of the individual ensembles.

**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 the contact person if you have questions concerning what is unique to your group. We do fundraisers to offset the costs of certain items.

**Audition format:**

*Auditions for twirlers & dancers will be held in the club gym at Fike.
*Auditions for guard will be held in the band room and/or outside depending on weather.

Warm-up and stretch: Audition applications and transcripts will be taken up at this time. Potential members will draw numbers and be given name tags with the audition number and the group for which they are auditioning.

Instruction Time:

Field work: All potential Auxiliary members will practice traveling, marching, and moving as a group. A couple of short moving combinations will be taught in order to demonstrate timing and technique of moving as a group. This is very important to the Auxiliary as each group is charted in every show.

Audition routine: Candidates will be taught an audition routine from the choreographer for
their group. This will be a short routine that includes a combination of skills typical to a routine performed during the season.

Audition Time:
Potential members will audition in groups of 3 or 4 according to the numbers drawn upon arrival. Each group will perform their audition routine taught by their instructor. No one will audition with a solo routine unless auditioning for the spot of feature twirler. Anyone interested in auditioning for feature twirler may perform an individual routine 2:00-3:00 minutes in length, to a song of your choice, and include 1, 2, & 3 batons.

*All females auditioning for dancer or twirler will need to wear black shorts and a black tank top to auditions. Girls will need to wear their hair down and styled and make-up fixed as if it were game day. (No bobby pins, clips, or bands. Curls and hairspray are recommended to keep the hair manageable while dancing.) Wear shoes that are appropriate and comfortable for you to audition in. Be sure to look professional. All twirlers bring 2 batons to audition. All females auditioning for guard should wear rehearsal blacks they can move comfortably in along with comfortable shoes. Any males auditioning will wear black pants, black t-shirt, and shoes of their choice.

**General requirements that will be need to be performed with accuracy at auditions:**
Twirlers: right split, 3 turn, toss illusion both ways (to right and cross-over/reverse), other varieties of twirling skills and bodywork may be requested or placed in the routine.
Dancers: right split, double turn, split leap both ways (right and left), attitude leap, other varieties of leaps and turns may be requested at auditions or placed in the routine.
Guard: necessary skills will be taught during the audition time. Anyone interested in rifle and/or saber should be prepared to do tosses up to triples on that equipment.

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!

If you have any questions concerning auditions, please contact the appropriate person:
Twirling instructor- Hazel Cartee  [mailto:hazel@upstatedance.com] (hazel@upstatedance.com)
Dance instructor- Marcie Cope  [mailto:marciek67@yahoo.com] (marciek67@yahoo.com)
Guard instructor- Terry Kent  [mailto:tkent@greenville.k12.sc.us] (tkent@greenville.k12.sc.us)
General questions- Lindsey Rhodes  [mailto:Lindsey@upstatedance.com] (Lindsey@upstatedance.com)

Please download and complete the following form to bring with you to auditions along with your transcript (current college students) or college acceptance letter (incoming freshman). If you have trouble downloading this form, more are available in the band office:

Name:________________________________________________________ Age:________
I am registered as a full-time student for fall of 2011 at:

____Clemson     ____Tri-county Tech    ____Greenville Tech

Classification for fall of 2011:  ___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 2011 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 Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm (dancers) / Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm (guard) / Wednesdays 2:00-4:00pm (twirlers).

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

_____ I am auditioning for Tiger Guard.

_____ I am auditioning for Tiger Dancer.

_____ I am auditioning for Tiger Twirler.

_____ I am also auditioning for Feature Twirler.