

March 10, 2017

Dear prospective Color Guard member,

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to audition for the Kansas State University Color Guard. Auditions will be held: Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Ahearn Field House. A \$10.00 audition fee will be required as you check in.

To sign up for auditions, visit k-state.edu/band and follow the links for auxiliary audition information.

CLINIC INFORMATION:

We will hold pre-audition clinics on:

Saturday April 8th, 2017 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Saturday April 22nd, 2017 from 9:00am to 12:00pm

(*You are also invited to join the K-State band cheer on the cats at the Spring game on April 22 at 1:00pm)

The purpose of these clinics is to teach fundamental techniques as utilized at Kansas State so that you will be better prepared for the audition process. (These clinics are NOT mandatory to the audition process.) To sign up for a clinic, please use the contact information at the end of this letter.

AUDITION INFORMATION:

Prospective members: **Two** letters of recommendation from a former coach, flag instructor, high school/college teacher (**worth points added to the final score**) are to be brought with you to the audition.

Returning Veterans: **One** letter of recommendation from a professional reference to be brought with you to the audition (**worth points added to the final score**).

Schedule: Saturday, May 6th, 2017 – 11:30am-5:00pm at Ahearn Field House

11:30 - Registration

12:00 - Meeting

12:15 - Learn routine

3:00 - Auditions begin

5:00 - Meeting for ALL 2016 Color Guard members

Auditions are **closed to all spectators** and will consist of

- 1) basic flag fundamentals while marching (drop spins, double fast, right toss, parallel toss, etc.)
- 2) artistic flag routine (approx. 2 min in length)

The routine will be taught during the audition process and all prospective members will use K-State equipment.

Please wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Results will be announced immediately following the auditions and will also be posted on the University Bands office bulletin board (226 McCain Auditorium). Color Guard positions are considered a 1-year position. All Color Guard members must re-audition for each season. We will choose a performance squad based on skill-level presented by potential members. Judges will look at body carriage, attitude, equipment handling and control, timing, coordination, as well as recovery/effort. Preferable qualities include:

- versatility as well as mastery of fundamentals
- must learn routines quickly
- must use proper technique (High School experience helpful)
- must be a **performer**

UNIFORMS:

The K-State Marching Band will provide Color Guard primary performance uniforms.

Color Guard members must purchase: Secondary uniforms to include but not limited to: shoes, shorts, t-shirt, long-sleeved cold weather top, wind pants, wind jacket, winter jacket, short black socks, long black socks, hair accessories, performance makeup. (An order form will be sent out after auditions and additional items will be specified. First year member's secondary uniform cost is approximately \$350 based on last season.)

ATTENDANCE:

All Color Guard members will attend all summer camps, regular rehearsals, performances and parades. New members will be required to attend a weekend clinic during the summer to learn pre-game routines. As members of the band, the Color Guard will perform at all marching band functions unless determined otherwise by the Director of Bands and Color Guard Coordinator.

The current schedule of required events is as follows:

Date	Event	Call time
May 6, 2017	Audition for 2017 team	11:00am
June 17 & 18, 2017	Rookie camp	8:00am
July 29 & 30, 2017	Technique camp	8:00am
Week of August 14, 2017	Band Camp	9:00am every day
Aug 31-Sept 1, 2017	Purple Power Play	TBA (evening)
September 2, 2017	KSU V. Central Arkansas	TBA
September 9, 2017	KSU V. Charlotte 49ers	TBA
September 30, 2017	KSU V. Baylor	TBA
October 7, 2017	Central States Marching Festival	TBA
October 14, 2017	KSU V. TCU	TBA
October 21, 2017	KSU V. Oklahoma	TBA
October 28, 2017	KSU V. KU	TBA
November 11, 2017	KSU V. West Virginia	TBA
November 25, 2017	KSU V. Iowa State	TBA
TBA	Band Banquet	TBA
TBA	Bowl Game	TBA
TBA	Pep bands TBA	TBA

WEEKLY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Monday (sectionals)	4pm-7:00pm
Tuesday (full band rehearsal)	3:30pm-5:30pm
Wednesday	No Rehearsal
Thursday (full band rehearsal; sectionals)	3:30pm-6:30pm
Friday (tentative rehearsal--performance weeks only)	3:30pm-5:30pm
Saturday (performance)	Average call time ranges from 6-8 hours prior to kick-off; determined by Director of Bands.

Please plan your fall class schedule *around* this rehearsal schedule!

Thank you for your interest in the Kansas State University Pride of Wildcat Land!

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