UPDATE

Due to the current circumstances involving COVID-19, we will be conducting the 2020 Kansas State University Color Guard auditions in an online format. The health and safety of our staff and students is of the highest importance to us and that is why we have come to this decision. Routine videos with detailed tutorials will be posted online on April 17th for all perspective members to reproduce in a video format. We will be very flexible with video quality, filming location, sound quality, etc. We understand this situation is unconventional, and ask you to make the best of it. Remember that above all else, we are looking for team members who are hard-working, adaptable, show potential, and have a great attitude!

All audition requirements will be due by April 25th at 11:59pm. Please try to borrow a flag from your current team if possible. If you are in need of a flag rental, please contact Amy Tighe at colorguardksu@gmail.com. For more information see below

Audition Information

-Timeline:

-Online Video Choreography Released on YouTube:

    April 17, 8:00 am
-Video Submission, Letter of Recommendation, Letter of Intent
Due Date:

April 25, 11:59 pm

-2020 Team Announced (via email):

April 27, 5:00 pm

Overview: Auditions will consist of learning a short (~1.5 minute) routine, and a video of 6-tosses done individually. Routine choreography will consist of K-State flag moves and a variety of tosses. Videos will be evaluated by a panel of judges, who will score performance based on: attitude, performance energy, skill, recovery, technique, and memory.

-Equipment:

All routines and tosses must be completed with a 6-foot flag. Flags should be weighted.

-Audition attire: Please wear neat, nice looking clothes that allow movement and physical activity, as well as appropriate footwear (i.e. no jean shorts, sandals, boots, oversized sweats, etc.). Members should look professional and ready to perform.

-Required Audition materials:

-New members must send a letter of recommendation from a coach, band/guard instructor, teacher, boss, or mentor who can speak towards your experience and work ethic. Letters of recommendation can be emailed to Amy Tighe at colorguardksu@gmail.com. In the subject line, please include “Letter of Recommendation 2020 - Your Name.”

-ALL MEMBERS must send a letter of intent answering the questions from the prompt. These instructions can be found on the audition
Letter of intent can be emailed to colorguardksu@gmail.com. In the subject line, please include “Letter of Intent 2020 - Your Name.”

- **Video Submission Instructions:**

Videos must be uploaded to YouTube as an unlisted link and emailed to colorguardksu@gmail.com. Please use the subject line “Audition Videos 2020 - Your Name.”

Please create two separate videos: one for the routine and one for your tosses. An example of each video will be posted on YouTube along with video tutorials.

**Video 1 - Routine Video:** Please record the following items as a single video (continuous throughout, no stops/pauses in video recording).

- Please state your name, current school, year in school as of Fall 2020, and years of experience with color guard at the start of the video.
- Perform the routine two times. Feel free to take a quick break in between each performance to reset music, take a quick drink of water, etc.,
- Videos do not need to be professionally recorded/edited. We understand the current situation and ask you to do the best you can with the resources available to you.

**Video 2 - Tosses Video:** Please record all tosses as a single video (continuous throughout, no stops/pauses in video recording).

- Please state the name of each toss before tossing.
- Complete each toss twice.
- Tosses are not expected to be perfect. We understand these may be new moves, and teaching yourself via video can be hard. What we are looking for is a willingness to try, let go of the flag, and understanding of fundamental movements.
- List of tosses to perform:
  - Parallel Toss
  - Single (Right) Toss
  - J Toss
Money Hand Toss
Double Fast Toss
45 Toss

- Video tutorials of tosses are currently available on our YouTube page and posted in the playlist “KSU Fundies.”

-Resources:

YouTube Page: KSU Color Guard

Official Webpage: https://www.k-state.edu/band/colorguard/

Facebook: K-State Color Guard

Instagram: @kstatecolorguard

Team Information

The 2020 team will be announced by 5:00 pm, April 27, 2020 via email. New team members will be expected to sign a contract stating their commitment to the team, and to attending every camp, rehearsal, and performance. A copy of this contract can be found on the official webpage. Those who are unprepared to sign this contract should discuss any concerns with Coach Amy Tighe before auditions. Coach Tighe can be contacted at colorguardksu@gmail.com