

Color Guard Auditions

Georgia Southern University

2026 Season

Greetings!

Welcome to the 2026 edition of the Georgia Southern University Southern Pride Marching Band. The staff and captains of the Southern Pride Color Guard (SPCG) are extremely happy and excited that you have chosen to join us at Georgia Southern and audition for a spot in the Southern Pride Marching Band (SPMB)!

We have a long standing tradition of excellence here at Georgia Southern and we pride ourselves on representing the university and our program at the highest level possible. The band performs for over 250,000 fans every season and brings the pageantry of collegiate athletics to every venue in which it performs.

From road games, to parades, and exhibition performances, to its home in Allen E. Paulson Stadium, the Prettiest Little Stadium in America, the Southern Pride Marching Band brings Eagle spirit, Eagle tradition, and a commitment to excellence every time they don the Blue and White.

We are excited to announce that auditions will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2026** at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) on campus. Auditions will start at 9am.

We have a phenomenal group of people here at Georgia Southern and especially the SPMB. Please don't worry about perfection, simply put in your best possible effort. We want to see what you are capable of and what you would bring to the group.

Best of luck and Hail Southern!

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The Southern Pride Color Guard Auditions consist of two components, one of which are required:

REQUIRED

1. Flag Routine
 - a. We spin 6 foot poles.
 - b. Choreography will be provided at auditions.
 - c. Tosses to know:
 - i. 45 toss (single rotation and single and a half rotation)
 - ii. Parallel toss
 - iii. Vertical toss (Flag single, J-toss, flag double, etc.)

The purpose of the time restriction is to make sure you are able to learn and perform work with minimal exposure and preparation. Collegiate color guards, especially ones like Southern Pride, typically learn 3-6 times the amount of work than high school groups due to the constantly changing shows.

DON'T WORRY! That may see like a lot, and it is, but we work extremely hard to set everyone up for success. We just want to see what you are capable of learning and retaining in a short period of time. Don't worry about perfection, just strive to do your best in the time allotted.

OPTIONAL

2. Weapon Routine
 - a. We spin 37.5" rifles
 - b. Required skills for auditions :
 - i. 16 right-sided spins with a single out to flat
 - ii. 16 left-sided spins with a single out to flat
 - iii. 4 double tosses
 - iv. 4 triple tosses
 - v. 4 quad tosses
 - vi. If possible (not required)
 1. 4 - 5 tosses
 2. 4 - 6 tosses

ATTIRE AND APPEARANCE

- Please wear:
 - Fitted black athletic clothing
 - Black or nude jazz shoes
 - Make-up used for a field performance
- Hair should be up and out of your face
- No jewelry except for rhinestone earrings (optional)

Frequently Asked Question

- Where will auditions be held?
 - Auditions will take place in the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) on campus.
 - Address: 2687 Akins Blvd
Statesboro, GA 30458
- How many will make the line?
 - There is not a set number each year.
- How much experience is required to make the color guard?
 - As long as you have an advanced understanding of the skills required, there is not a set amount of experience required.
- Who will be the judges?
 - The color guard coordinator and all captains will be on the judging panel.
- What do the judges look for at auditions?
 - Judges will look at technique, memory, timing/recovery, appearance and overall performance.
- Do current members have to go through the audition process?
 - Yes, all new and returning members must go through the audition process each season. Their spots on the team are not guaranteed.
- Will there be a make-up audition date?
 - No. If you have any issues with the audition date please contact: michaelthomas@georgiasouthern.edu ASAP.