



2020 – 2021

**Samford University
Marching Bulldogs**

**Audition Packet for
Majorettes**

Thank you for your interest in the Samford University Athletic Band Program! We are very excited you are choosing to audition with us for the 2020/2021 Samford University Majorettes. If you have any questions regarding your auditions or the program, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ashton Smith (asmith62@samford.edu). We have a great staff and we look forward to meeting you on April 24th.

Have a great audition!

Sincerely,

Prof. Ryan Lovell
Director of Athletic Bands
Samford University
rlovell@samford.edu
205-726-2485

MISSION STATEMENT

The Samford University Marching Band supports university athletic teams, provides entertainment for our Bulldog fans, and builds positive community relations for the Athletics Department and the University Band Program. The Marching Band also seeks to improve student's musical skills, to provide performance opportunities, and to enhance the overall quality of time spent in the university environment for its members, and to develop leadership skills to transfer into their academic and professional lives.

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University Marching Band Staff

Professor Ryan Lovell, Director of Athletic Bands
Dr. Grant Dalton, Associate Director of Athletic Bands
Valerie Powell, Dance Instructor
Rebecca Landolt, Color Guard Instructor

AUDITIONS FOR SU MAJORETTES 2020-2021

The Samford University Majorettes perform at all home football games and have the potential to participate in various other events throughout the year to serve our student body and surrounding community.

WHAT: Auditions for the 2020-21 Samford Majorettes

WHEN: April 25, 2019
*Make-up auditions will be held April 19, 2020

WHERE: Bashinsky Gym (Samford University Campus Recreation Facility)
Birmingham, AL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

April 17

Registration packets due.

*Please email completed application and letter of recommendation to rlovell@samford.edu

April 25

9:00 am	Registration
9:15 - 11:00 am	Learn group routine
11:00 am	Break for lunch*
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Open gym / “glam time”
2:00 pm	Auditions begin

* Please bring sack lunch if you plan to stay on campus for lunch, or lunch money if you plan to eat out

**Schedule subject to change

AUDITION FORMAT:

Group Routine:

You will be taught a routine that will consist of one, two, and three baton. Possible tricks that could be in the routine include:

- Spins (up to 3/vertical or horizontal toss)
- Illusions (Regular and reverse/vertical or horizontal toss)
- Basic Rolls
- Basic 2 baton
- Basic 3 baton
 - Vertical Box
 - Juggles (Front and side)

Individual Routines:

You will come prepared with a routine that highlights your individual strengths. This is where you will display any gymnastics or dance skills, double work, rolls, or any other tricks you may have that is not executed in the group routine. Your routine should not exceed 2 minutes and should be no shorter than 1 ½ minutes. Your song choice should be appropriate and contain no offensive language or suggestive lyrics. Please come prepared with two copies of your music by either CD or iPod/Phone.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Audition attire is a black leotard, flesh colored tights, and either baton shoes or jazz shoes. During judging, full makeup should be worn and hair should be in a styled ponytail.

During warm-up/practice times, black shorts and a black tank top may be worn. Some makeup should be worn during this time. You will have time between practice and judging to change and “glam.”

WHAT TO BRING:

- Three batons
- Individual Music
- Sack lunch or lunch money
- Water bottle
- Necessary outfits/makeup

APPLICATION

Attached to this audition packet is an application. This application is not to be stressful in any way, but will help us get to know you and your twirling experience a little better. Please e-mail a completed copy of the application to Ryan Lovell (rlovell@samford.edu) by Friday, April 17th.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions. We look forward to meeting you in April.

Sincerely,
Ashton Smith
Asmith62@samford.edu
Go Bulldogs!!!

**SAMFORD UNIVERSITY MAJORETTES
2020-2021 APPLICATION**

PERSONAL DATA

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Middle Name _____

SU Email Address _____

Birthdate ____/____/____ Age ____

Home Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone # _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____ Relationship _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Samford University Student ID _____ SU College GPA _____

Major _____ Anticipated Graduation _____

High School _____ GPA _____

City, State _____ Graduation year _____

Check your current status:

____ High School SR ____ College FR ____ College SO ____ College JR ____ College SR

SAFETY CONDITIONS

For safety and training purposes, please list any prior orthopedic injuries, dates of injuries, and any unusual physical conditions that should be brought to our staff's attention:

TWIRLING BACKGROUND

How many years have you been twirling? _____

Positions Held: _____

Competition Experience (please state whether it was team or solo, the division and events, any titles, and what competition (NBTA, USTA, DMA, etc.))

Field-Experience

Why do you want to be a Samford University Majorette?
