THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO
Spirit of San Antonio (SOSA) COLORGUARD

AUDITION DATES/LOCATIONS:  UTSA Main Campus

Sunday May 4\textsuperscript{th}  
9am-10am Registration (Art Building)
10am-4pm Auditions (Convocation Center)

Sunday August 17\textsuperscript{th}  
9am-10am Registration UTSA (Art Building)
10am-4pm Auditions
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It is important that you read and completely understand the enclosed information. Give serious thought to the level of commitment you must make if you are chosen to be a part of this program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email Randi Miles, UTSA Colorguard Director at Randi.Miles@utsa.edu

Thank you for your interest in the SOSA Colorguard! Good luck!!

UTSA COLORGUARD PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in the University of Texas at San Antonio and the UTSA Colorguard Program! As a member of the team, you are a visible representative of not only the athletic teams you support, but also the University and the state of Texas. You are an ambassador to all three and are expected to conduct yourself accordingly. This commitment is upheld by dedicated students, who devote up to 15 hours every week to practices, games, & special appearances. When we select our team, we are looking for talented, athletic and well-rounded individuals. The rewards from having this type of experience cannot be measured. Imagine the excitement of being a part of the Spirit of San Antonio (SOSA) Marching Band and the Conference USA Athletic program and being able to perform on the weekends for thousands of fans.

Earning a place on the Colorguard at UTSA has the potential to secure friends for a lifetime and create some of the most memorable experiences of your life!

The UTSA Colorguard is made up of approximately 35-40 men and women in the fall. Our winterguard program has a second audition that is held in the fall and competes on the local level for TCGC and TECA.
The Colorguard performs at all Football Games (home) and various special events. You will find the team performing Pre-game and at halftime with the SOSA Marching Band as well as at local events that we are invited to. If the team advances to a bowl game, it is possible that the band/colorguard will join the team.

**TIME COMMITMENT:**

**Summer Practices:** All information will be discussed when the 2014 team is announced.

**Band Camp:**
- August 17 Colorguard “catch all” audition UTSA San Antonio, TX
- August 18-19 Auxiliary Camp UTSA San Antonio, TX
- August 20-26 Full Band/Summer Band Camp UTSA San Antonio, TX

**Fall Practices:** Official UTSA auxiliary/music Class
- Mondays & Wednesdays *6-9:30pm, Fridays 7-9:30pm

**Special Events/Appearances:** Pep Rallies, Homecoming Parade, End of Season Concert, etc.

**DANCE CLASS:** Though not required…you are encouraged to take Ms. Miles’ modern dance class. Topics-Dance: Intermediate Modern Dance, Monday/Wednesdays 8:30am-9:45am (might be listed under Frost)

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**WINTERGUARD**

The official UTSA Winterguard is an Independent A Class Winterguard and performs locally within the TCGC and TECA Circuits and hopes to eventually be a part of Winter Guard International (WGI).

http://www.texascolorguardcircuit.org/

http://go-teca.org/

http://www.wgi.org/

S.O.S.A Indoor Guard is an elite group of students who are committed to being competitive in the indoor guard realm. These students will be chosen from a separate audition in Oct/Nov.

School Year Practices: You MUST schedule classes around practice and performances (Schedule TBD) Rehearsals are usually Monday/Wednesday evenings.

Practice begins for the Winterguard in Oct/Nov and goes through April.

Competitions & Appearances from January through April
The UTSA Roadrunner Marching Band is an ensemble-class in the College of Music open to all UTSA students meeting the following criteria:

1. Official enrollment at the University of Texas at San Antonio (Degree or Non-Degree Seeking) UTSA Registration Information

2. Successful completion of the audition procedure*
   please bring….
   • recent photo or head shot
   • completed colorguard application (found in this packet)

3. Enroll in UTSA Marching Band: Colorguard - MUS 3802 003

**AUDITION REQUIREMENTS**

You will be asked to execute the skills listed below for auditions. In addition to the skills listed, you will be observed throughout the clinics on your appearance, ability to learn, enthusiasm, projection, technique, showmanship and overall performance. We will be looking for your ability and potential to become a collegiate colorguard member and performer.

Routines:

- Movement routine
- Flag routine

Technical skills:
To be performed center floor and in across the floor combinations on both days

- spins
- carves
- pull hits
- thumb flips
- wrist rotations
- tosses
- spine exercises
- flexibility
- turns
- leaps
- plies
- tendus
- rond de jambes
MASCOT: Rowdy the Roadrunner

FIGHT SONG: Go Roadrunners Go!

Go, Roadrunners, Go!
On to victory with all your might.
Fight, Roadrunners, Fight!
For the Blue and the Orange and the White.
We fight for U-T-S-A
Alma Mater proud and strong.
Win, Roadrunners, Win!
And unite in our battle song.
(Repeat for second verse)

ALMA MATER: Hail UTSA

From our hills of oak and cedar
To the Alamo,
Voices raised will echo
As, in song, our praises flow.
Hail Alma Mater!
Through the years our loyalty will grow.
The University of Texas
San Antonio

2014 ROADRUNNER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

8/30  Houston @ Houston
9/4   Arizona @ Home (Alamodome)
9/13  Oklahoma State @ Oklahoma
9/27  Florida Atlantic @ Florida
10/4  New Mexico @ Home (Alamodome)
10/11 FIU @ Home (Alamodome)
10/18 Louisiana Tech @ Louisiana
10/25 UTEP @ home (Alamodome)
11/8  Rice @ Rice
11/15 Southern Miss @ Home (Alamodome)
11/22 Western Kentucky @ Kentucky
11/29 North Texas @ Home (Alamodome)
2014-2015 COLORGUARD Application
University of Texas at San Antonio

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _______________________________________ Age/DOB: __________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________

Current Address: __________________________________City/State/Zip: ________________

Email: _______________________________________ Height: ________ Weight: _________

Medical Insurance: ________________________________ Policy #: _____________________

Parent’s Names: _______________________________ Parent’s Phone: __________________

Parent’s Address: ________________________________ City/State/Zip: _________________

List any all major injuries and/or health issues: _______________________________________
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

School currently attending: ______________________________________________________

Were you on the colorguard at your school?   YES   NO   # of years ________________


Last Semester GPA: __________ Overall GPA:__________ UTSA ID# ___________________

What school(s) are you attending in the FALL 2014 other than UTSA  (i.e. Community College):
____________________________________________________________________________

Scholastic Honors and/or Titles: __________________________________________________
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Other Extra-Curricular Activities you expect to participate in for 2014-2015 (include club sports,
job, professional societies, Greek Organizations, etc): _________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SHOE SIZE: ___________________ T-SHIRT SIZE: XS  S  M  L  XL  XXL
PANT SIZE: XS  S  M  L  XL  SPORTS BRA: S  M  L  XL  N/A
Will you have any conflicts over the summer? (please explain) __________________________
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How did you hear about auditions? (PLEASE CIRCLE) FRIEND FLYER
COLORGUARD MEMBER WEB PAGE OTHER:_____________________

Please answer the following to the best of your ability…

WHAT EXPERIENCES DO YOU HAVE AS A COLORGUARD MEMBER? (Please list schools, studios, team names, styles of dance, how many years of training, titles received, etc. – may attach resume)

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME AN UTSA COLORGUARD MEMBER?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITIES OF A SPIRIT SQUAD MEMBER?

I certify that the information above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also agree to abide by the decisions of any judges involved in the audition process, as well as the decisions of the UTSA Colorguard Staff. These decisions are final and can not be disputed. I fully understand the time commitment and financial requirements of the UTSA Colorguard.

Signature of Applicant: _______________________________ Date: ______________

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name: _______________________________ Phone #: __________________

Relationship: _______________________________

If mailing your application please send it to:
UTSA Department of Music
Attn: Randi Miles – Auxiliary
One UTSA Circle
What are the requirements to be a member of the UTSA Colorguard?
A Roadrunner Colorguard member must be energetic, talented, team oriented and spirited who has strong academic goals and time management skills. Prospective members should also have a positive work ethic, respect for self and others, and be dedicated to representing the university and the team in a professional manner. We ask that you be able to commit to ALL team practices and performances, as well as community service events and additional appearances.

Appearance: All Colorguard members must be in good physical condition to properly wear the uniform and to handle the intense physical training and performing while maintaining this fitness level throughout the season. A clean, classy and collegiate appearance is a must.

What should I expect at auditions?
Auditions are held during a one-day process for Colorguard Applicants:

You will be asked to demonstrate basic skills on both movement and flag. You can expect to learn and perform material from our Sosa pre-game show as well as other choreographies.

May 4th:
9am: Registration
10am–11:30pm: Mvt class
11:30-1:00 Flag basics
1:00-1:45pm: Lunch break on own
1:45-4:00pm: Flag choreography and perform for group

What should I wear to auditions?
Please wear appropriate clothing to move in, jazz pants or dance shorts and a fitted top, no baggy shirts are recommended. Tennis shoes are a must. Please plan your audition attire accordingly. Note that a small part of your score is “Overall Image”, so it is in your best interest to look game ready. You will need to wear your hair and makeup as you would wear it to a game or event.

What should I bring to the auditions?
Please bring water. If you would like to bring snacks you may. Lunch will be on your own. Please plan accordingly. UTSA will provide equipment. Sunscreen and something to protect your eyes from the sun is recommended as it is possible we will be outside.

Does the colorguard spin weapons?
Yes, the UTSA colorguard will hold an optional audition for rifle later in the season. Your ability or interest in the rifle line will in no way affect your evaluation. The evaluation process is based solely on dance and flag.
What is the time commitment?
All of the following listed events are mandatory:
• Band Camp in San Antonio before school starts and on the weekends leading up to the games
• Fall Team rehearsals begin in August through December
• Practices for Fall 2013: Monday & Wednesday 6-9:30PM, Friday 7-9:30pm
• All Home Football Games
• Football Bowl Game (if applicable)
• Clinics and fund raisers on non-game Saturdays

Practices and performances are EXTREMELY important. If you feel you cannot make the commitment to be at every practice and performance, then you may need to reevaluate your decision to audition.

What is the financial commitment?
The Colorguard will have some items they will need to purchase themselves for the upcoming season.

• Make-up/Hair accessories
• Jazz Shoes
• Undergarments
• $50 uniform fee

All travel expenses (including meals) are covered by UTSA. Any times to away games UTSA covers transportation, lodging and most meals, leaving the students with minimum costs for incidentals. Winterguard expenses will also be kept to a minimum. There are no “dues” per say like other independent groups. The UTSA athletic bands help to support our winterguard program and endeavors.

Do you give out Scholarships?
Yes, there are opportunities for talent/service type awards for participants of the Roadrunner Marching Band. These opportunities will be made available to the entire ensemble during band camp.

How does being in a college marching band differ from being in a high school marching band?
The “Spirit of San Antonio” (SOSA) Marching Band, like all college bands, is comprised of students who have been members of championship high school bands as well as students whose high school didn’t even have a marching band. This diversity of backgrounds makes it difficult to compare college to high school. However, the talent level and maturity of college band members allows them to perform as a high level during a shortened rehearsal schedule. SOSA performs a standard pregame show, 2-4 different halftime shows, play lots of stand tunes, maintain UTSA traditions, while at the same time promoting a positive learning and social environment for its members. College bands strive towards being fun and spirited organizations while still achieving a quality of performance representative of the image of our great university regardless of performance venue.
What if I have conflicts with the audition dates?

All candidates should plan on traveling to San Antonio to audition for a spot on the UTSA Colorguard. However, if for some reason you have a conflict with this date…video auditions will need to be received before the actual audition date. If you have any questions please contact the UTSA Colorguard Director, Randi Miles, at Randi.Miles@utsa.edu with your situation to discuss additional options.

VIDEO AUDITIONS:
Guard must demonstrate drop spins, peggy spins (aka overhand spins), cones, pull hits, thumb flips, and any other basic flag skills you may do at your school that would demonstrate your control/skill with the equipment. You'll need to demonstrate that you're able to execute multiple tosses, including a basic pop toss, a standard double, a parallel toss, and a basic 45 toss.

In the video, we'd prefer if you wear an all black, form fitting ensemble, preferably capris or shorts with tights so that we can see your feet and ankles.

Please submit videos to:
UTSA Department of Music
Attn: Randi Miles– Auxiliary Evaluations
One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249

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