

Dear Students and Parents:

The Georgia Bridgemen Auxiliary would like to welcome you to our growing family here at Lowndes High School. We hope you are eager to begin your journey as a potential new member in one of the finest schools and organizations in the country. Our Auxiliary program is an award winning organization marked with superior excellence. We are an organization for high school students who have an aspiration in learning the marching arts. The Auxiliary is not only a sophisticated performance team, but a blend of artistic elements that truly tells the story of our halftime performance. All of this is done with the use of equipment including flags, rifles, sabres and dance.

The Auxiliary is one of the many sections that make up the Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen Marching Band program. As you might imagine, being a part of the Georgia Bridgemen takes commitment and requires many hours of rehearsal. Please do not audition if you cannot commit to meeting all the rehearsals and performances at practice, football games, parades and competitions. The Auxiliary is an exceptionally important aspect of the band performance, providing the musical color and general effect to the show.

The Bridgemen Auxiliary program is blessed to have exceptional and amazing students. Many of our members develop lifelong friendships. The Bridgemen Auxiliary are held to a very high standard. You will need to be very aware of things you post on social media and that it always reflects you in a good light. We will not tolerate unacceptable behavior from our members even outside of rehearsal/performance time.

YOU MUST MEET THESE BASIC REQUIREMENTS TO AUDITION:

- **You must currently be in band or chorus if you have not marched before (exceptions may be considered by Mr. Bowman. You must see him individually)**
- **You must pay the \$25 audition fee the first day of your clinic**
- **You must have a Commitment Form on file with Mr. Bowman**

REHEARSAL COMMITMENTS:

- **Must attend band camp:**
 - **July 18-21 - 9:00-5:00**
 - **July 22 - Band Pictures - 7:30am**
 - **July 25-28 - 8:00-8:00**
- **After School practices will be as follows until October 1, 2022**
 - **Monday - 3:30-5:00 (Sectionals as needed 5:00-6:00)**
 - **Tuesday and Thursday - 3:30-6:00**
 - **Three Saturday Camps**
 - **August 27th - 9:00-5:00**

- September 10th - 9:00-5:00
- September 17th - Super Saturday - 2:00-9:00
- Attend all Football Games Home and Away
- Attend all Parades - Dates TBA - Hahira Honey Bee, Valdosta Christmas, Hahira Christmas
- Attend all Competitions - September 24th and October 1st
- Attend Battle on the Border - October 22nd

LOWNDES HIGH GEORGIA BRIDGEMEN AUXILIARY AUDITIONS 2022

All participants will perform a group routine taught during the tryout clinic. Please review the score sheet provided and know the requirements for the audition. It is imperative that you attend and are on time to all scheduled clinic days.

Students who owe money to the LHS Band Boosters will not be permitted to audition. All debts must be cleared and verified by the Booster Club before the student will be permitted to audition. If you have any questions regarding your account, please see the Booster Officer that is here tonight.

Auditions are not open to the public. Parents, family members, and friends are to remain outside the building during the clinic and audition.

Judges reserve the right to ask any candidate to perform a second time. All scores will be given to an outside party to calculate and all scores are final. All results will be posted to the Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen Facebook page. The results will not be posted until after the second clinic date.

For the clinic portion, please wear dance or workout attire. Attire for your audition will consist of a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts and dance/tennis shoes. Performance style hair (out of the face) and makeup should be worn. Stud earrings are permitted. Please do not wear any other jewelry during the auditions.

All captain auditions will consist of a choreography score, past performance score, 60 second solo routine and an interview with the coaches and band director. Results for captains will be posted along with members via the Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen Facebook Page.

AUXILIARY CLINIC SCHEDULE

- **Auxiliary Clinic**
 - **April 11th - 4:00-7:00pm - LHS Cafe**
 - **April 12th - 4:00-7:00pm - LHS Cafe**
 - **April 13th - 4:00-7:00pm- LHS Cafe**
 - **April 14th - Audition - 4:00-Until - LHS Cafe**

MANDATORY 2022 MEMBER AND PARENT MEETING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SELECTED

Monday, May 2nd @6:00pm in the Band Room

You will be measured for costumes and fitted for clothing at this meeting so please wear appropriate clothing. There will be no make-up times. Your first payment (costume fees) is due to the LHS Band Boosters at this meeting.

SUMMER WORK OUT DATES

We will be holding some summer “technique days” during May and June. I understand that things such as family vacations and work may conflict with some of the dates, but you are expected to attend all dates that you can. A schedule of these dates will be provided at the meeting on May 2nd, 2022.

Georgia Bridgemen Auxiliary Auditions

Choreography Score (40 points):

Knowledge of Routine _____/10 points
Timing/Phasing _____/10 points
Execution of Proper Technique _____/10 points
Performance/Confidence _____/10 points

Professionalism Score (10 points):

Appearance (Uniformity) _____/5 points
Effort/Attitude During Clinic _____/5 points

Band Director/Chorus Teacher/Coach Score: (50 points)

Past Performance _____/50 points

TOTAL: _____/100 points

Optional - Captain Auditions

60 Second Solo Score (40 points):

Creativity of Solo (Unique/Stand Out/Musicality) _____/5 points
Execution of Solo (Proper Technique/Free from Error) _____/10 points
Expression/Performance (Appropriate/Entertaining) _____/20 points
Difficulty of Solo (Above average choreography) _____/5 points

Interview Score (60 points):

Genuine (Authenticity of personality) _____/10 points
Well-Informed (Content of responses) _____/10 points
Verbal Expression (Articulate thoughts clearly) _____/10 points
Composure (Not visibly nervous or shy) _____/10 points
Confidence _____/10 points
Manners _____/10 points

TOTAL _____/100 points

