



2011 *Pride of Maine Black Bear Marching Band* Majorettes

Eligibility:

All candidates for a majorette position with the *Pride of Maine Black Bear Marching Band* must be accepted students to the University of Maine for the 2011-2012 academic year. Majorettes are required to fulfill the same time, rehearsal and performance commitment as instrumentalists and dance team members. For more information regarding this commitment for the 2011 season, visit <http://www2.umaine.edu/MarchingBand/>. Regular weekly rehearsals for majorettes will be held Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:50pm, Thursdays 3:30pm-4:50pm and/or evening rehearsal with instructor, and Friday 4:10pm-5:30pm.

Intent to Audition:

Interested candidates should submit their "intent to audition" to Andrea Fletcher at twirlmaine@gmail.com no later than **Friday, April 15, 2011**. Intent to audition should include a candidate's name, home mailing address, Email, daytime phone number, anticipated semester of graduation, years of twirling experience and twirling instructor/organization. Intent to audition will only be accepted when submitted by the candidate her or himself.

Majorettes who perform as a part of the *Pride of Maine Black Bear Marching Band* will receive a \$300 text book scholarship, as well as one credit per semester.

2011 Audition Information

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2011

Time: 8:00am-Conclusion of Auditions

Tentative Location: Room 226, Class of 1944 Hall, University of Maine, Orono

Audition Structure:

8:00-11:00am	Learning of Audition Routines
11:00-11:30pm	Review of Basic Skills
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch on Own and Prepare for Audition
12:30-1:00pm	Instructional/Review Session
1:00pm	Auditions Begin
	Scores Tallied and Audition Results Announced

Audition Content and Scoring:

- Pre-Game/Marching Routine (20%)
- One/Two Baton Performance Routine (35%)
- Basic Twirling Skills (20%)
- Interview (25%)

The auditions are based on the quality of the candidate's performance in each category. If more than 10 students audition, a first and second cut may be made. This process will ensure that the Band is receiving the best quality and most prepared/capable twirlers for inclusion in performances.

Preparation:

You do not need to prepare an individual routine; all audition routines will be taught during the instructional sessions. We are looking for confident twirlers who can learn routines quickly, and perform them with precision, uniformity of style and excellent execution. Twirlers should also be well-spoken, and professional in their ability to interact with audiences and fans on the University of Maine.

Attire:

Instructional Session: Shorts, t-shirt or appropriate tank top, and twirling sneakers. Hair should be pulled back and secured.

Audition: Solid black leotard, solid black shorts, tan tights, and tan twirling sneakers. Hair and make-up should be done as appropriate for a performance.

Equipment:

Two batons (*Sharp*, *ABC*, and *Star* batons are all acceptable for auditions; however, majorettes will twirl a uniform style of baton for all Band performances)

Judging Panel:

The judging panel could include:

- Director of the *Pride of Maine Black Bear Marching Band*
- Additional *Pride of Maine Black Bear Marching Band* Staff
- Twirling Instructor
- Twirling Judge or Former College Majorette

Students are not permitted to serve on the judging panel for any auditions. Instructional sessions may be observed; however, auditions are closed to the public.

For more information or questions concerning auditions, please contact Andrea Fletcher at twirlmaine@gmail.com