University of West Alabama
Audition/Tryout Information

Guard
Majorettes
Dance
Advanced Instrumental Scholarships

UWA Color Guard Tryout: April 4, 2020
Hughes Gym – 9 AM

- Audition begins at 9 AM in Hughes Gym, located on the campus of UWA
- We ask that all auditionees bring the follow:
  - Water
  - Athletic Clothing
  - Flag
  - A Positive Attitude(!!)
  - Optional: Rifle, saber, etc.
- The day begins with learning a routine and working on fundamentals that will be a majority of the tryout. We break for lunch around sometime between 11-12, and following lunch we hold the audition. You will be scored on your memory, performance, and technique. We also take into consideration your attitude and ability to be coached/taught throughout the day. We want members who want to be a part of the guard and band family.

The following are fundamentals we will be teaching/reviewing during the audition:
- Drop Spins
- Speed Spins
- Speed Spin Toss
- Horizontal Toss
- Windmill
- Backscratcher
- Butterfly
- Double Butterfly
- Toaster
- Stirs (Figure 8)
- Slams
UWA Tigerette Audition: April 4, 2020  
Pruitt Gym – 12 PM

- Audition begins at 12 PM in Pruitt Gym, located on the campus of UWA
- We ask that all auditionees bring the following:
  - Come dressed in costume of your choice with make up done
    - Your high school uniform is perfectly fine
  - Batons
  - Music for your audition. We ask you come with multiple methods of storage (CD, flash drive, Bluetooth device, etc.)
  - A Positive Attitude(!)
  - Props are not encouraged, but a chair or hat is acceptable
- At the start of auditions, we will bring each person in individually to perform a prepared routine of between 1:30 and 2 minutes. We encourage you to show us your very best (showmanship and skills).
- Following your routine, we will ask for a few basic tosses, listed below:

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UWA Stars of Alabama Dance Auditions: April 17-18, 2020
Pruitt Gym

- Auditions will begin around 6 PM on April 17, 2020 in Pruitt Gym, located on the campus of UWA
- The two day audition will consist of learning multiple routines of varying styles (jazz, hip hop) and our fight song, as well as going over fundamentals (leaps, turns, etc)
- Friday night and Saturday morning, you will be learning these routines and reviewing fundamentals. We encourage you to be on your A game throughout the entire audition process. We are looking for great attitudes and team players to be a part of our dance and band family.
- On Saturday afternoon, small groups will perform the routines and fundamentals for their audition. You will be evaluated on your technique, memory, and showmanship.

UWA Advanced Instrumental Scholarship Auditions
March 21, 2020/April 4, 2020
Student Union Building

- Advanced Scholarship Auditions will be held on March 21 and April 4, 2020 in the Student Union Building, located on the campus of UWA
- **This audition is for students who would like the opportunity to earn more than the scholarship they will already receive for being in band. Every instrumentalist receives $1,500 per year and an audition is not required.**
- The following scholarships will be awarded following these audition dates:
  - 10 – Advanced Scholarships at $2,000 per year
  - 1 – Maximum Scholarship at $3,000 per year
- These scholarships are renewable up to 5 years and you must be a member of the band program to receive these awards
- The audition process is comprised of the following:
  - 2 majors scales, chosen by the director
  - A Prepared Piece of between 1-2 minutes
    - Please select and prepared a piece that will be show of our skills and abilities. I encourage you to choose something out of an etude or technique book. If you have questions about what to prepare, I encourage you to speak with your band director or email me with any questions.
  - Sight Reading
- After the completion of both scholarship auditions, auditionees will be notified via email and mail of the results.
• If for some reason you are absolutely unable to come to one of these dates, please contact me and we can try to schedule an alternative date.