

CONSTITUTION

I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be THE SPRINGVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND AUXILIARY.

II. OBJECT

The object of the organization shall be to perform or enhance the Springville High School Band program at each required performance.

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Tryout Eligibility

- No suspensions from school during the current school year. If a student is suspended following tryouts during the school year of tryouts, they will be deemed ineligible.
- Must be a Springville student in grades 8 – 11 during year of tryout.
- Any candidate who has quit or been kicked off auxiliary the previous year is ineligible to tryout the following year.
- Three completed teacher recommendations from academic teachers during the past two semester must be on file prior to the day of tryouts. (The recommendation forms will be done on Forms and emailed to the teachers that the student has included on their teacher recommendation request form.)
- Parent permission form must be turned in the first day of clinic.
- Failure to pay clinic fee will result in ineligibility.
- Tryout clinic is HIGHLY encouraged in order to receive instruction and practice before tryouts. Make-up clinic lessons/times are not provided.
- Students must tryout for color guard and be selected by a panel of judges before being eligible for dance line clinic or tryouts.
- All auxiliary candidates must return the signed acknowledgement of the Auxiliary Constitution prior to tryouts.
- All Captain candidates must complete and return the questionnaire provided to them by the Wednesday before tryouts.

B. Auxiliary Tryouts

- The number of auxiliary members selected will be determined by the band director, sponsor(s), and the panel of judges. This number will be determined each year at tryouts.
- Auxiliary members will tryout each year (VETERANS AND ROOKIES). Members will serve for a period of one year provided they comply with all the rules and regulations set forth in this constitution.
- Auxiliary members shall be selected in the spring semester prior to the school year of service.
- Candidates will have an approximate 3-5 day clinic period. Candidates must have permission from the director and/or sponsors in order to miss practice unless the absence is due to a school sponsored event; it is then the responsibility of the candidate to notify the director and/or sponsors of the absence and the reason for the absence. The judging will be held on the last day of the clinic period. No auxiliary member will be added after the group is selected on tryout day.
- Selection of the captains and auxiliary members will be on recommendation of the judging committee, band director, and sponsors. Teacher recommendations will be taken into consideration as a portion of the scoring process. Eligibility for captain will be as follows: Only veterans may tryout for these positions of leadership. **Prior year's behavior and service** to the auxiliary group will be taken into consideration by the judging committee, band director, and sponsors. Leadership will be considered heavily in this choice as well as temperament and ability to work with others.
- The panel of judges and other selection procedures will be the responsibility of the band director and sponsors.
- Tryouts will be closed to the public. The panel of judges, band director, sponsors, and board of education representatives will be present during tryouts.
- A student who was suspended or freely resigned will be deemed ineligible for one marching term following the suspension or resignation.
- In order to participate in rifle line, *if* used in the show, one year of auxiliary participation must be completed.

C. Expected Behavior

An auxiliary member:

- shall not smoke, use profanity, vulgarity, drink intoxicating beverages, or abuse drugs while in uniform or at school or any school function. Any conduct unbecoming a representative of Springville High School such as listed above will result in permanent suspension.
- who is suspended from school will be given demerits according to the demerit policy.
- who is expelled from school shall be permanently dismissed from the auxiliary group.
- may not use the name of the auxiliary to set up an auxiliary website or social networking page. Any inappropriate comments, threats, pictures, and/or video posted to the Internet containing the names or faces of or pertaining to auxiliary members posted by anyone may deem disciplinary action according to the demerit system.
- ****** ALL behavior while at a school function or on school grounds is subject to the policies and procedures outlined in the St. Clair County Code of Student Conduct and the Springville High School Handbook. ******
- See demerit list at the end of this document.

D. Auxiliary Requirements

- Auxiliary member must attend band camp, which is usually held three weeks before school begins. The member should also be available for any extra clinics or workshops that are made available to the group. First year members will be required to attend Rookie camp. Rookie camp will be held the first week of band camp.
- Auxiliary members will be expected to participate fully in any band sponsored fund raisers. Don't expect someone else to do your part.
- Parades in which the band performs are also part of the member's duties for the year of service.
- Failure to participate in practice for two or more days without a doctor's excuse will result in the member not being allowed to perform. A doctor's release is necessary for all orthopedic injuries before being allowed to perform.
- Auxiliary members must be on time! The time for all auxiliary members to be at all events will be set by the sponsors and/or band director. Buses will not wait for tardy auxiliary members.
- Auxiliary members are required to bring flag bag to practice and games. The flag bag must include show flags and rifles (for those on the rifle squad).
- Auxiliary members who are instrumentalists are required to join the concert band at the end of marching season/final competition. This applies to the upcoming 9th grade class and any class from this point forward.
- Auxiliary members who participate in other extra-curricular activities (i.e. Tiger Girls, sports, clubs, etc.) must fulfill band requirements during marching season (July through October); BAND/AUXILIARY COMES FIRST. Once marching season has ended, student may focus attention on other activity. Note: Depending on whether the SHS football teams advances to regional and/or state our season may extend into November.

E. Attendance Policy

- If an auxiliary member misses two (2) practices, excused, auxiliary member will not be permitted to perform that week. **(The student may not perform the halftime show that week. The student will still dress and perform in the stands.)**
- If an auxiliary member misses one (1) practice, excused, the week of performance, it will be at the director's/sponsors' discretion whether or not the auxiliary member will perform. If too much important material was missed with no time to make it up. Pass offs may be required in order to perform. If pass offs are required/requested, the band director and/or sponsors will judge the pass off for final decision is made. **The student may not perform the halftime show that week. The student will still dress and perform in the stands.**
- Injury does not exclude anyone from practice. Anyone who is injured must still attend practice and watch the rehearsal to keep up with any material they are missing.
 - If any student does miss practice due to a physical injury or sickness, a doctor's or physician's note explaining the injury/sickness and necessary restrictions/precautions is required.
- **Excused absences:** relative's death, doctor's note, commitment with another school-sanctioned program; parent's note (2 max per 9 weeks/3 max per semester)

- **Unexcused absences:** unexcused absences will not be tolerated within this organization. The first offense will result in the student being placed on non-performing status. A second offense will result in being placed on non-performing status for 2 weeks. A third offense will result in performance suspension for the rest of the marching season. It is easy to avoid this. Timely communication with the director/sponsors is required.
 - Non-performing status: Student is not allowed to perform in the stands or in the half-time show that week.

F. Uniform / Equipment

- Auxiliary members are responsible for the purchase of any uniforms and accessories required. Auxiliary members are also responsible for alterations to uniforms. Props and other equipment will be provided by the band boosters or other school funds.
- Complete care should be taken of all uniforms and accessories. Do not machine wash or dry clean any sequined uniform. These uniforms should be hand washed and laid flat to dry. Shoes should be clean and tights should be free from runs or holes. Incomplete uniform or accessories will result in demerits. (See demerit list.)
- All accessories should be kept in the bag at all times. Missing accessories will result in demerits. (See demerit list.)
- It is the auxiliary member's responsibility to have her own makeup; this is as much a part of your uniform as any other accessory. Makeup should be worn at every performance. Makeup should be applied so that it can be seen on the field from a distance. Members should arrive to home games with makeup already applied and in full performance uniform. Members should not dress in the stands. Remember, you are representing the school. It is permissible to dress on the bus for away games with the exception of tights, undergarments and makeup which should be applied before arrival to the band room. **No aerosol sprays will be allowed on the bus.** Be considerate of others on the bus by taking care of your dressing needs prior to boarding the bus.
- Hair should be worn in a style decided by the sponsors. Exceptions may be made for length and texture. The correct hair accessory should be worn with the correct uniform. Incorrect hairstyle and/or accessory will result in demerits. (See demerit list)
- Nails should be sport length and if painted, must be a natural/neutral nail color.
- "Home" uniform will be worn for all home games and special performances (competitions, parades, etc.) This will be changed only by the sponsors in extreme situations such as, but not limited to weather, the performance area, or having a competition the day after a home game.
- There may be OPTIONAL performance opportunities that require a costume other than an auxiliary uniform. All costumes and/or props will be announced when the opportunity is presented to the auxiliary.

G. Game Day / Pep Rally Requirements

- All auxiliary members will be expected to participate in the stand routines, pep-rallies, and parades. **This is not an option!** It is the responsibility of the captains to make up routines for parades, pep-rallies, and the stands. The captains should see that all members know the routines prior to the time the routine is to be performed. Routines may be initiated by the drum major, cheerleaders, or captains.
- Auxiliary members must sit in a reserved section of the stands. **Non-auxiliary members may not sit in the reserved section.** Friends or family may **not** sit in the band or auxiliary sections. Food is not allowed in the stands. Water is the only beverage allowed. Water bottles should be brought prior to the game/performance and kept in the garment bag. Members should not ask others to bring food or drinks to them in the stands. **Members may not leave the stands without prior permission from the band director or sponsor. Do not ask except in an emergency.** Use the restroom before designated reporting times.

IV. DUTIES OF THE CAPTAINS

- The captains will be assigned duties by the band director and/or the sponsor.
- Duties shall include the following:

Leadership/Management:

- The captain should be at every practice and performance unless there is an emergency or an occasion beyond the captains' control. A captain should be prepared to take charge of the group at either practice or performance. Captains will equally share responsibilities.

- The captains shall promote spirit and unity of the group at any activity in which the group is involved. The attitude of the captains should be positive and show no favoritism toward any individual or group within the auxiliary.
- It shall be the responsibility of the captain to report any violation of the constitution to the sponsors or the band director as soon as it occurs.
- The captains, along with the sponsors, will decide the routine(s) to be performed at pep rallies when the auxiliary is asked to perform. Captains should provide sponsors with music prior to creating routines for approval.
- The captains should set the example of pride by giving 100% at each practice and performance.
- The captains should be good examples and always lead the group to a successful performance.
- The captains should be able to attend any leadership camps, etc. that are made available during the year.

Uniforms/Equipment:

- The captains will decide the uniform and hair style to be worn for pep rallies and to notify all members in advance of the decision.
- The sponsors will determine the uniform for performances. It will be the captains' responsibility to notify all members of the decision.
- The captains are responsible for establishing an equipment duty list outlining who will be responsible for seeing that all equipment has been packed before and after each performance. The assigned group on equipment duty should check equipment to make ensure all items are in good repair before each performance.
- The assigned group on equipment duty is responsible for seeing that equipment is unpacked and properly stored after each performance. At this time, any repairs needed should be promptly reported to the sponsor or band director. The captains are responsible for making sure that all persons on equipment duty report to their assigned duty.

Practices:

- The captains are responsible for beginning each practice on time.
- The captains are responsible for leading warm-up exercises before any routine is attempted.
- The captains are responsible for seeing that rehearsals go as smoothly and efficiently as possible. Remember, the examples set by the captains are the examples that will be followed by the group.
- The captains will rotate days to observe and adjust any mistakes during fundamentals. At no time should all 6 captains be standing on the "sidelines" during fundamentals.
- **The captains may not call any practice without the approval of the sponsors.**
- The St. Clair County Board Policy requires the presence of the band director and/or sponsor(s) at all practice and performance events.
- Events **by individual members** such as slumber parties, suppers, or after school gatherings are **NOT** school-sponsored and are **NOT** mandatory.

V. BAND PROGRAM COSTS AND FEES

- **Total for marching and concert season when not renting an instrument--\$205**
- **Total for marching and concert season when renting an instrument --\$265****
(for auxiliary members who are instrumentalists in the upcoming 9th grade class/class of 2026)

Auxiliary members will also be required to pay band fees. The band fees for high school students are...

- Band Class Registration Fee--\$20/semester; due at registration
- Band Booster Fee—due by the end of band camp. Fee Breakdown:
 - Fair share Fee \$125
 - Band Camp Fee \$80
 - Instrument Rental Fee \$60**

***It is recommended that all fees be paid electronically through Venmo. The username to pay in Venmo is @springville-bands. Look for the tiger head logo.

VI. The Springville Tiger Vision

- “Every Student Prepared”

VII. The Tiger Band Mission Statement *(Created by the 2021-2022 Leadership Team)*

- “To create quality memories, lasting relationships, and great people through Art.”

VIII. Tiger Band Goals

- Be a **Family**.
- Be **Committed**.
- Be the **Best Version** of ourselves.
- **HAVE FUN!**

Through these goals, we will achieve EXCELLENCE and create MEMORIES!

CONSTITUTION SIGNATURE PAGE

[Please keep your copy of the constitution and only return this signature page.]

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS TO BE SIGNED BY THE AUXILIARY CANDIDATE AND THE PARENT AND RETURNED TO THE SPONSOR.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules set forth in the attached Auxiliary Constitution with the penalties put forth in the Demerit System.

Rules will be enforced as they are written.

AUXILIARY MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Received _____