



**2010-2011 Application Packet**  
**Arizona State Sun Devil Spirit Squad**  
(Dance Team, Spirit Leaders & Sparkys Crew)



**AUDITION DATES/LOCATIONS: ASU Main Campus, PE East Gyms**

<b>TBA</b>	OPTIONAL Prep Clinics, Registration form will be online
<b>Friday, April 23rd</b>	4:30 PM Registration – 10 PM @ PE East Large Gym - <b>DANCE TEAM</b>
<b>Saturday, April 24th</b>	9AM Registration @ PE East Small Gym – <b>SPIRIT LEADERS/ SPARKY’S CREW</b> 9AM-Noon, 1-5 PM Clinic- <b>SPIRIT LEADERS/SPARKYS CREW</b> 9AM-Noon, 1-5PM Clinic – @ PE East Large Gym - <b>DANCE TEAM</b>
<b>Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9AM-Noon Interviews/Photos – <b>DANCE TEAM/SPIRIT LEADERS</b> 1-4PM Final Auditions (solos) – <b>DANCE TEAM FINALISTS</b> 5-7PM Team Announced & 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Meeting

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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 Julie Mayhall, ASU Spirit Squad Director at [Julie.Mayhall@asu.edu](mailto:Julie.Mayhall@asu.edu).

**Thank you for your interest in the ASU Spirit Squad! Good luck!**

## ASU SPIRIT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in Arizona State University and the Sun Devil Spirit 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 Arizona. You are an ambassador to all three and are expected to conduct yourself accordingly. This commitment is upheld by over 40 dedicated students, who devote 20+ hours every week to practices, games, special appearances, clinics, and competitions.

The ASU Spirit Squad is made up of the Sun Devil Spirit Leaders, Sparky's Crew, and Dance Team. Approximately 14-16 girls of the Dance Team are chosen to compete nationally at UDA Nationals in January. When we select our teams, we are looking for talented, athletic and well-rounded individuals. Our teams are hard working, dedicated, committed to the program and believe that as they improve their team improves. The rewards from having this type of experience can not be measured. Imagine the excitement of being a part of a Pac 10 University: performing at some of the largest nationally televised games, traveling to various venues around the country and competing at the national level which is televised on ESPN!

Earning a place on the Spirit Squad at Arizona State has the potential to secure friends for a lifetime and create some of the most memorable experiences of your life!

### **Honorable Team Performances & Appearances:**

- Half-time performance with Tower of Power in 2006
- Half-time performance with Little Richard in 2007
- 2008 XLII Super Bowl pre-game and half-time show with Tom Petty, Glendale, AZ.
- 2008 Saturday Night Magazine Feature, Pac-10 Series
- 2009 Arizona State Graduation Opening Ceremony Performance for President Barack Obama

- Performed at the Nationally Televised World Premier for the X-Men movie with Hugh Jackman and Ryan Reynolds in 2009
- 2009 Saturday Night Magazine Feature, Pac-10 Series
- Sport Illustrator Cheerleader of the Week: 6 Team Members selected
- FoxSports.com Cheerleader of the Week
- Runnin' With the PAC, Fox Sports Network Cheerleader

## DANCE TEAM

The Dance Team performs at all Football Games (home and away), Men's and Women's Basketball games, additional Volleyball, Softball, and Baseball games as well as various special events. You will find the team performing on the sidelines, for Pre-game and at halftime with the Sun Devil Marching Band. They also lead the crowd in sidelines and interact with the fans along side the Spirit Leaders and the guys of Sparky's Crew. In addition to local appearances, a selected group of the dance team will compete at the 2011 UDA Collegiate National Championship televised on ESPN. **The 2009-2010 Sun Devil Competition Dance Team made their first appearance at the 2010 UDA College Nationals (ESPN) where they took home a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the highly competitive Division 1A Jazz Finals! The Sun Devil Dance Team is the first PAC-10 team to break into the top 5 at UDA College Nationals and this was their first competition in over six years!**

### TIME COMMITMENT:

**Summer Practices:** All information will be discussed when the 2010 Dance Team is announced.

Captains Practice	TBD	
Mandatory Practice (Competition Team ONLY)	Begins July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tempe, AZ
UDA Camp	August 13-16	Santa Barbara, CA
Spirit Squad Practice	Begins August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tempe, AZ
Band Week	<b>TBA</b>	Tempe, AZ

**School Year Practices:** You MUST schedule classes around practice/games!

Practice begins for both Spirit Groups and goes through March, Games & Appearances through April

**Fall Practices**      Official ASU Band Class: Mondays and Wednesdays 4-7 pm, Fridays 4-6 pm,  
Sundays TBA (Competition Team ONLY)

**Spring Practices**      1-3 days/week, TBD

*(Spring Times are subject to change due to other athletic practice schedules/facility availability)*

### Special Events/Appearances:

You will be required to attend events sponsored by both the Athletic Department and Band Department. Dance Team members work at all ASU Spirit Squad Fund Raisers. Keep in mind that our activities do not stop during the Winter Break or Spring Break. In addition, when we are preparing for Nationals, additional practices will be held.

## SPIRIT LEADERS

The Spirit Leaders perform at Football Games (home and away), Men's and Women's Basketball games, additional Volleyball, Softball, and Baseball games as well as various special events. You will find the team performing on the sidelines and Pre-game with the Sun Devil Marching Band. They also lead the crowd in sidelines and interact with the fans along side the Dance Team and perform stunts (2-handed partner stunts only) with the guys of Sparky's Crew. Spirit Leaders are expected to have dance/cheer experience and be able to lead the crowd with enthusiasm and spirit!

### TIME COMMITMENT:

**Summer Practices:** All information will be discussed when the 2009-2010 Spirit Leaders are announced.

Captains Practice	TBD	
Spirit Squad Practice	Begins August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tempe, AZ
Private Cheer Camp	August TBA	Tempe, AZ
Band Week	TBA	Tempe, AZ

**School Year Practices:** You MUST schedule classes around practice/games!

Practice begins for both Spirit Groups and goes through March, Games & Appearances through April

**Fall Practices** Official ASU Band Class: M-W-F 4-6 PM

**Spring Practices** 1-3 days/week, TBD

*(Spring Times are subject to change due to other athletic practice schedules & facility availability)*

### Special Events/Appearances:

You will be required to attend events sponsored by both the Athletic and Band Departments. Spirit Leader members work at all ASU Spirit Squad Fund Raisers. Keep in mind that our activities do not stop during the Winter Break or Spring Break.

### SPARKY'S CREW

Sparky's Crew lead the crowd and assist Sparky at Football Games (home and away), Men's and Women's Basketball games, and various special events. They perform stunts (2-handed partner stunts only) with the Spirit Leaders, run the ASU Flags and help with "Sparky Board during the season.

Practices will be held with the Spirit Leaders throughout the season and are expected to participate in a Private Camp held in August, TBA.

## AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

### All participants, including transfer students and current team members:

- ✓ Completed ASU Spirit Squad Application mailed/delivered to the ASU Band Office **by Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. – New and Veteran Dance Team, Spirit Leaders and Sparkys Crew Applicants**
- ✓ Recent photo or Head Shot (will not be given back) – New Dance Team & Spirit Leader Applicants Only
- ✓ 2 TYPED Letters of Recommendation (current or past coaches, dance instructors, etc) for New Dance Team and Spirit Leader applicants only (veterans excluded) along with application and Application Fee.
- ✓ \$20 Application Fee: CASH or CHECK Payable to “Sun Angel Foundation” – if mailed in with application (Veterans excluded from this fee), Dance Team and Spirit Leaders Only
- ✓ \$25 Application Fee: CASH or CHECK Payable to “Sun Angel Foundation” - if paid the day of auditions
- ✓ Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA
- ✓ Admitted to ASU or enrolled at a Maricopa County Community College for the 2010-2011 School Year.

### DANCE TEAM 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 dancer and cheerleader.

#### Routines:

- Jazz Combination taught on Friday evening after first cuts.
- Hip Hop Combination taught on Saturday
- 1 Band Sideline Routine
- 1-2 Chants (ability to project voice, sharp motions, and use of signs)

**Technical Skills:** To be performed in across-the-floor progressions on Friday and may be included in Jazz Routine

- **Turns:** Pirouettes ( triple and quadruple), fouettes, a la secondes
- **Leaps:** Jete, leap in second, Switch Leaps, Calypso, reverse jete
- **Jumps:** toe touch (Russian)

- **Flexibility:** Pitches, battement turn (leg hold), penche, battement

**Interview with coaches and Judges:** Interviews are for those individuals who have made it to the final round on Sunday. Please dress accordingly. In conjunction with interviews, we will have a photo shoot for finalists - hair and makeup must have a professional look.

**NEW! Solo Routines:** All candidates that make the final round for Sunday, will be asked to demonstrate a :45-1:00 solo. Candidates choose dance style and music to benefit their strengths and are encouraged to perform technique and tricks that will compliment their dance ability.

### **SPIRIT LEADER 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, attitude, ability to learn, enthusiasm, projection, showmanship, technique and overall performance. We will be looking for your ability and potential to become a collegiate cheerleader and dancer.

#### **Routines:**

- 1 Band Sideline Routine
- Pom Routine
- 2 Chants (ability to project voice, sharp motions, and use of signs)

**Technical Skills:** (If you have not mastered the following skills, do not be discouraged. We are not looking for perfection at this time, but we do want you to focus on and perfect the skills that play to your strengths.

- **Turns:** Pirouettes (clean double)
- **Leaps:** Jete, leap in second, Calypso
- **Jumps:** toe touch (or Russian) and optional jump
- **Flexibility:** battement (kicks)
- **Stunting:** Two handed stunts including, chairs, toss to hands, extension, shoulder sits with Sparky Crew Candidates
- **Ability to rally a crowd with confidence**
- **Interview with coaches and Judges:** Interviews are for those individuals who have made it to the final round on Sunday. Please dress accordingly. In conjunction with interviews, we will have a photo shoot for finalists - hair and makeup must have a professional look.

## SPARKY'S CREW REQUIREMENTS

- Must have strong voices and personalities, and know how to use visual cues
- Sports knowledge: Must have an understanding of football and basketball rules of the game
- Lead a cheer learned at tryouts
- The following stunts will be performed at tryouts: Shoulder Sit, Chair, Toss to hands, extension
- Run ASU Flags

*\*Note: Auditions for the ASU Spirit Program are ONLY held in the Spring.*

# Arizona State University INFORMATION

## MASCOT: "Sparky" The Sun Devil

## FIGHT SONG: "MAROON AND GOLD"

Fight, Devils Down The Field  
Fight With Your Might and Don't Ever Yield  
Long May Our Colors Outshine All Others  
Echo From The Buttes, Give 'Em Hell Devils!  
Cheer, Cheer For A-S-U  
Fight For The Old Maroon  
For it's Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here  
And It's Onward to Victory!

## ALMA MATER:

Where The Bold Saguaros  
Raise Their Arms On High  
Praying Strength For Brave Tomorrows  
From The Western Sky  
Where Eternal Mountains  
Kneel At Sunset's Gate  
Here We Hail Thee, Alma Mater  
Arizona State

## 2010 SUN DEVIL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (Dates/Time Subject to change)

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
09/04/10	TBA (Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night)	Sun Devil Stadium (Tempe, Ariz.)	TBA
09/11/10	vs. Northern Arizona (City of Tempe Night)	Sun Devil Stadium (Tempe, Ariz.)	7:00 p.m. PT
09/18/10	at Wisconsin	Camp Randall Stadium (Madison, Wisc.)	TBA
09/25/10	vs. Oregon (Family Weekend/Hall of Fame Game)	Sun Devil Stadium (Tempe, Ariz.)	7:00 p.m. PT
10/02/10	at Oregon State	Reser Stadium (Corvallis, Ore.)	TBA
10/09/10	at Washington	Husky Stadium (Seattle, Wash.)	TBA
10/23/10	at California	Memorial Stadium (Berkeley, Calif.)	TBA
10/30/10	vs. Washington State (Homecoming)	Sun Devil Stadium (Tempe, Ariz.)	TBA
11/06/10	at USC	L.A. Coliseum (Los Angeles, Calif.)	TBA
11/13/10	vs. Stanford (Champions Weekend)	Sun Devil Stadium (Tempe, Ariz.)	TBA
11/26/10	vs. UCLA (Senior Day)	Sun Devils Stadium (Tempe, Ariz.)	TBA
12/02/10	at Arizona	Arizona Stadium (Tucson, Ariz.)	6:00 p.m. MT





## 2010-2011 Spirit Application Arizona State University

I AM AUDITIONING FOR THE FOLLOWING TEAM:

- DANCE TEAM
- I would like to be considered for the Competitive Dance Team (ASU Full-Time Status ONLY)
- SPIRIT LEADER
- SPARKY'S CREW

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

List any all major injuries and/or health issues: \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you on the dance or cheer team at your school?                      YES                      NO

2010-2011 Year In College:    FR      SO      JR      SR      Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Semester GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ASUID#: \_\_\_\_\_

What school(s) are you attending in the FALL 2010 other than ASU (i.e. community college)?

\_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic Honors and/or Titles? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Extra-Curricular Activities you expect to participate in for 2010-2011 (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

Will you have any conflicts over the summer? (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about auditions? (PLEASE CIRCLE) FRIEND FLYER

SUN DEVIL SPIRIT MEMBER WEB PAGE OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT EXPERIENCES DO YOU HAVE AS A DANCER/CHEERLEADER? (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 ASU SPIRIT 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 ASU Spirit Coaching Staff. These decisions are final and can not be disputed. I fully understand the time commitment and financial requirements of the ASU Spirit Squad.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Spirit Application along with a recent photo, 2 TYPED Letters of Recommendation and application fee must be delivered by Friday, April 9, 2010.

Please mail your application to:

ASU Band Office

Attn: Julie Mayhall, ASU Spirit Director

PO Box 870405

Tempe, AZ 85287

FAX: 480.727.7421

# ASU Spirit Squad FAQ's

## What are the requirements to be a member of the ASU Spirit Squads?

A Sun Devil Dancer, Spirit Leader and Sparky' Crew 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 Spirit Squad 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 over a two day process for Spirit Leaders, three days for Dance Team and one day for Sparky's Crew Applicants:**

**DAY 1: Registration will begin at 4:30 PM for Dance Team applicants.** Across the floor combinations will be taught and first cuts will be announced. A jazz combination for 2nd cuts will be taught at the end of this evening.

**DAY 2: Check-In will begin at 9:00 AM sharp for Spirit Leaders and Sparky's Crew Applicants.**

**9:00AM-5:00PM- Clinic for both Spirit Leader, Sparky's Crew, and Dance Team Applicants. Cuts will be made on this day.**

**DAY 3: Interviews and Photo Shoot for the final round for Spirit Leaders and Dance Team from 9AM-Noon.**

1PM-4PM          Dance Team Finalists only – solos (New!).

5:00PM          Dance Team, Spirit Leader, and Sparkys Crew Teams Announced

5:00-7:00PM      1<sup>st</sup> Team Meeting

**Conduct:** Candidates are expected to encourage and be supportive of other candidates. No food or gum chewing is allowed. No video taping of tryouts is allowed. Auditions will be CLOSED to the public.

**Veteran Spirit Squad Members:** Each year returning members are required to re-audition. They will not be required to participate in the judging process of the preliminary round (Friday evening - across-the-floor), but will still need to attend and participate in the Friday evening audition process.

## What should I wear to auditions?

Please wear black jazz pants or dance shorts and a half top. If you choose to wear dance shorts, you will need to wear flesh colored tights. Comfortable dance shoes are recommended. (Jazz shoes for Jazz and athletic shoes can be worn for Hip Hop) Sun Devil Dancers and Spirit Leaders may wear costuming that displays their midriff and legs. Spirit Leaders must wear athletic/dance shorts and a half top/sports bra with athletic type shoes for stunting (flat bottom). Sparky's Crew applicants should wear athletic shorts, tshirt and athletic shoes. No tanks for the guys please. 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 may wear your hair and makeup as you would wear it to a game or event. Tattoos must be covered. NO belly rings or jewelry of any sort is allowed for the auditions.

## **What should I bring to the auditions?**

Please bring water, snacks and lunch for Saturday and Sunday auditions. Be sure to mail your application, recent photo, 2 TYPED Letters of Recommendation and \$20 audition fee (payable to "Sun Angel Foundation" or in CASH) by **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. If you choose to bring your registration fee with you the day of auditions, the fee will be \$25.

## **How many spots are open for next year's team?**

The Dance Team may have 16-32 dancers in one given season at the coach and Band Directors discretion. 14-18 Members will be chosen at auditions for the 2010-2011 Competitive Dance Team. The Spirit Leaders may have 8-12 members and Sparky's Crew 8-12 members. Veteran members must re-audition each year.

## **How do I prepare for auditions?**

We will have **OPTIONAL Pre-Audition Prep Clinics (TBA)** on ASU's main campus. Registration form will be posted online. We will cover the requirements of being a member of the ASU Spirit Program, learn material similar to that of auditions, and will have the opportunity to meet with current members and the coach for additional questions regarding the teams. The fee for each clinic is \$10 in cash. In addition, it is recommended that you take a Jazz or Ballet class and/or continue working on your dance technique. Taking a pilates class to increase your core strength and flexibility as well as weekly cardio vascular exercise to build stamina are also encouraged. In addition, if you do not dance on a high school squad and you are on a competitive team only, please consider getting a private coach to assist you in learning "game day" cheerleading. Being talented is important but you must also know how to "lead a crowd" and cheer in front of fans as well as dance. Your Performance score will play a vital role in the audition process.

## **Why should I audition to be a member of the ASU Spirit Squad?**

The Spirit Squad is a part of the Sun Devil Marching Band; one of the nations most highly acclaimed marching organizations. The ASU Sun Devil Dancers are known as a prestigious and advanced dance team around campus as well as in the community, and recently won 5<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1A Jazz at UDA College Nationals. The Spirit Leaders were a new addition to the Spirit Squad for the 2009-2010 Season and will remain an integral part of the ASU Spirit Program for the 2010-2011 Season who bring spirit on the sidelines with the guys of Sparkys Crew. This is a once in a lifetime experience and is a great way to get involved at Arizona State University. The Spirit Squad is a place to continue learning and performing and is a venue to make lasting friendships and memories.

### **2009-2010 TEAM PERKS: (Sponsorships & Events vary year to year)**

- Performing in front of a crowd of thousands and demonstrating your support for Sun Devil Spirit.
- Annual VIP Membership at Pure Fitness, includes free training 3-4 times a year by our Team Personal Trainer.
- Free Spray Tanning for the year at Scottsdale Spray Tan
- Free Parking for Football and Basketball Season provided by Sol Devils
- Received large tote team bags by Vera Bradley
- Nike Back Packs and shoes
- Discounts on services and Aveda products at Mood Swings Salon
- Front Row Seats to all ASU Athletics Events when you perform!

- Programming to help develop your skills for future opportunities—relating to Nutrition, Media Relations, Resume Development, etc.
- We travel to all away PAC-10 Football games, including Georgia in 2009 and plan to attend Wisconsin for the 2010 Season in addition to any Bowl games. We attend the Pac-10 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament in Los Angeles and if qualified, attend NCAA Tournaments for Men's and Women's Basketball. In 2009 we attended the NCAA Men's Tournament in Miami and Atlanta, GA and New Jersey for the Elite 8 for the NCAA Women's Tournament.

## **What does the ASU Spirit Squad do throughout the season?**

They perform at all home football games, men's basketball games, some volleyball, softball and baseball games, competitions, pep rallies, Bowl Games and other various performances. Being a part of the Sun Devil Marching Band, we perform numerous times at exhibitions, competitions and parades. The members also participate in fund raisers for the team and community appearances.

### **Competitions:**

#### **DANCE TEAM:**

- First team in the Pac-10 to break into the top 5 at UDA College Nationals
- The 2009-2010 Competition Dance Team competed for the first time as a team and was awarded the Leadership Award at UDA Camp (voted on by other college teams)
- Noted as one of the up and coming programs in the country!
- Competed at the national level for the NDA Collegiate Nationals in Daytona Beach in 2003 and 2004, and USA College Nationals in 2005.
- Competitions will be determined on an annual basis by the Coach and the Band Director.

**SPIRIT LEADERS/SPARKYS CREW:** are a non-competitive team.

## **What is the time commitment?**

All of the following listed events are mandatory:

- At least one dance camp during the summer for a week (Competition Team Only)
- Private Cheer Camp in August for Spirit Leaders & Sparkys Crew Members
- Band Camp in Tempe for 1 week in August before school starts
- Fall Team rehearsals begin in August through December
- Two Weekly Mandatory Morning TEAM Workouts, 2 additional workouts on your own
- Practices for Fall 2010: Monday & Wednesday 4-7PM, Friday 4-6pm (Dates/Times subject to change)
- Practices in the spring 2010 for Basketball Season will be determined at a later date. (Usually evenings two to three times a week)
- Competitive Team - additional practices will be held on Sunday evenings (approx 2-3+ hours). You will need to stay in Arizona after finals in December and be in Arizona the first 2 weeks of January for daily rehearsals before UDA Nationals in Orlando, FL, January 13-17<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- Choreography Sessions
- All Home Football Games, select groups chosen for Away Games
- Football Bowl Game (if applicable)
- Pass in Review Performance (December) – For Dance Team Members only

- Clinics and fund raisers on non-game Saturdays
- All Men's and Women's Home Basketball games, including Pac-10 and NCAA Tournaments (select group)

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 Sun Devil Dance Team and Spirit Leaders have many financial commitments to consider. Camp fees, camp transportation, and competition fees (if applicable) are due immediately after auditions to insure that we are prepared for the season. This can be expensive, approximately \$500-\$700. We do fund-raise through Team Posters/Calendars, corporate sponsorships, dance/spirit clinics and community appearances. At this time, Sparky's Crew are funded separately and are held under different financial constraints.

**A participation fee of \$350 is required by Dance Team and Spirit Leader members – due immediately upon making the team.** This fee will help cover the initial costs of warm-ups, shoes, etc. An individual may receive a sponsorship donation to help cover this fee.

**COMPETITION TEAM COSTS:** Those who make the Competition Dance Team will be responsible for additional financial obligations. The approximate total cost for the team to attend Nationals is \$17,000, if a Partial or Full-Paid Bid is not awarded to the team. Individual costs can be approximately \$1000-\$1200 per girl. We offset this cost by fund raising and obtaining sponsorships. Each girl will be responsible for receiving a minimal \$350 Sponsor by September 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to help cover the costs of the individual.

## **Do you give out Scholarships?**

We give partial scholarships to veteran members on an annual basis. One Junior is also selected to receive a partial scholarship for his/her Senior year. Full scholarships are available for in-state and out-of-state members. GPA requirements must be met to receive scholarships.

## **Do I have to go to ASU Main to be a member of the Spirit Squads?**

You do not have to attend ASU Main to be on either the Sun Devil Dance Team or Spirit Leaders, however, if you would like to be on the competitive dance team, you must be a full-time student at ASU (12+ Credit Hours). If you are attending ASU East, ASU West, or any of the Maricopa Community Colleges, you are eligible to be on the dance team or Spirit Leaders. You are required to pay for two credit hours of class time at ASU in the fall and one credit hour of class time in the spring for Dance Team and Spirit Leader members. If you attend a Maricopa County School you will be required to pay a Community Member fee each semester.

## **Do you have alternate positions?**

Alternates perform all sidelines and timeout routines. Alternates replace non-alternate dancers in situations when the dancer is injured, absent from rehearsal, unprepared, or has an excused emergency. Alternates are considered at auditions but are not always taken.

## **What if I have conflicts with the audition dates?**

All candidates MUST travel to Tempe to audition for a spot on the ASU Spirit Squads. No exceptions will be made for those who have conflicts with audition dates. If you have an emergency or family event such as a wedding or

funeral, please contact the ASU Spirit Director, Julie Mayhall, at [Julie.Mayhall@asu.edu](mailto:Julie.Mayhall@asu.edu) with your situation to discuss additional options.

## **What happens if I live out of state?**

Many applicants travel to Tempe for auditions. The following is a list of suggested hotels close to the campus that you may contact for accommodations:

### **Twin Palms Hotel**

225 E Apache Blvd.  
Tempe, AZ 85381  
Toll Free: 800.367.0835  
Web: [twinpalmshotel.com](http://twinpalmshotel.com)

### **Holiday Inn**

915 E Apache Blvd.  
Tempe, AZ 85281  
Local 480.968.3451

### **Mission Palms**

60 East Fifth St.  
Tempe, AZ 85281  
Local: 480.894.1400  
Toll Free: 800.547.8705

For specific dance questions, please contact:

Julie Mayhall  
ASU Spirit Director  
[Julie.Mayhall@asu.edu](mailto:Julie.Mayhall@asu.edu)

ASU Band Office  
Attn: Julie Mayhall, Sun Devil Spirit Director  
PO Box 870405  
Tempe, AZ 85287  
FAX: 480.727.7421  
[www.asudanceteam.com](http://www.asudanceteam.com)