



BAYLOR UNIVERSITY CO-ED YELL LEADERS



AUDITION PACKET 2012-2013

CHEER WITH BAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S OFFICIAL CO-ED CHEER TEAM... THE BAYLOR CO-ED YELL LEADERS

- Cheer at all home Baylor football games
 - Opportunity to travel to away and post season football games
 - Cheer at all home Baylor Men's and Lady Bear's basketball games
 - Opportunity to travel to the Big 12 Basketball Tournament and post season tournaments
 - Perform at Baylor University events including homecoming activities, parades, pre-game performances, and events around campus
 - Perform for charitable organizations, local schools, and other spirit events
 - Attend UCA Summer College Cheer Camp
 - Promote spirit and support to all Baylor athletic teams
 - Opportunity to practice, perform, learn and grow within a nurturing Christian environment
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QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS, APPLICATION, AND RELEASE FORMS ARE ALL INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET. PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY BEFORE SUBMITTING REQUIRED PAPER WORK. QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL LEVETZOW AT Rachel_Levetzow@Baylor.edu OR (254) 710-3357.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Incoming freshman and transfer students **must** be accepted to Baylor University before the first day of auditions (submit copy of acceptance letter with application)
- Current and transfer students need to have a cumulative and current GPA of 2.0 or above (submit copy of transcript with application)
- 2012-2013 members must maintain full time student status
- All those interested in auditioning for the 2012-2013 season **must** attend at least ONE college prep clinic (February 25th and/or April 14th).
- FEMALE Audition Attire: Black Hot Shorts Black, Gold, Green, or White tank/top
White Cheer Shoes Hair curled or straight, half up, White Bow
NO bare midribs allowed, stomach and back area must be covered
NO embellishments or writing on top or bottom-SOLID COLORS ONLY!
NO TATTOOS showing while in audition attire!
NO jewelry of any type allowed!
Full performance make up with a great shade of RED lipstick and liner
- MALE Audition Attire: Athletic Shorts, Athletic Shoes, Basic T-Shirt, BAYLOR apparel ONLY, Clean cut and shave as well
- Summer requirements and dates include (Dates subject to change):
 - Spirit Squad meeting (May 5th)
 - Pre-Camp practices (July 10th-12th)
 - UCA College Cheer Camp (July 13th-16th)
 - Work Week (August 12th-19th)
- Submit the following documents, in order, to be officially registered for auditions:
 1. Application
 2. Head Shot attached to front of application packet
 3. Proof of acceptance to Baylor University and GPA (Transcript AND/OR Acceptance Letter)
 4. Final Judgment Policy (Signed by participant and parent/guardian)
 5. Parent Release Form (if under 18) OR Participant Release Form (if over 18)
 6. Copy of Insurance card (front and back)
 7. Letter of recommendation from current coach/advisor/director, submitted in a sealed envelope
 8. Application fee of \$35 made payable to Baylor Spirit Squads

All applicants should complete and mail the 8 required documents and fees to the Spirit Coordinator's Office located in the Simpson Athletic Building room 218

Rachel Levezow
Spirit Squad Coordinator
1500 S. University Parks Dr.
Waco, TX 76706

COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND IN THE SPIRIT COORDINATOR'S OFFICE BY APRIL 16TH, 2012

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

When and where are try outs? Open gym on April 20th from 6pm-9pm and auditions will be April 21st check in at 12pm. Both events will be held in the Allison Indoor Field located off University Parks Dr. If the location/time of the audition should change you will receive a phone call and/or email.

When is my audition packet due? All audition packets are due by April 16th, 2012 to Rachel Levetzow.

Do you offer scholarships or out of state tuition waivers? We do not offer scholarships or out of state tuition waivers, however we do pay for and provide the following items: Uniforms, shoes, poms, warm ups, hair bows, all travel expenses are paid, per diem during away games, UCA/UDA college camp, camp attire, practice attire, and workout clothes.

What are practices like? Co-ed practices twice a week typically for 2-3 hours. Outside of practice, we also require that all of our spirit squad members attend and lift weights with our designated strength and conditioning coaches twice a week.

Does the program compete at nationals? Typically, this decision is left up to the squad. As of right now, we are focused on game day events, working with the University, and supporting Baylor Athletics.

Is there a height and weight requirement? No, we do not have a height and weight requirement; however a strong, physical, athletic physique shall be maintained throughout the year.

Are the auditions open to the public? No! All aspects of the audition process will be closed to the public.

If I cannot attend the audition, can I submit a video? Video auditions will not be allowed. You must be in person to audition.

Do I have to attend a college prep clinic? Yes, you will be required to attend at least ONE college prep clinic before you are allowed to audition. At the clinic you will learn a majority of the material needed for auditions.

Who judges the auditions? All decisions regarding the 2012-2013 spirit squads will be determined by the Baylor Spirit Squad Coaching Staff. All results are final, NO exceptions!

How many people audition? The number of applicants will vary from year to year. This past year we had over 50 applicants audition.

How many females make the team? Males? We do not have a maximum number of team members meaning we have the ability to change the number of cheerleaders based on the needs of the University as well as the needs of the team.

Are there any Summer Requirements (Dates subject to change)?

Spirit Squad meeting (May 5th)

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Work Week (August 12th-19th)

2012-2013 Audition Process

Tryouts are intended to be a low stress environment. The tryout process will be similar to what a regular practice would run like.

April 20th, 2012 (OPEN GYM) CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!

Location: Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility

6:00pm Open gym begins

9:00pm Open gym concludes

April 21st, 2012 (COED) CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!

Location: Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility

12:00pm Check in for COED Yell Leaders/Warm Up on your own

12:30pm Coed audition process will begin: PRELIMINARY ROUND (Evaluation criteria listed below)

2:30pm Coed PRELIMINARY ROUND will conclude

3:00pm Coed audition process will begin: FINAL ROUND (Finalist, Vets, and Males ONLY)

6:00pm (Estimated time) Coed Audition process will conclude

April 22nd, 2012 (ALL-GIRL) CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!

Location: Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility

9:00am Check in for ALL-GIRL /Warm up on your own

9:30am All-Girl audition process will begin: PRELIMINARY ROUND (Evaluation criteria listed below)

12:30pm All-Girl PRELIMINARY ROUND will conclude

2:30pm All-Girl audition process will begin: FINAL ROUND (Finalist and Vets ONLY)

6:30pm All-Girl audition process will conclude

The Baylor Spirit Squad Coaching Staff and evaluators will be evaluating each applicant on the following skills and requirements:

1. Attitude
2. Appearance
3. Personality
4. Stunting Skills
5. Tumbling Skills
6. Fight Song
7. Various Chants

**Results will be posted on the Baylor Spirit Squad website no later than 5:00pm
on April 24th, 2012**

ALL RESULTS AND DECISIONS ARE FINAL!

 **BAYLOR CO-ED YELL LEADERS** 

AUDITIONS 2012-2013 SEASON

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Email: _____

Classification (circle one): High School or College / Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Please attach copy of insurance card to this form

Emergency Contact: (Name) _____ (Phone Number) _____

Gender (circle): Male/Female Interested in (circle): **Co-ed** All-Girl Songleaders Mascots

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School: _____ HS Graduation Date: _____ HS GPA: _____

College: _____ Current GPA: _____ Cumulative: _____

Admitted to Baylor (Y/N and date): _____ Major: _____

EXPERIENCE INFORMATION

Are you currently on a cheer/Cheer team: Yes/No Where: _____

Other previous Experience (List all coaches/locations): _____

Advisor/Coach Name, Phone Number, Email: _____

Summer plans: _____

DEADLINE IS APRIL 16TH, 2012

Please return completed application, head shot, release forms, copy of insurance card, letter of recommendation, and a \$35 check (payable to Baylor Spirit Squads) to Rachel Levetzow in the Simpson Athletic Building, 1500 S. University Parks Drive Waco, TX 76706

FINAL JUDGEMENT POLICY
Baylor University Spirit Squads
2012-2013 Season

I understand that all selection decisions for the 2012-2013 Baylor Spirit Squads are final. I, or anyone representing me, will not contact the Baylor University Spirit Squad Staff, any representative of the University, or Athletics Department for one calendar week following the conclusion of the Spirit Squad Selection Process.

All questions need to be addressed with the Spirit Squad Coordinator, Rachel Levetzow at Rachel.Levetzow@Baylor.edu or 254-710-3357. Calls and emails will be accepted from the PARTICIPANT ONLY starting May 1st, 2012.

I understand that the number on each squad will be determined by the Spirit Squad Coordinator. The Spirit Squad Coordinator has the final say on the number of teammates per team.

Signature below indicates your agreement with the above statement and that you and those representing you will abide by the Final Judgment Policy.

Participant Signature

Date

Please Print Your Name

Cell Phone Number

Squad

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Name

FORM D: PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN RELEASE

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU ARE WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.
READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.***

GENERAL RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I hereby represent that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____, "PARTICIPANT", who is under the age of 18. For and in consideration of Baylor University permitting PARTICIPANT to participate voluntarily in **Baylor University's Spirit Squads College Prep Clinics and Tryouts, February 12th, 19th, 26th, April 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2012**, hereinafter referred to as "EVENT," I hereby expressly assume all the risks (i.e. **inherent with gymnastic type activity and large organized events**) associated with the **EVENT**, and I release Baylor University, its regents, officers, employees, students, and agents from all claims, demands, suits, causes of action, or judgments which PARTICIPANT or I ever had, now have, or may have in the future or which our heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have, or claim to have against Baylor University, its regents, officers, employees, students, or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with the **EVENT**, for all personal injuries, known or unknown, property damages, or claims for wrongful death, caused by the

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of Baylor University, its regents, officers, employees, students, or agents. I understand this waiver does not apply to injuries caused by Baylor University's intentional or grossly negligent conduct.

I FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, ITS REGENTS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, AND AGENTS FROM ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, CAUSES OF ACTION, OR JUDGMENTS WHICH PARTICIPANT OR I EVER HAD, NOW HAVE, OR MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE OR WHICH OUR HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR ASSIGNS MAY HAVE, OR CLAIM TO HAVE AGAINST BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, ITS REGENTS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, OR AGENTS, ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE **EVENT**, FOR ALL PERSONAL INJURIES, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, PROPERTY DAMAGES, OR CLAIMS FOR WRONGFUL DEATH, CAUSED BY THE

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OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, ITS REGENTS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, OR AGENTS, AND ON BAYLOR'S BEHALF AND IN BAYLOR'S NAME DEFEND AT MY OWN EXPENSE ANY SUCH CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, CAUSES OF ACTION OR JUDGMENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

I have read and executed this document with full knowledge of its legal significance.

BY: _____
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (in INK) DATE

Parent/Legal Guardian Name Printed: _____

*If you are a Baylor employee or a dependent of a Baylor employee, this release shall not be construed to deny any valid direct or first party insurance claims which you or PARTICIPANT may have relating to possible death or to any injuries you or PARTICIPANT may sustain while participating in the **EVENT**.

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