



# BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SONGLEADERS AUDITION PACKET 2012-2013



## **DANCE AND CHEER WITH BAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S OFFICIAL DANCE TEAM... THE BAYLOR SONGLEADERS**

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- Cheer and dance at all home Baylor football games
  - Opportunity to travel to select away and post season football games
  - Perform half-time and sideline routines 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 UDA Summer College Dance Camp
  - Promote spirit and support for 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](mailto: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 must 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 26<sup>th</sup> and/or April 14<sup>th</sup>). Majority of the required audition material will be taught at each clinic
- Audition Attire: Black Hot Shorts            Black, Gold, Green, or White tank/sleeveless dance top  
Tan/Black Jazz shoes    Hair curled or straight, down, and bangs pulled back  
**NO** bare midriffs allowed, stomach and back area must be covered  
**NO** embellishments or writing on tops or bottoms-SOLID COLORS ONLY!  
**NO** TATTOOS showing while in audition attire!  
Full performance make up with a great shade of RED lipstick and liner  
Rhinestone earrings allowed in ears only
- Summer requirements and dates include (Dates subject to change):
  - Spirit Squad meeting (May 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - Pre-Camp practices (July 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
  - UDA College Dance Camp (July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>)
  - Work Week (August 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>)
- 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

Rachel Levetzow  
Baylor University  
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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**When and where are try outs?** The PRELIMINARY round will begin Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Marris McLean Dance Studio (located on 5<sup>th</sup> St. across from the Bill Daniel Student Center), check in begins at 4pm. The FINAL ROUND will begin on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in the Marris McLean Dance Studio, check in begins at 7:30am.

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

**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 paid, per diem during away games, UCA/UDA college camp, camp attire, practice attire, and workout clothes.

**What are practices like?** The Songleaders practice twice a week in the evenings for 2-3 hours. Outside of practice, we also require that all of our spirit squad members 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 opened to the public?** No! 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 head coach/spirit coordinator. All decisions are final.

**How many people audition?** The number of applicants will vary from year to year. This past year we had over 70 females audition.

**How many females make the team?** We do not have a maximum number of participants which means we have the ability to increase/decrease the number of dancers based on University needs as well as the needs of the team.

**Are there any summer requirements (Dates subject to change)?**

- Spirit Squad meeting (May 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Pre-Camp practices (July 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
- UDA College Dance Camp (July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>)
- Work Week (August 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>)

# 2012-2013 Audition Process

**April 20<sup>th</sup>: INCOMING/NEW MEMBERS ONLY      **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!****

Location: Marrs McLean Dance Studio (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
4:00pm Check in/Warm up on your own  
4:30pm PRELIMINARY ROUND will begin  
9:00pm Estimated end of PRELIMINARY ROUND  
9:30pm Finalist results posted (estimated time)

**April 21<sup>st</sup>: VETERAN/FINALIST MEMBERS ONLY      **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!****

Location: Marrs McLean Dance Studio (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
7:30am Check in/Warm up on your own  
8:00am FINAL ROUND will begin  
12:00pm Estimated end of FINAL ROUND

**Each applicant will be evaluated on the following:**

1. Audition Routine:  
Collegiate Image  
Leap Technique and Execution  
Turn Technique and Execution  
Performance Ability  
Overall Impression  
Crowd Appeal  
Memory
2. Fight Song:  
Collegiate Image  
Motion Strength  
Proper Pom Placement  
Crowd Appeal  
Overall Impression  
Memory
3. Surprise Routine (6-8 eight counts) taught during the FINAL ROUND only.
4. Letter of Recommendation from current coach/director/sponsor

*All four of these components will be evaluated equally throughout the audition process to determine the 2012-2013 Songleader dance team.*

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

**ALL RESULTS AND DECISIONS ARE FINAL!**



## 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

**Attach copy of insurance card to this form**

Emergency Contact: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION</b>
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High School: \_\_\_\_\_ HS Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ HS GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>EXPERIENCE INFORMATION</b>
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Are you currently on a cheer/dance team: Yes/No    Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Other previous Experience (List all coaches/locations): \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Coach Name, Phone Number, Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer plans: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE IS APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 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](mailto:Rachel.Levetzow@Baylor.edu) or 254-710-3357. Calls and emails will be accepted from the PARTICIPANT ONLY starting May 1, 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.

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Participant Signature

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Date

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Please Print Your Name

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Cell Phone Number

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Squad

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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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.

**FORM E: PARTICIPANT RELEASE**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE (in INK) DATE

Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

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