BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
COED and ALL GIRL
AUDITION PACKET 2017-2018
CHEER WITH BAYLOR UNIVERSITY’S OFFICIAL COED OR ALL GIRL CHEER TEAMS!

- Cheer at all home Baylor football games
- Possible opportunity to travel to select 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
- Promote spirit and support Baylor athletic teams
- Opportunity to practice, perform, learn and grow within a nurturing Christian environment

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
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)
- All applicants must have a cumulative and current GPA of 2.0 or above (submit copy of unofficial or official transcript with application)
- 2017-2018 members must maintain full time student status
- All those interested in auditioning for the 2017-2018 season must attend at least ONE college prep clinic (February 12th and/or April 8th). At our clinics you will be learning majority of the audition material
- **FEMALE** Audition Attire: Black Hot Shorts with Black/Gold/Green/White sleeveless top (midriff/sports bra tops are acceptable to wear)
  - Hair curled or straight, all the way down
  - NO embellishments or writing on top or bottom-SOLID COLORS ONLY!
  - NO TATTOOS showing while in audition attire!
  - NO cheer bow or 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, Baylor t-shirt
- Summer requirements and dates include (dates subject to change):
  - Spirit Squad meeting April 30th
  - Home camp dates July 14th-17th
  - Work Week August 14th-21st
- Submit the following documents, in order, to be officially registered for auditions:
  1. Head AND full body shot attached to front of application packet (pics non-returnable)
  2. Completed Application
  3. Proof of acceptance to Baylor and GPA (Acceptance Letter/unofficial Transcript)
  4. Final Judgment Policy (Signed by participant and parent/guardian)
  5. Copy of Insurance card (front and back)
  6. Parent Release Form (if under 18) OR Participant Release Form (if over 18)
  7. Non-Refundable Application fee of $40 payable to Baylor University Spirit Squads
  8. Letter of recommendation AND questionnaire submitted via email by 2 different people (coach/advisor/director)

All applicants should complete and mail the required documents and fees (in order listed above) to the Director’s Office located in the Simpson Athletic Building
Rachel Levetzow
Director of Spirit Squads
1500 S. University Parks Dr.
Waco, TX 76706

**COMPLETED PACKETS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND IN THE DIRECTOR’S OFFICE BY April 17th, 2017**
**NO EXCEPTIONS!**
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

When and where are try outs? All females will begin on April 22nd check-in at 3:30pm and will be held in the Allison Indoor Practice Facility located on University Parks Dr. All Girl finals begin April 23rd check in at 8:30am; Coed finals April 23rd report at 12:00pm. See tryout schedule on page 4 for details. 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 17th, 2017.

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, spanks, shoes, poms, warm ups, all travel expenses are paid, per diem during away games, practice attire, workout clothes, etc.

What are practices like? Both cheer teams practice twice a week from 6pm-9pm. 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 more 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 must be maintained throughout the year.

Are the auditions opened to the public? No! All aspects of the audition process will be closed to the public. This includes both clinics and tryouts.

If I cannot attend the audition, can I submit a video? Video auditions will not be allowed.

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.

Who judges the auditions? The Baylor Spirit Squad coaching staff will determine the roster for the 2017-2018 season. All decisions are final, NO exceptions!

How many people audition? The number of applicants vary from year to year.

How many people make the team? We do not have a set number of teammates which means we have the ability to increase/decrease the number of cheerleaders based on university and team needs.

Are there any summer requirements (dates subject to change)?
Spirit Squad Meeting April 30th
Home camp dates July 14th-17th
Work Week August 14th-21st
2017-2018 Audition Process

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

April 21st, 2017 (Optional Open Gym)  
Location: Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility  
6pm-9pm Come and go as necessary

April 22nd, 2017 (Incoming Females ONLY)  
Location: Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility  
3:30pm Check-in and warm up on your own  
4:00pm Preliminary round begins  
8pm (estimated time) All Girl and Coed Finalists announced

April 23rd, 2017 (ALL GIRL FINALS)  
Location: Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility  
8:30am Check-in for ALL GIRL FINALS/Warm up on your own  
9:00am All Girl audition process will begin: FINAL ROUND (Finalists and Vets ONLY)  
11am (estimated time) All Girl audition process will conclude  
12pm ALL finalists stay for Varsity fittings

April 23rd, 2017 (COED FINALS)  
Location: Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility  
12pm ALL Finalists and males report for Varsity fittings  
12:30pm Check-in for COED FINALS/Warm up on your own  
1pm Coed audition process will begin: FINAL ROUND (Coed Finalists, Vets, and males ONLY)  
3pm (estimated time) Coed audition process will conclude

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

1. Attitude/Personality  
2. Appearance/Athleticism  
3. Work Ethic  
4. Stunting/Tumbling  
5. Fight Song/Performance  
6. Both Letters of Recommendation and Questionnaires

Results will be posted on the Baylor Spirit Squad website no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, April 25th, 2017
ALL RESULTS AND DECISIONS ARE FINAL!
ALL GIRL AND COED CHEER
AUDITIONS 2017-2018 SEASON

Full Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________ City: __________________________ ST: _____ Zip: ________

Day Phone: _______________________________ Cell Phone: ________________________________

Date of Birth: ________ Age: _________ Email: ____________________________________________

CURRENT Classification: High School or College / Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Gender (circle):  Male Female Interested in (circle one or both): All Girl Coed

Attach copy of insurance card (front and back) to this form

Emergency Contact: (Name) __________________________ (Phone Number) ___________________

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School: __________________________________ HS Graduation Date: ________ HS GPA: ________

College: ____________________________________ Current GPA: ________ Cumulative: ______________

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

EXPERIENCE INFORMATION

Currently on a cheer/dance team and where: ________________________________________________

Current Advisor/Coach, Phone Number, Email: _____________________________________________

Other cheer/dance experiences (List all coaches/locations): __________________________________

Summer plans: _________________________________________________________________________

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: APRIL 17th, 2017

Please return completed application, head/body shot, release forms, copy of insurance card, and non-refundable fee of $40 (payable to Baylor University Spirit Squads) to Rachel Levetzow 1500 S. University Parks Drive Waco, TX 76706
FINAL JUDGEMENT POLICY
Baylor University Spirit Squads 2017-2018 Season

I understand that all decisions for the 2017-2018 Baylor Spirit Squads roster are final. I, nor anyone representing me, will not contact Baylor University spirit squad staff, spirit squad members, any representative of the University, or Athletics Department regarding the tryout process of final team selections.

All questions need to be addressed with the Director of Spirit, Rachel Levetzow at Rachel_Levetzow@Baylor.edu
Emails will be accepted from the PARTICIPANT ONLY starting May 2nd, 2017

I understand that the final number on each squad will be determined by the Director of Spirit Squads.

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

_______________________________________________             _________________________
Squad                    Print Name

______________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature

______________________________________________
Cell Phone Number
Baylor University Spirit Squads Applicant Questionnaire
and Letter of Recommendation

This questionnaire is provided at the request of the student listed below for the 2017-2018 Baylor University Spirit Squads Audition Process. Please submit the following items: this form, your answers, as well as a letter of recommendation via email to Rachel_Levetzow@baylor.edu

Deadline for questionnaire and letter of recommendation: April 17th, 2017

Applicant Name: __________________________________________________________

___X___ Applicant agrees to waive access to recommenders’ answers and letter of recommendation (recommender will submit the questionnaire, your answers and letter of recommendation together via email to Rachel_Levetzow@baylor.edu)

Auditioning for which team: COED     ALL GIRL     SONGLEADERS      MASCOTS

Question 1: What do you believe are the candidates strongest qualities and why? What about areas in which the candidate can still improve upon?

Question 2: Describe the candidate’s leadership and teamwork skills.

Question 3: Inform us of the candidate’s work ethic on new skills and how they handle themselves during challenging times (for example: mental blocks, etc.)

Question 4: How would you describe this candidate’s honesty, integrity, punctuality, initiative, and willingness to put forth effort in being a part of a prestigious team?

Question 5: In what ways has the candidate contributed to his/her current cheer/dance/mascot program?

Question 6: Is this candidate able to be held accountable with regards to having a full-time academic schedule as well as the responsibilities that come with being a part of a prominent collegiate spirit program?

Question 7: When faced with opposition, how does this candidate handle the situation?

Question 8: What have been the candidate’s greatest accomplishment to date while you’ve known her/him?
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’s permitting
PARTICIPANT to participate voluntarily in Baylor University’s Department of Athletics, Baylor Spirit Squads,
Baylor College Prep Clinics and Tryouts, on campus at Marrs McLean Gym and Allison Indoor, February 5th,
12th, and 19th, 2017, and April 8th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2017, hereinafter referred to as “EVENT,” sponsored by
Baylor University, I hereby expressly assume all the risks (e.g. accidents and injury associated with this event to
include broken and dislocated bones and head trauma) 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

ACTS, OMISSIONS OR NEGLIGENCE 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, STUDENT, 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

ACTS, OMISSIONS, OR NEGLIGENCE 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

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

GENERAL RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of Baylor University permitting me, "PARTICIPANT," to participate voluntarily in Baylor University's Department of Athletics, Baylor Spirit Squads, Baylor College Prep Clinics and Tryouts, on campus at Marrs McLean Gym and Allison Indoor, February 5th, 12th, and 19th, 2017, and April 8th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2017, hereinafter referred to as "EVENT," sponsored by Baylor University, I hereby expressly assume all the risks (e.g. accidents and injury associated with this event to include broken and dislocated bones and head trauma) 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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ACTS, OMISSIONS, OR NEGLIGENCE 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 (in INK) DATE

Participant Name Printed: ________________________________

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