BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MASCOTS
AUDITION PACKET 2017-2018

Baylor University’s official mascots...

Bruiser the Bear

- Perform at all home Baylor football games
- Opportunity to travel to away and post season football games
- Perform at all home Baylor Men’s and Lady Bear’s basketball games
- Travel to the Big 12 Conference 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 spirit events
- Promote spirit and support for 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 official or unofficial transcript with application)
- 2017-2018 members must maintain full time student status
- Applicants must attend ONE college prep clinic: Feb. 12th or April 8th prior to auditioning for the 2017-2018 team
- Audition Attire: Athletic shorts  Athletic Shoes
  White, Black, Green, or Gold T-Shirt (BU or Baylor writing only!)
- Summer requirements and dates include (Dates subject to change):
  - Spirit Squad Meeting April 30th
  - Home camp July 14th-17th
  - Work Week August 14th-21st
- Submit the following documents, in order, to be officially registered for auditions:
  - Head shot attached to front of application packet (pics non-returnable)
  - Completed Application
  - Proof of acceptance to Baylor and GPA (Acceptance Letter/unofficial Transcript)
  - Final Judgment Policy (Signed by participant and parent/guardian)
  - Copy of Insurance card (front and back)
  - Parent Release Form (if under 18) OR Participant Release Form (if over 18)
  - Non-Refundable Application fee of $40 payable to Baylor University Spirit Squads
  - Letter of recommendation AND questionnaire submitted via email by 2 different people (coach/advisor/director)

All applicants should complete and mail 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? April 21st, 2017 in the Allison Indoor Practice facility; check in at 6pm, we will begin at 6:30pm and conclude around 9pm. If the location/time of the audition should change, you will receive a phone call and/or email with details.

When is my audition packet due? Packets are due to Rachel Levetzow 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, shoes, warm ups, all travel expenses are paid, per diem during away games, camp attire, practice attire, and workout clothes.

What are practices like? During the year, our mascots do not “practice” on a regular basis. However, they still need to available during the spirit squads practice times in case the director/coaches asks them to attend.

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! 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.

Who judges the auditions? All decisions regarding the 2017-2018 spirit squads will be determined by the Baylor Spirit Squad Director. All decisions are final.

How many mascots make the team? Currently we have 7 mascots. We do not have a set number of team members which means this particular number has the ability to change based on the University needs as well as the needs of the team.

Are there any summer requirements (Dates subject to change)?
  o Spirit Squad meeting April 30th
  o Home Camp practices July 14th-17th
  o Work Week August 14th-21st
2016-2017 AUDITION PROCESS

Auditions: CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!
- Location: Allison Indoor Practice Facility
- April 21st, 2017
- Check in 6:00pm
- Auditions will begin 6:30pm
- Auditions scheduled to conclude around 9pm
- Prepare a two minute skit to be performed in front of spirit squad coaches and current mascots
- Ability to work with improvisational items and objects
- Advanced knowledge and previous work with cartoon mascots
- Athletic skills
- Strength and abilities appropriate for required activities.

Mascot’s Audition Process/Guidelines:

1. Must present/perform a 2 minute skit/dance/show
   a. Props are encouraged
   b. Music is optional but always encouraged
   c. All props must be appropriate
   d. All costumes and clothes must be appropriate
   e. All songs, backdrops, etc. must be appropriate

2. Opportunity to show the Bruiser “walk”, chance to work with improvisational items and objects, may be given scenario’s to demonstrate ability to entertain a crowd.

3. Both letters of recommendation and questionnaires

Results will be posted on the Baylor Spirit Squad website no later than 5:00pm on April 25th, 2017
ALL RESULTS AND DECISIONS ARE FINAL!
BAYLOR MASCOTS 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

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/mascot team: Yes/No & Where:

_____________________________________________________________________________________

Advisor/Coach Name, Phone Number, Email:

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Summer plans:

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER: APRIL 17th, 2017

Please return completed application, head 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

______________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature

______________________________________________
Print Name
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?
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

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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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