DANCE AND CHEER WITH BAYLOR UNIVERSITY’S OFFICIAL DANCE TEAM…
THE BAYLOR SONGLEADERS

- Cheer and dance at all home Baylor football games
- Opportunity to travel to select away and post season football games
- Perform half-time, media breaks, 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
- 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.
- All those interested in auditioning for the 2017-2018 season must attend at least ONE college prep clinic (February 12th and/or April 8th). The Baylor Fight Song and Jazz audition routine will be taught at clinic.
- Audition Attire: Black Hot Shorts with Black/Gold/Green/White form fitting dance top (midriff and sports bra tops are allowed)
  - Hair curled or straight and down
  - NO embellishments or writing on apparel -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 April 30th
  - Home Camp practices 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 (in order) and fees to the Director’s Office located in the Simpson Athletic Building
Baylor University
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? The PRELIMINARY round will begin Friday, April 21st in the Marrs McLean Dance Studio (located on 5th St. across from the Bill Daniel Student Center), check in begins at 4:30pm. The SEMI-FINAL round will begin on Saturday, April 22nd in the Dance Studio, check in begins at 8am. The FINAL round will begin Saturday, April 22nd in the Dance Studio, check in begins 12:30pm (estimated time).

When are audition packets 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, poms, warm ups, all travel expenses paid, per diem during away games, camp attire, practice attire, and workout clothes.

What are practices like? The Songleaders practice twice a week in the evenings from 6pm-9pm. Outside of practice, we also require that our entire spirit squad program workout 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. This includes all clinics, open gyms, 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? All decisions regarding the 2017-2018 spirit squads will be determined by the head coach/director of spirit. 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 set number of teammates 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 April 30th
- Home Camp practices July 14th-17th
- Work Week August 14th-21st
2017-2018 Audition Process

April 21st: INCOMING/NEW MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!
Location: Marrs McLean Dance Studio (3rd floor)
4:30pm Check in/Warm up on your own
5pm PRELIMINARY ROUND will begin (fight song and jazz routine evaluated)
8pm Estimated end of PRELIMINARY ROUND
9pm SEMIFINALISTS announced-semifinalists will enter the studio to learn the Semifinal hip hop routine

April 22nd: VETERAN/SEMI FINALIST MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!
8:00am Check in/Warm up on your own
8:15am SEMI-FINAL ROUND will begin (Fight Song, Jazz and Hip Hop routine evaluated)
10am Estimated end of SEMI-FINAL ROUND
10:30am FINALISTS announced-Finalists will enter the studio to learn the Final pom Routine

April 22nd: FINALISTS ONLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!
12:30pm Check in/warm up on your own (estimated time) PLUS uniform fitting
1:30pm Estimated start of FINAL ROUND (Fight Song, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Pom routines evaluated)

Each applicant will be evaluated on the following:
1. Jazz/Hip Hop/Pom Routines:
   Collegiate Image
   Leap/Turn technique and execution
   Control, strength, body awareness, power within each routine
   Performance Ability
   Overall Impression
   Crowd Appeal
   Memory

2. Fight Song:
   Collegiate Image
   Motion Strength and Proper Pom Placement
   Crowd Appeal
   Overall Impression
   Memory

3. Both Letters of Recommendation and questionnaires from current coach/director/sponsor

All of these components will be evaluated equally throughout the audition process to determine the 2017-2018 Songleader dance team.

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

_______________________________________________             _________________________
Squad                                     Print Name

_______________________________________________             _________________________
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?
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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