



## **2012-2013 UNM SPIRIT PROGRAM TRYOUTS –**

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Applications **must** be received in office by **Monday, April 16, 2012**. Please drop off, mail or fax to:

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**All University of New Mexico Spirit Program Applicants will be judged and selected based on the execution of skills listed below and a Coach’s score and recommendation.**

### **LOBO CHEERLEADING & MASCOT TRYOUT INFORMATION –**

Friday, April 20, 2012 – 5:30-9:00pm  
Saturday, April 21, 2012 – 8:30-11:30am & 2:30-7:00pm  
All Events will be held at University Arena – The Pit

### **LOBO DANCE TEAM TRYOUT INFORMATION –**

Saturday, April 21, 2012 – 11:00am-2:30pm  
Sunday, April 22, 2012 – 8:00am-12:00pm & 2:00-5:00pm  
All Events will be held at University Arena – The Pit

### **CHEER & DANCE CLINIC INFORMATION –**

**All Clinics will be held at University Arena – The Pit**

Sunday, January 22, 2012 – 2:00-4:00pm  
Sunday, February 26, 2012 – 2:00-4:00pm  
Sunday, April 15, 2012 – 2:00-4:00pm

\$20.00 cash to be paid on the day of clinic per participant/per clinic

If you attend all three clinics, the final clinic will be \$10.00 for a total of \$50.00 for all three.

These clinics are not required in order to tryout, but are **STRONGLY** recommended. By attending, you will get a head start on stunting and tryout information. The fee is \$20.00 per participant/per clinic and each participant will be required to bring a completed Release Form in order to participate.

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**TRYOUT WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -**  
**ALL EVENTS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Friday, April 20, 2012 – 5:30-6:00pm – Cheer & Mascot Check-in  
6:00-7:00pm - Learn Cheer Clinic Material  
7:00-9:00pm – Cheer Stunt and Cheer & Mascot Material Workshop

Saturday, April 21, 2012 - 8:30-11:30am – Cheer Stunt Tryouts  
11:00am-11:30am – Dance Check-in  
11:30am-2:30pm – Learn Dance Clinic Material  
2:30-7:00pm – Cheer & Mascot Tryouts

Sunday, April 22, 2012 - 8:00am – 2012-2013 UNM Cheer & Mascot List Posted at The Pit  
8:00-10:00am – Dance Review  
10:00am-12:00pm – Dance Technique Tryouts  
12:00-2:00pm – Lunch Break  
2:00-5:00pm – Dance Tryouts  
5:30pm – 2012-2013 UNM Dance Team List Posted and **Mandatory Meeting** for ALL newly selected Spirit Program Members in The Pit.

**Please remember that all times are approximate and subject to change.**

**PREFERRED SKILLS -**

**APPEARANCE**

Please be aware that this is an important part of your tryout process. You should appear “game ready” throughout the entire weekend.

**Cheer & Mascot What to wear:** Cotton shorts (female), gym shorts (male), athletic t-shirt or tank, sport bras, white socks and cheer shoes. Please make sure your selections are appropriate and we suggest that you wear red, grey, black or white. Wearing other University apparel is not recommended.

Shirts need to be tucked in and no hats or jewelry of any kind will be permitted. Female applicants must have hair pulled up and away from the face and wear cheer bloomers under cotton shorts. Male applicants should be clean shaven during the tryout weekend.

**Dance What to wear:** Black dance pants and black tank style top with hair pulled up and away from the face. All applicants must bring jazz shoes and tennis shoes and no jewelry of any kind will be permitted.

### **CHEER TUMBLING**

All tumbling must be performed safely without a spotter. In addition to the preferred skills, we will ask you to perform any additional tumbling you may have up to two passes.

**Female Preferred Skills:** Standing Back Handspring, Standing Back Handspring Back Tuck, Standing Back Tuck and Running Round-off Back Tuck

**Male Preferred Skills:** Standing Back Tuck and Running Round-off Back Tuck

### **CHEER PARTNER STUNTS**

All Stunting must be performed with a potential member of the 2012-2013 University of New Mexico Cheerleaders attending the tryouts. For the All-Girl team, applicants can tryout for one stunting position of your choice (base, back or flyer). We are looking for strength, technique and body awareness in stunting technique and additions to the skills in the loads and dismounts of the skills. If a female applicant is trying out for All-Girl and Co-ed, she must tryout with both sets of preferred skills.

**Female Co-ed Stunts:** Liberty, Stretch and Optional

**Female All-Girl Stunts:** Extension, Stretch and Optional

**Male Co-ed Stunts:** Liberty, Stretch and Optional

### **CHEER SIDELINE & FIGHT SONG**

Both the sideline and fight song will be taught at the clinic on Friday, April 20th. We will be looking for proper motion technique, rhythm, memorization, natural enthusiasm and crowd leading ability.

### **DANCE SKILLS**

All applicants will be judged on a jazz routine, a hip-hop routine and a technique class which will incorporate the skills listed below.

- Turns:** Double turns in parallel right/left  
Triple turns in parallel right/left  
Coupe turns (turns at the ankle) turned out double/triple, right/left  
Double turn to side tilt kick right/left  
Releve turns (turns in second) right/left  
Catch turns right/left
- Leaps:** Front leaps right/left  
Inverted leaps right/left  
Side leaps right/left  
Leap turns (calypsos) right/left  
Switch leaps right/left  
Toe touch
- Splits:** Right/Center/Left

## **LOBO LOUIE & LOBO LUGY MASCOTS**

Each applicant will be asked to perform a 2 minute skit to music with props incorporated. Remember to develop the personality of the mascot. Please bring your own music and props and each applicant will have time to work on the skit on Friday, April 20th. Mascots may only use other potential UNM Spirit Members for assistance in their performance.

### **ELIGIBILITY & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE –**

All UNM Spirit Program Applicants must bring a copy of UNM Spring Enrollment for current UNM students, a UNM Letter of Acceptance for incoming freshmen or a copy of High School transcripts if you have not yet received your letter from UNM. All applicants must have a 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA in order to tryout for a position on the UNM Spirit Program. If selected for any of the teams or mascot, UNM Spirit Program Members must enroll and earn 12 hours and maintain a 2.5 or better semester GPA.

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### **MEDICAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS –**

All UNM Spirit Program Applicants must bring a copy of health insurance information/card and complete the Pre-Participation Physical Exam Form on the Tryout Application. Student insurance is not accepted. Returning 2011-2012 UNM Spirit Members will not need to complete this form, but will need to have a copy of their insurance card.

### **COMMITMENT –**

All newly selected UNM Spirit Program Members must attend the MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 5:30pm in The Pit.

### **2011 SUMMER COMMITMENT**

UCA/UDA College Summer Camp and Camp Practices are Mandatory for all Cheerleaders, Dancers & Mascots - Approximately July 9-16, 2012

### **VIDEO TRYOUT INFORMATION –**

It is STRONGLY encouraged for every applicant to attend the tryout, but video tryouts will be accepted for out-of-state applicants only. All preferred skills must be shown on the video and all required information must be included in the packet and received by **Monday, April 16, 2012**. DVD and VHS format will be accepted. Please contact Tracy Denton at (505)925-5613 or [NMspirit@unm.edu](mailto:NMspirit@unm.edu) for additional information.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
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