

## **2012-2013 Purdue Cheerleading Tryout Information – All-Girl/Small Coed Team**

- Stunts
  - Straight Up stunt (shown in fight song)
    - Can be elevator/half, extension, liberty or stretch.
  - A stunt sequence that includes a transition and dismount.
    - Examples of stunt sequence looking for:
      - Full-up lib, retake, full-up stretch, double down.
      - Straight up airbesk, double down, reload, full-up lib, pop down.
  - We are looking for girls who can perform more than one stunting position. The more versatile you are as a stunter, the better.
- Tumbling
  - Standing tumbling: standing back tuck, cartwheel tuck, toe touch back tuck, standing back handspring tuck
  - Series tumbling: roundoff, backhandspring tuck
  - All tumbling will be done on a non-spring floor mat and without spotters.
  - All skills listed above are the MINIMUM skill requirements that could be asked at tryouts.
- Jumps
  - Double or triple toe touch
  - Left side hurdle/right side hurdle
    - Any jump sequence you can connect with the tuck at the end would be to your benefit.
- Fight song
  - All will learn the motions to “Hail Purdue.” Performances of the fight song, which includes a standing tuck, will be with poms.
- Cadence
  - All will learn the motions to the “Go Purdue” band cadence.
- Males
  - All males will tryout for the coed squad. A small coed squad will be created at the discretion of Coach Solberg. Number of males trying out and skill level of males versus females will be the determining factor of having an all-girl or small coed squad.

All the above (except stunt sequences) will be performed on Saturday, April 21 in the NEW Mackey practice basketball court. There will be first round of cuts made on Saturday and posted. Those who make it to Sunday will have an open stunt on Saturday evening (Mackey practice court, 7:00-10:00 p.m. ) where they can find a group to work on a stunt sequence (as described above) for Sunday.

Before final tryouts on Sunday, each finalist will have a personal interview on Sunday morning with each of the judges and Coach Solberg. Please treat this interview as a job interview, so attire should be at least business casual.

Final tryouts will be in the Mackey practice court. All finalists will perform "Hail Purdue" and the "Go Purdue" band cadence. They will then show their optional standing tumbling skill and one series tumbling pass and an optional pass (if they have one). Final thing shown will be stunt sequences. After all have performed, the judging panel and Coach Solberg will select the 2012-2013 Purdue University all-girl or small coed cheerleading squad! Sunday's final tryouts are open to the public so please invite all family and friends to come watch!

**Appearance/Image:** At Purdue University, appearance and image is very important to the program. All females are expected to present themselves in a collegiate and professional manner at all times. We are looking for the "All-American" cheerleader. At tryouts, those trying out are expected to wear and look like:

- **Females:** all girls are to look "game ready." Natural make-up should be worn. Hair should be half-up, half-down with a bow (preferably white). All females will wear a full cut black tank top with black shorts (can be Softe type or boy cut athletic tights) and white cheerleading shoes. Any apparel that says Purdue CHEER/CHEERLEADING should NOT be worn. Wearing just a sports bra is NOT allowed at tryouts. All tryout apparel worn should not have any other college or high school names or logos on it.

### **2012 Purdue University Cheerleading clinic information**

**College Prep Clinics and Tryout Bids:** To tryout for the Purdue University cheerleading squad, all females MUST attend one of our college prep clinics. The dates are Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, April 15, 2011. For more information, please check out: <http://www.purduesports.com/sports/c-spirit/spec-rel/102611aaa.html>. If you are not able to attend one of these clinics, but are still interested in trying out for the squad, please contact Coach Solberg immediately at [ssolberg@purdue.edu](mailto:ssolberg@purdue.edu) to work something out.

**Tryout Dates and Tentative Schedule:** Tryouts will start on Friday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Mackey practice court. Registration and check-in will start at 6:00 p.m. Once checked-in, all potential cheerleaders will be put through a strength, agility and flexibility test with our strength and conditioning coach. These tests will measure athleticism and are also good indicators of weaknesses and potential for injury. After agility tests are complete, athletes are welcome to stay for open gym.

Saturday will start at 10:00 a.m. with "Hail Purdue" with standing tucks and "Go Purdue" band cadence. After lunch, there will be standing and series tumbling followed by rotation stunting. Saturday will conclude around 5:00 p.m. After first round of cuts are made and posted, finalists will have an open stunt time of 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the new Mackey practice court to work on final stunt sequence.

Finalists will begin their interview process on Sunday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m. at the Kissell Center (across the street from the Drew and Brittney Brees Academic Center). Final performances will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the new Mackey practice court.

Teams will be announced via e-mail and/or text within 24 hours and later confirmed at [boilerspirit.com](http://boilerspirit.com)

**Required Paperwork:** All potential first year members who are **non-Purdue students** must bring their acceptance letter to Purdue AND two letters of recommendation (one from their cheer coach and one from a teacher/professor). Bring proof of acceptance of acceptance if you have it.

All potential first year members who are current Purdue students must bring their student ID and verification from the bursar's office of full-time student status.

Also, everybody must have a copy of a negative sickle cell screening. Waiver forms will be available to those who do not have the screening done, but the Purdue athletic training staff highly suggests getting this done for your health and safety.

### **Squad Size, Season Assignments and Alternates**

**Squad size:** For the 2012-2013 season, if the squad ends up being all-girl, there will be at least 16 females and no more than 26. If the squad ends up being small coed, there will be at least two males and no more than four and at least 14 females and no more than 22.

**Alternates:** At tryouts, everybody will be asked if they would like to be considered for an alternate position. At final tryouts, those who are cut, but would like to be an alternate will be contacted on Thursday, May 3, if anybody declines their spot on the team. The judging panel and Coach Solberg will rank those who are alternates and will contact those who ranked the highest first if anybody declines their spot on the team.

**Sporting seasons:** The Purdue Cheerleading squad cheers at all home and away Purdue football games, bowl game, home volleyball matches, and home and post-season men's and women's basketball games, in addition to various local/surrounding area community functions. Travel opportunities are based on seniority and maintaining minimum academic and skill requirements.

**Summer Dates & Commitments:** If selected as a member of the 2012-2013 Purdue Cheerleading squad, the following dates should be made available throughout the summer if possible:

- Tuesday, May 1 – deadline for students admitted by April 10 to accept their acceptance to Purdue University.
- Wednesday, May 2 – Deadline for all incoming freshmen (or first year Purdue students) to commit to the Purdue University cheerleading squad.
- Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13 – First summer practice (Time & Place TBA)
- Friday, June 22 – Sunday, June 24 – Summer practices (Time & Place TBA)
- Friday, July 13 – Sunday, July 15 – Summer practices (Time & Place TBA)
- Monday, July 30 – Tuesday, July 31 – Pre-camp practices (Time & Place TBA)
- Thursday, August 2 – Sunday, August 5 – UCA College Camp at Milwaukee, WI
  - \* These are tentative dates and could be changed\*