

Seymour and Spirit Squad Request Form

All appearance requests must be submitted using the below Appearance Request Form.

Request Timeline

All requests should be received at least three weeks prior to the event. If any mascot request is made with less than three weeks' notice, there could be additional fees involved. Requests will be responded to in five (5) to seven (7) business days. Submitting a request does not guarantee an appearance.

In the event that an appearance must be cancelled, athletic department personnel must give three (3) days prior notice.

Mascots are available for appearances throughout the year however the summer months, as well as, Winter Break may be harder to fulfill an appearance request due to school being out of session.

Appearance Fees

Appearance fees vary based on the type of appearance.

Requests by University Student groups are \$50 per hour. Internal, sponsor, non-profit, and University appearances are \$75 per hour which is a discounted rate to cover costs incurred.

External appearances are \$200 per hour for all appearances in Forrest/Lamar Counties. Pricing for appearances outside of Forrest/Lamar Counties will incur an additional mileage cost.

Requests involving both mascot and spirit squads will be offered a half-price discount for the second group.

Mileage and Parking Fees

Appearances out-of-area, defined as 20 + miles from the University of Southern Mississippi campus, will require the requester to pay the university mileage rate of 58¢ per mile directly to the mascot making the appearance.

Reimbursement for incurred parking fees is also the responsibility of the requestor. Any mileage fees and/or parking reimbursement are required at time of event and are to be paid directly to the mascot in cash/check.

Additional Appearance Requirements

Accurate directions, location, on-site contact and on-site phone number must be provided.

On-site contact must be available to escort the mascot to and from their vehicle for security purposes.

A private and secure changing room must be provided for the mascot to change and keep belongings locked during the appearance. Water, preferably bottled, must be provided to the mascot.

The mascot cannot be required to be inside the suit for longer than a maximum of one hour at a time before taking a break. If the appearance is outdoors please allow extra breaks during that allotted time. The mascot is unable to perform in severe weather.

A friendly and safe environment must be maintained. Mascots reserve the right to walk away from any appearance deemed unsafe or harmful and refunds (if applicable) will not be granted.

Publicity/Marketing Restrictions

All publicity for the event, whether in advance or afterwards, which mentions an appearance by a mascot or uses university marks (logos), must be approved by the University of Southern Mississippi Athletics Department before use. For approval please contact 601-266-6629.

Directions to Event*

Onsite Contact Name*

Onsite Contact Phone*

Audience Size*

Age Range of Audience*

Mascot Will Be: (Check all that apply)

- Signing Autographs
- Performing for a Group
- Fundraising of any sort
- Greeting Guests
- Available for the Media
- Posing for Pictures
- Other

Additional Information:

Please send completed forms to Carly Della Sala at Carly.Dellasala@usm.edu.