

2008-09 Wyoming Spirit Squad Tryouts

Tryouts

Wildfire Dance Team Tryouts April 11th & the 12th

Friday: Clinics will be held in the Arena Auditorium from 3:00pm-7:00pm. The clinic is open for viewing, however only staff and potential new members are allowed on the floor.

Saturday: Review in the Arena Auditorium from 10:00am-11:00am. Closed Tryouts will begin at 1:00pm.

Cheer & Mascot Tryouts April 18th & 19th

Friday: Clinic will be held in the Arena Auditorium from 3:00pm-7:00pm. The clinic is open for viewing, however only staff and potential new members are allowed on the floor.

Saturday:

- a. Review in the Arena Auditorium from 8:00am-10:00am.***
- b. Mascot Tryouts will be held at 10:00am and are the only portion of tryouts that are open for viewing.***
- c. Brown Squad Stunting Tryouts will begin at 11:00am, and will run until 12:30pm.***
- d. Gold Squad Stunting Tryouts will begin at 1:00pm and end at 2:30pm.***
- e. The cheer, dance, tumbling, and interview portion will begin around 3:00pm and all potential team members must attend. (The coaching staff and judging panel reserves the right to make a first cut after the stunting portion if necessary. The coaching staff and judging panel also reserve the right to make call-backs if necessary to give a proper score.)***
- f. After final cuts, the Brown and Gold Squads will be announced via posting at the designated location. Uniform measurements will be taken immediately after posting.***

Safety: Mats will be provided for stunting and tumbling on Friday and Saturday morning review. Mats will be used in accordance with AACCA safety standards for the stunting portion of the tryout, however a spot will be provided if needed. Those who have tumbling on their own will be preferred over those who need a spot.

Mandatory Attire:

Cheer (women) – black shorts, white sports bra &/or fitted white tank

Cheer (men) – black shorts, plain white t-shirt

Wildfire (dance) – black jazz pants, white sports bra &/or fitted white tank

A. General Information

1. Only with special permission from the Spirit Squad Coach can one try out for the Spirit Squad after he/she quit or been removed for non-compliance from the Brown Squad, Gold Squad, Wildfire, or the mascot on a previous occasion. Each member must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and be a full-time student at the University of Wyoming.
2. During spring tryouts, twelve members will be assigned to the Brown squad, twelve members to the Gold squad, twelve members to Wildfire, and three members to serve as mascots. A panel of individuals with collegiate cheer/dance experience and accreditation will be selected to judge the tryouts. The coaches and judges may add members as alternates to any squad if deemed necessary. Final selection of the squads will be reviewed by the coaching staff before being announced.
3. Alternates named for each team will not be named 1, 2, 3. The coach will move up/replace absent members based on skill, position need and work ethic. Any member named to the squad at tryouts who cannot fulfill the requirements of the squad or who consistently disregard team rules and policies may be moved down to an alternate position. This may or may not be permanent based on the individual situation and coaching discretion.
4. Squad captains will be appointed by the Spirit Squad Coach following tryouts. The coach, in selecting captains, will give consideration to the general composition of the squad, level of experience, personality and team vote..
5. Participating in the Spirit Squad at the University of Wyoming requires a significant time commitment. To qualify for a position on the squad, a student must accept his/her responsibility to attend all Spirit Squad activities, such as games, camp, practices, and functions. In order to perform as a squad, dedication by each member is a priority. If a student feels that he/she cannot accept this time commitment, they should not tryout for the squad.
6. The length of service for a Spirit Squad member will be one year from the time of selection until the next April tryout. For those selected in April, this will include any summer practices, summer camp, the normal intercollegiate athletic year requirements and National Cheer/Dance Competition, if the squad(s) choose(s) to compete. Spirit Squad members will be called upon to participate at alumni functions and intercollegiate athletic events. Every attempt will be made to balance time commitments. Although members may feel they've been selected to support specific sports, the ultimate emphasis must be on the support of the entire University of Wyoming's Intercollegiate Athletics Program.

B. General Requirements

1. Tryout Fees
 - a. \$20 required on the first day of the clinic
 - b. \$25 required for all video applicants
2. Completed and signed application form
3. Completed and signed insurance waiver
4. Freshman and/or transfer students must bring an official acceptance letter from the University of Wyoming
5. Current University of Wyoming students must bring an unofficial copy of their transcript
6. Printed class schedule for upcoming semester
7. Must have and maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average
8. Must wear required attire to tryouts
9. Will participate in individual interviews
10. Must include a headshot

C. Brown Squad Requirements

Women

1. ***Tumbling: Standing back handspring, running tumbling pass, and one of the following three options: toe touch back handspring, standing back tuck, or back handspring back tuck.***
2. ***Stunting: Toss shoulders, walk to the top, or walk hands pop & go extension, liberty with cradle, and an optional stunt...(show full down if possible).***
3. ***Jumps: Toe touch, herkie, and an optional (may be a sequence)***
4. ***Sideline (will be taught at clinic)***
5. ***Cheer (will be taught at clinic)***
6. ***Interview: Appearance, personality, and attitude.***

Men

1. ***Tumbling: Standing back tuck & a running tumbling pass***
2. ***Stunting: Toss shoulders, walk to the top, or walk hands pop & go extension, liberty with cradle, and an optional stunt...(show full down if possible).***
3. ***Jumps: Toe touch***
4. ***Cheer (will be taught at clinic)***
5. ***Interview: Appearance, personality, and attitude.***

D. Gold Squad Requirements

1. ***Tumbling: Standing back handspring, running tumbling pass, and one of the following three options: toe touch back handspring, standing back tuck, or back handspring back tuck.***
2. ***Stunting: Extension with cradle, liberty with cradle, and an option (may be a sequence).***

3. *Jumps: Toe touch, herkie, and an optional (may be a sequence)*
4. *Sideline (will be taught at clinic)*
5. *Cheer (will be taught at clinic)*
6. *Interview: Appearance, personality, and attitude.*

Please Change section E to read as follows:

E. Wildfire Requirements

1. *Skills: Double & Triple pirouettes, axel, leaps, Russian center leaps, switch leaps, toe touch, kicks, and splits.*
2. *Dance: Hip Hop & Jazz, and a Technical Routine (will be taught at clinic)*
3. *Interview: Appearance, personality, and attitude.*

E. Mascot Requirements

Each person must perform a two-minute skit in the Pistol Pete costume. The costume will be provided by the UW Athletics Department. Bring your own music and props.

F. Video Tryout Requirements

In the event you are unable to participate in live tryouts, please contact Ty'Lene Jackson regarding a video tryout. A pre-recorded video with all live tryout dances and cheers will be sent. You will be required to learn these dances and cheers (in a short amount of time) and will need to record yourself demonstrating all these skills. The recording will need to be a consecutive recording (one take with no stopping). Again, you must not stop the tape while you are recording yourself, however, you may start over twice if you need to.

IV. Squad Requirements

A. Roles

Spirit Squad members are expected to work as a team. Individual members of the squad may be close friends. Squad members' friendship or non-friendship shall not have a negative effect on the team. The roles of each squad are as follows:

1. *Brown Squad* - members will cheer at all home football games, all home men's basketball games, half of the home volleyball matches, select home soccer matches, and other events per special needs. Please see below for a more detailed description:
 - a. Football
 - i. Members are required to participate in pre-game activities, including running the team on with the flags.
 - ii. Members are responsible for starting cheers, performing pyramids, stunts, tumbling and sidelines throughout the entire game.
 - iii. Members are required to run the flags in the end zone and tumble when the Cowboys score a touchdown.
 - b. Volleyball
 - i. Members are required to participate in pre-game activities.

- ii. Members are responsible for starting cheers, performing pyramids, stunts, tumbling and sidelines throughout the entire game.
 - c. Soccer
 - i. Members are required to participate in pre-game activities.
 - ii. Members are responsible for starting cheers, performing pyramids, stunts, tumbling and sidelines throughout the entire game.
 - d. Men's Basketball
 - i. Members are required to participate in pre-game activities, including running the team on with the flags.
 - ii. Members are responsible for starting cheers, performing pyramids, stunts, tumbling and sidelines throughout the entire game.
 - iii. Members will be required to do a tumbling sequence set forth by the coach on free throw attempts.
 - e. Miscellaneous
 - i. From time to time, members will be required to assist with the distribution of information (e.g.: player cards, flyers, etc.) or with events such as carnivals, celebrations, annual Cheer/Dance clinic and other promotional activities.
- 2. *Gold Squad* - members will cheer at all home football games, all home women's basketball games, half of the home volleyball matches, select home soccer matches, and other events per special needs. Please see below for a more detailed description:
 - a. Football
 - i. Members are required to participate in pre-game activities, including running the team on the field.
 - ii. Members are responsible for starting cheers, performing pyramids, stunts, tumbling and sidelines throughout the entire game.
 - iii. Members are required to do a tumbling sequence set forth by the coach when the Cowboys get a touch down.
 - b. Volleyball
 - i. Members are required to participate in pre-game activities.
 - ii. Members are responsible for starting cheers, performing pyramids, stunts, tumbling and sidelines throughout the entire game.
 - c. Soccer
 - i. Members are required participate in pre-game activities.
 - ii. Members are responsible for starting cheers, performing pyramids, stunts, tumbling and sidelines throughout the entire game.
 - d. Women's Basketball

- i. Members are required participate in pre-game activities, including running the team on with the flags.
 - ii. Members are responsible for starting cheers, performing pyramids, stunts, tumbling and sidelines throughout the entire game.
 - iii. Members will be required to do a tumbling sequence set forth by the coach on free throw attempts.
 - e. Miscellaneous
 - i. From time to time, members will be required to assist with the distribution of information (e.g.: player cards, flyers, etc.) or with events such as carnivals, celebrations, annual Spirit Squad clinic and other promotional activities.
- 3. *Wildfire* - members will perform at all home football games. Wildfire members will dance at select timeouts and halftimes of all home men's basketball games, home women's basketball games, and select home volleyball matches, and other events per special needs. Please see below for a more detailed description:
 - a. Football
 - i. Members are required to participate in pre-game activities, including forming a tunnel as the team takes the field.
 - ii. At select halftimes the dance team is required to perform a halftime show with the band.
 - iii. Members are responsible for performing sidelines and cheers.
 - b. Men's & Women's Basketball
 - i. Members are required to participate in pre-game activities.
 - ii. Members will perform routines at select timeouts and halftimes.
 - c. Miscellaneous
 - i. From time to time, members will be required to assist with the distribution of information (e.g.: player cards, flyers, etc.) or with events such as carnivals, celebrations, annual Cheer/Dance clinic and other promotional activities.
- 4. *Mascots* – Members will perform at all home football games, all home volleyball matches, select home soccer matches, all home men's basketball games, all home women's basketball games, and other events per special needs. From time to time, members will be required to assist with the distribution of information (e.g.: player cards, flyers, etc.) or with events such as carnivals, celebrations, and other promotional activities.

Wyoming Spirit Squad Application

(Please Print Legibly)

Name (Last, First)

Social Security Number

Mailing Address

E Mail Address

City

State

Zip

Phone	Cell Phone	Birthdate
H.S. GPA	College GPA	Year in school
College Major	Height	Weight
Summer Address	Parents Names	

I am trying out for (please circle):

Wildfire Mascot Female Cheerleader Male Cheerleader

Female Cheerleaders Applicants ONLY:

Brown (co-ed) Gold (all girl)

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Experience & Skills:

Please describe briefly your Desire to be a member of the University of Wyoming Spirit Squads:

Please list your apparel sizes below:

Shoes: _____ T-Shirt: _____ Skirt: _____

Shorts: _____ Shell: _____ Sweats: _____

Warm-ups: _____ Dance Pants: _____ Briefs: _____

Tank Top: _____ Sports Bra: _____

In order to be a member of the Wyoming Spirit Squads, you are expected to attend all performance practices, conditioning practices, booster and community events, camp activities, and all required games. In addition, each squad member is required to fulfill weekly study hours, dictated by the Spirit Squad Coach and the University. By signing below, you have complete understanding of this commitment, and that being part of the spirit squad requires major personal commitment. You will be expected to schedule all other personal activities around your spirit squad commitment!

Signed

Date

Insurance Waiver

I, _____, waive the University of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming Spirit Squad

program of all responsibility of injuries incurred during the cheerleading & dance tryout practices and judging process.

Signature

Date

Parent signature (if under 18)

Date

Insurance Information

Company: _____

Policy Owners Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Summer 2006 Contact Information

(Please Print Legibly)

Name (Last, First)

Summer Mailing Address

City State Zip

Summer Phone Summer Cell Phone

E Mail Address

Parent / Guardian Name(s)

Do you currently have any plans that would keep you from assisting the UW Spirit Squad for fundraising this summer? Please list any and all pertinent information, and be specific with dates:
