

2007-08 Wyoming Spirit Squad Tryouts

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.

2. During tryouts, twelve members will be assigned to the Brown squad, twelve members to the Gold squad, twelve members to Wildfire, and four members to serve as mascots. The coaches and judges may add alternate members to any squad if it is deemed necessary. Each member must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and be a full-time student at the University of Wyoming.

3. There may be additional members of the squad named after tryouts by the Spirit Squad Coach in accordance with needs for additional members. The coach, in selecting additional members of the squad will give consideration to the general composition of the squad, academic grade point standing, placement in tryouts, etc.

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, and personality.

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, August 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. Attend the first day of clinics taught by the Spirit Squad Coach
 - a. Brown & Gold Squad Tryouts – April 13-14
 - b. Wildfire Tryouts – April 20-21
 - c. Mascot Tryouts – TBA
2. Maintain a 2.0 grade point average
3. Bring the following items to tryouts:
 - a. Tryout application with the \$20 application fee
 - b. Insurance waiver
 - c. Freshman/transfer students – Official acceptance letter from the University of Wyoming
 - d. Current University of Wyoming Students – Unofficial copy of transcript

- e. Current printed class schedule for upcoming semester (not hand written)

C. Brown Squad Requirements

1. *Tumbling Requirements:* A running tumbling pass, a toe touch back handspring (W), and a standing back handspring or tuck (M). Extra points will be awarded for other tumbling.
2. *Stunting:* A toss hands to extension (W), a walk-to-hands extension or walk-to-top (W), a liberty with cradle (W), and an optional stunt. A toss shoulders (M), a toss hands press to extension (M), a toss hands to liberty with cradle (M), and an optional stunt.
3. *Jumps:* Toe touch, herkie, and one of your own.
4. *Dance:* Fight Song and a sideline.
5. *Cheer:* Cheer with a stunt.
6. *Interview:* Appearance, personality, and attitude

D. Gold Squad Requirements

1. *Tumbling Requirements:* All tumbling will be a bonus to your score.
2. *Stunting:* An elevator (W), an elevator to extension (W), an elevator cradle (W), a liberty with cradle (W), and an optional stunt. A toss hands (M), a chair (M), a torch (M), a toss toe touch or chair (M), and an optional stunt.
3. *Jumps:* Toe touch, herkie, and one of your own.
4. *Dance:* Fight Song and a sideline.
5. *Cheer:* Cheer with a stunt.
6. *Interview:* Appearance, personality, and attitude

E. Wildfire Requirements

1. *Skills:* A double and triple pirouette (both sides), axel (best side), leaps (both sides), Russian (center both sides), switch leap (best side), toe touch and kicks (both sides).
2. *Dance:* A sideline and 6-8 count dance.
3. *Interview:* Appearance, personality, and attitude

F. 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

G. Video Entry Requirements

Dance video entries must be received no later than April 16, 2007, and cheer and mascot video entries must be received by April 9, 2007. For video try-out requirements please contact head coach Ty'Lene Jackson at TJackson1@uwyo.edu, 307-766-4940 or 307-760-3622.

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 do a tumbling or stunting sequence set forth by the coach when the Cowboys get a 1st down.
 - iv. 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 or jump 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, 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 forming a tunnel as the team takes 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 or stunting sequence set forth by the coach when the Cowboys get a 1st down.
 - iv. Members are required to perform a pyramid or stunt 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 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 or jump 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, 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.
 - iii. Members will sit in audience with the Student Section to help with school spirit!
 - 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, 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 CHEERLEADING APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Social Security #: _____

Present Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Present Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Address where you will be this summer: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Tumbling Skills/Experience: _____

Partner Stunting Skills/Group Stunting Skills: _____

Other Experience and Accomplishments Related to Cheerleading: _____

Why do you want to be apart of the University of Wyoming Cheerleading squad? _____

WYOMING WILDFIRE DANCE TEAM APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Social Security #: _____

Present Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Present Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Address where you will be this summer: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Dance Skills/Experience: _____

Other Experience and Accomplishments Related to Dancing: _____

Why do you want to be apart of the University of Wyoming Wildfire Dance Team?

WYOMING MASCOT APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Social Security #: _____

Present Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Present Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Address where you will be this summer: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Mascot Experience: _____

Other Experience and Accomplishments Related to being a Mascot: _____

Why do you want to be the University of Wyoming Mascot?

Please list your sizes for all of the items below. After the results are posted we will name a time to have a team meeting and go over events and other items for the summer.

Shoe: _____

T-Shirt: _____

Skirt: _____

Shorts: _____

Shell: _____

Sweats: _____

Warm-ups: _____

Dance Pants: _____

Briefs: _____

Tank Tops (tight and loose size): _____ Sports Bra: _____ Dance Shoe: _____

Insurance Waiver

I, _____, waive the University of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming Cheerleading & Dance Program of all responsibility of injuries incurred during the cheerleading/dance tryout practices and during the judging process.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parents Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____

Insurance Information

Company: _____

Policy Owners Name: _____

Policy Number: _____