

2012 - 2013

Texas A&M International University

CHEER SQUAD

Try-out Packet

TAMU CHEER:

"Where cheerleaders become CHAMPIONS!"

I. Squad Tryout Information

The TAMIU CHEER SQUAD members will lead cheers at men's & women's home volleyball games, soccer games, and basketball games. The squad will also travel to some out of town basketball tournaments and make numerous appearances on television and radio and at non-University functions as determined by the Head Coach.

Tryout Information Requirement

A professional NCA cheer choreographer will host a two-day tryout session to assess the skills, abilities and potential of interested and qualified candidates for the cheer squad positions.

1st session: June 7 & 8th of 2012

Official Tryout Day: June 9, 2012

2nd Session: July 19 & 20th of 2012

Official Tryout Day: July 21, 2012

After candidates have been selected cheer training camp will be held Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July, 29th of 2012.

II. Member Selection Process

A professional NCA cheer choreographer will host a two-day tryout session to assess the abilities, leadership skills and potential of interested and qualified candidates for one of the predetermined number of available positions.

Tryouts are intended to be a low stress event. For that reason, candidates will tryout in a group of three and perform jump sequence, fight song, cheer, and short dance in front of a panel of judges. Each candidate is required to have an entrance of either a tumbling pass or jump and spirit in pass. A short interview with the candidate may be conducted at anytime during Thursday's and Friday's tryout practice sessions.

Notification of Selection

The persons selected for the TAMIU CHEER SQUAD will be called to notify them that they made the squad and will receive a confirmation email through their student email (name@dusty.tamtu.edu)

Minimum Qualifications for Tryouts

Persons who wish to tryout for the TAMIU CHEER SQUAD must meet the following minimum qualifications:

(Please note that incoming freshman and transfer students, DO NOT have to be regularly admitted in order to attend a schedule tryout session, although all individuals selected to the spirit program WILL NOT be guaranteed admissions into the university.)

1. Must be a TAMIU student in Good Standing
2. If a current TAMIU student, not be on disciplinary probation.
3. Have sufficient physical fitness, strength, and athletic skills to perform the cheerleader activities described below.

4. Have health/hospitalization insurance in an amount comparable to the minimum coverage offered through the University's student insurance program. (For more information in purchasing insurance from TAMIU, please visit: <http://www.tamtu.edu/wellness/insurance.shtml>)
5. Have completed the tryout packet as describe below in the tryout packet section.

Selection Criteria

A panel of judges will select members for the TAMIU Cheer Squad. Members will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Strong leadership qualities
- Charismatic presence/personality
- Confidence
- Independence
- Enthusiasm
- Athletic/Cheerleading Ability

Academic Requirements:

- Full-Time Student(12hrs) at Texas A&M International University
- Maintain a GPA of at least a 2.5

III. Contact Information

For questions or concerns, please contact the director of the cheer squad.

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University Success Center 224

Tryout Packet Content Checklist:

- _____ Cover Letter
- _____ One head to toe color photo of recruit, and one color head shot. (**Will not be returned)
- _____ Resume of accomplishments (Individual cheer and non-cheer related activities).
- _____ One letter of recommendation sent from a professional (cheer/dance advisor, professor, manager,etc.)
- _____ \$20 processing fee.

Tryout Attire:

- _____ Maroon T-shirt
- _____ Black shorts (no cheer logos allowed)
- _____ White tennis shoes
- _____ White ribbon

TAMIU CHEER Program

Recruit Information Sheet

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ **Middle Initial:** _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street name City State Zip Code

Classification (Circle One) Incoming freshmen freshmen sophomore
junior senior graduate student

E-mail Address: _____ **Day Phone Number:** _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____ **TAMIU ID:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age** _____ **Sex: (Circle one)** Female or Male

Probable/Current Major _____ **Current GPA:** _____

T-shirt Size: (circle one) small medium large
extra-large xx-large

IV. TAMIU CHEER MANDATORY TRYOUT MEETING

A **mandatory** meeting will be held Thursday, May 24, 2012 at TAMIU at the University Success Center room 101A at 6:30 pm to discuss TAMIU CHEER Constitution and tryout guidelines. The meeting will consist of expenses inquired if selected to be on the team, guidelines, and any questions that the candidates may have. All packets must be turned in to Mrs. Elizabeth Torres **NO LATER** than WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012 before 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Elizabeth Torres at 956-326-2273 or email her at elizabeth.torres@tamiu.edu

**ALL SKILL LEVELS ENCOURAGED TO TRYOUT!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

GO DUSTDEVILS!