2012-2021 Audition Information

Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Texas Tech Pom Squad! We are a part of the Texas Tech Spirit Program, which consists of the CoEd Cheerleading Squad, All-Girl Cheerleading Squad, Raider Red, and the Masked Rider. Our team serves as ambassadors for Texas Tech University and helps promote spirit at several athletic events including Football, Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball, etc. as well as other events for our school and community. Our team members will also compete at the Collegiate Championships in 2021.

We are looking for confident, talented, humble, dedicated, and passionate dancers to be a part of the 2020-2021 Texas Tech Pom Squad. Squad members are responsible for representing Texas Tech in the classroom, on the court/field, and on stage at the national level. Being a member of our team comes with several exciting opportunities, but is also a major commitment. Please review all of the materials thoroughly. If you foresee any conflicts, these must be discussed prior to the on campus audition date.

The video component is the first step in our audition process. All interested dancers are required to submit an audition qualification video to receive an invitation to the on campus audition. If you received a video bypass at any of our intensives or clinics, you do NOT have to complete a video audition. More information on this process is listed in this packet.

This is a life-changing opportunity and we are excited about the possibility of having you in our program. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you might have.

Wreck ‘Em!

Coach Erin Harold Alvarado

POM SQUAD/DANCE TEAM
ADJUNCT DANCE FACULTY
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

“THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO BE BETTER TODAY THAN YOU WERE YESTERDAY.”
Overview: As a member of the Texas Tech Pom Squad, it is your responsibility to be present at all practices, workouts, games, community appearances, and Collegiate Nationals.

Conflicts: The below dates are mandatory. Should an on campus audition invitation be extended, any conflicts for the key dates listed below must be discussed prior to the audition via email.

Auditions:
• NEW Video Process! See website.

Summer:
• June Camp (in Lubbock): June 11-14th (TBD)
• July Practice (in Lubbock): TBA
• Summer Dance Camp: TBA
• August Practices & Nationals Choreography: August 12th – 23rd (tentative)

Fall Practice Schedule:
• Tuesday/Thursday 6:00-9:00PM
• Sunday 4:00-8:00PM
• 2-3 Mandatory 6AM workouts during week
• Saturday Rehearsals when necessary
• Shortened Thanksgiving Break
• Shortened Winter Break

Spring Practice Schedule:
• Tuesday/Thursday 6:00-8:00PM
• Sunday 4:00-6:00PM
• 2-3 Mandatory 6AM workouts during the week
**2020-2021 Texas Tech Pom Squad Audition Adjustments**

Due to the COVID-19 Virus, we will be adjusting our audition process for the 2020-2021 season. We will be moving to an audition/recruitment hybrid model detailed in the illustration below. No matter the circumstance, all candidates must complete the online application form by no later than **April 6th**. Dancers who receive an invitation to be a member of our team will be informed via e-mail, with rookie invitations being sent first, followed by veteran invitations. If offered a position on the 2020-2021 Texas Tech Pom Squad, all rookie candidates will have to be admitted to Texas Tech, or have begun the admissions process BEFORE they will be officially accepted onto the team.

*All audition fees for the 2020-2021 season will be waived for all candidates.*

**Types of Candidates:**

**Non-Video Bypass:** These are candidates that either did not attend our 2019 Summer Intensive, Fall 2019 clinics, or Spring 2020 clinic. These are also candidates who did not receive a video bypass during the 2019-2020 school year. For video requirements, please visit our audition website. Video submission & letter of intent can be e-mailed to erin.harold@ttu.edu.

**Current Squad Member:** These are candidates who were members of the 2019-2020 Texas Tech Pom Squad. Current squad members will receive a self evaluation link once application has been submitted. Self evaluations & letter of intent can be e-mailed to erin.harold@ttu.edu.

**Video Bypass:** These are candidates who received a video bypass certificate at one of our 2019-2020 Clinics OR 2019 Summer Intensive. Video bypass videos may be submitted by YouTube link or e-mail. Videos can be pre-recorded solo videos or combinations, but must only include the audition candidate. These videos can be from a competition, but can also be filmed in studio. Videos & letter of intent can be e-mailed to erin.harold@ttu.edu.

**Audition Timeline:**
- **April 6th:** All applications must be submitted online.
- **April 6th:** Non-Video Bypass video submissions & letter of intent must be submitted via e-mail.
- **April 13th:** Current Squad Members self evaluation & letter of intent must be submitted via e-mail.
- **April 13th:** Video Bypass Recipients video links & letter of intent must be submitted via e-mail.
- **April 15-17th:** Offer Letters & Regret Letters will be sent to all rookie candidates.
- **April 18-25th:** Offer Letters & Regret Letters will be sent to all veteran candidates.
- **April 25th:** Rookie Offer Letters must be signed & returned by no later than April 25th.
- **April 27th:** Veteran Offer Letters must be signed & returned by no later than April 27th.
- **May 1st:** 2020-2021 Texas Tech Pom Squad is officially announced to public.