RAIDER POWER

"Dream no little dreams!"

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SAVE THE DATE:

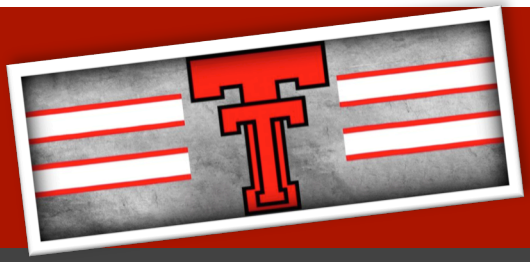
2016 NCA College Nationals
April 6-9, 2016
Daytona Beach, Florida

2015-2016 Cheer Tryouts

The 2015-2016 Texas Tech Cheer tryouts were held on May 2-3, 2015. We had 99 applicants submit a tryout application. From those attending tryouts, we have selected the top skilled student athletes and leaders to represent Texas Tech for the upcoming academic year.

CoEd Cheer is comprised of 28 total cheerleaders – 13 female, 15 males; All-Girl Cheer is comprised of 15 talented female cheerleaders.

During tryouts, the candidates were put through four rounds of skills evaluations. The first round, preliminaries, consisted of a game-day fight song and sideline chant evaluation, standing tumbling skills, and running tumbling passes. Those candidates meeting criteria were moved into the second round, semi-finals. During this round, the student-athletes were judged on their game-day stunting skills. Both squads had to demonstrate two stunts while judged on variety of skill elements. Then the final round, finals, student-athletes were evaluated on their elite stunting and tumbling skills. Following the finals round, the panel of judges met individually with each qualifying candidate for a personal interview. Based on all the skill evaluations, personal interview scores, and reference checks, the squads were announced by head coach, Bruce Bills.



Texas Tech History

The Double T is the most recognized symbol of Texas Tech. History points back to Tech's first football coach, E.Y. Freeland for putting a Double T on football sweaters. In 2000, the Double T got an upgrade to the 3D image we now use.

Texas Tech Cheerleaders – 2015-2016

"The training will challenge you, the experience will change you."

CoEd Cheer:

First Year – 12 members

Second Year – 7 members

Third Year – 7 members

Fourth Year – 1 member

Christopher A. (Seabrook, TX), Will A. (San Angelo, TX), CJ B. (Stafford, VA), Shelbi C. (Rockwall, TX), Vincent F. (Rio Rancho, NM), Heather G. (Royse City, TX), Sarah H. (Austin, TX), Kennedy H. (The Woodlands, TX), Deylon K. (Austin, TX), Paige K. (Houston, TX), Mikaela L. (Wylie, TX), Tom M. (Derry, NH), Haley M. (Lumberton, TX), Brianna M. (Del Rio, TX), Nicolo R. (Keller, TX), Luke S. (Palatine, IL), Rikki S. (Forney, TX), Dejuan S. (High Point, NC), Philip S. (Amarillo, TX), Justin T. (Arlington, TX), Zach T. (Basehor, KS), Sammi V. (McKinney, TX), Lindsay W. (Rockwall, TX), Florian W. (Vienna, Austria), Jamie W. (Austin, TX), Chris Q. (Downers Grove, IL)

All-Girl Cheer:

First Year – 7 members

Second Year – 3 members

Third Year – 4 members

Fourth Year – 1 member

Taylor A. (Houston, TX), Lexi A. (Denton, TX), Kailea C. (Rockwall, TX), Britney E. (League City, TX), Keely E. (Lubbock, TX), Gabi G. (Lubbock, TX), Kendall J. (Cleburne, TX), Madison L. (Gilbert, AZ), Karlye L. (Bedford, TX), Savannah M. (Friendswood, TX), Deyanna P. (Lorton, VA), Hannah S. (Dallas, TX), Kaity V. (Bedford, TX)

SPOTLIGHT: Stephanie Rhode

Stephanie Rhode begins her 13th year as the Director of Texas Tech Spirit Program. She is the administrator who oversees the daily operations for the entire program. She works directly with the Masked Rider scheduling appearances and the business associated with the horse and student rider. She serves as chair for the Masked Rider Advisory Board, the Raider Red Advisory Committee, and the Spirit Coordination Committee. She also is the Spirit Program's liaison for external communications.

Spirit Alumni

Homecoming 2015
Saturday, October 10, 2015
Texas Tech vs. Iowa State

Continuing with tradition, in collaboration with Texas Tech Athletics Administrators, we are excited to welcome back the participation of our Spirit Alumni on field during the first half of the 2015 Homecoming football game.

In accordance to a recent sideline safety audit, we are continuing with the limitations on how many individuals can be on at the same time. In order to give all a fair opportunity to experience cheering on the sidelines again, those completing registration by the deadline will be split into small groups of 50 maximum for the first and second quarter. Alumni must purchase a game ticket to enter the stadium if you are being seated before/after your cheering time frame.

This year, our on-field registration will open September 1. Please visit **www.spiritsquads.ttu.edu** and click Alumni Homecoming Registration link. This is the ONLY way you will have access to the field by completing this form. Field lists are due and registration form will close Thursday, **October 1 at 5:00 pm CST**.

To help offset costs for Alumni Reception and continuing to support current program, we ask that a minimum of $40 be contributed.

Alumni will be required to wear the official Spirit Alumni shirt while on field. If you need to order a new shirt, all information is available on the registration form online.

2015 Homecoming Schedule of Events:

Friday, October 9

- Rowdy Raider Rally, 12:00 PM
  Student Union North Plaza
- Homecoming Parade, 6:00 PM
  Broadway Avenue to Campus
- "Showtime" Pep Rally, 7:30 PM
  United Supermarkets Arena
- Bonfire, 9:00 PM
  Bonfire Pit at Urbanovsky Park

Saturday, October 10

- Football Game vs. Iowa State
  Jones AT&T Stadium
  Kickoff Time – TBD
  Alumni Check-In one hour prior to kickoff
- Spirit Alumni Reception
  McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center, following game.

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Cheer Alumni Feature

Jeff Davis

1987-1988 Texas Tech Cheerleader

Currently lives in Dallas, Texas

Partner at ACCESS TEXAS, ACCESS San Antonio & Fauxcades Décor and Events

Favorite Memory from Tech Cheer:
Road trips to out of town games in the white van & placing 5th at the National Championship.

Advice to Current Squad Members:
Enjoy every moment, love your team and embrace the Spirit of Texas Tech!

From the Coach…

I can't believe it's already time for another academic year! Summer has flown by, but I'm ready to have the squads here and get back with our busy schedules. Hopefully, everyone has gotten to enjoy time with friends and family this summer.

This begins my fifth year as Head Cheer and Mascot Coach and year number 13 overall here at Texas Tech. Tech is my home. Everyday, I get to come to a place where I love being, doing what I love, and with people I love.

Each month, I present a Texas Tech History & Traditions presentation to new TTU employees at their staff orientation. In this presentation, my main objective is to first welcome the new employees to the Red Raider Family, but also introduce (quickly, I'm only given 10 minutes) them to what I call "Points of Pride" for being a Red Raider - from fun facts about campus to how to get involved as a staff member. One day while I was traveling, I got to thinking about my top three "Points of Pride" from being associated with this great program.

The student-leaders and athletes within this Spirit Program are at the top of the list for me. Having this opportunity to work with them and sharing as they grow into young adults is an honor. I love celebrating their successes, and learning together through the struggles.

The traditions here at Texas Tech come in a close second. I love being involved in a school where traditions are present and shared across the faculty, staff, students, and alum. To me, the traditions go deeper than just our "Guns Up" hand sign and my favorite, the ringing of the Victory Bells tradition, but it includes the campus architecture. We truly do have a beautiful campus!

And my third "Points of Pride" is our history – Texas Tech's but more so, the Spirit Program. I love hearing from Alumni of their experiences here. Looking at pictures from our first Cheer squad to squads five years ago to now. I love seeing the progress and changes that have been made, but in doing so, keeping with tradition and values Tech Cheer was founded upon.

Strive for Honor!

Brice