

SFA Pom Squad

2010-11 Tryout Information

Friday, April 30
6-10 p.m.

Tryout Clinic: Learn Short Pom, Jazz, and Hip Hop Routine for tryouts. Go across the floor with elements needed to tryout. Verbal critiques will be given at this time. Cuts will be made to those dancers not meeting minimum skill requirements. **Turn in Recommendations and \$25 Tryout Fee. (You will not be allowed to tryout until fee is paid.)**

Saturday, May 1
8a.m. - ??

Review Tryout Routines. Cuts will be made to those dancers not meeting minimum dance requirements. Tryout in mass / small groups. Call backs may be necessary. Be prepared to dance numerous times.

*****Clinics and Tryouts will be located in the William R. Johnson Coliseum on the SFA Campus*****

What to Wear:

Black Hot Shorts, Black Tights, and Appropriate Footwear for Dancing. Feel free to be creative with your top! (Must be a sports bra type top and is form fitting.) For clinic any type of dancewear is acceptable. You must present a "clean-cut" image to be selected as an SFA Pom Squad member. Body piercings, tattoos, extreme hair styles/color are not acceptable at tryouts or in uniform if selected as a team member. Remove all piercings and cover all tattoos prior to arrival at tryouts.

Skills needed for Tryouts:

Triple/Quad Pirouettes, Fouettes ala second, R/L Second Position/Russian Leaps, Toe Touch, Pike Jump, Axle Turns, Leg Extensions, Switch Seconds (One from Side, Center, and Turning), Switch Leaps, and Calypso Leaps. Most importantly we are looking for performers. You must be able to captivate a crowd.

Recommendations:

Two letters of Recommendation are needed: **One** from a high school/college administrator; **One** from a dance/cheer coach. **Must be turned in by Friday May 1 – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Scholarships:

Scholarships are available. Scholarship amounts will be determined by number of dancers making team, as well as ranking on team.

Costs:

You will be responsible for a one time cost for camp, camp clothes and Football Season shoes, etc. SFA provides all Uniforms for Performances and National's. Personal items such as hose, practice clothes, etc. will need to be provided by the individual dancer.

Practice Schedule:

We practice 3 times a week for 3 hours at a time during Fall and Spring Semester's. Additional practices may be required and scheduled as determined by Coach.

Other Important Information:

Procedures for applying for Admissions at www.sfasu.edu or (936) 468-2504

1. Submit Undergraduate admission application (\$25 application fee and no application deadline)
2. Submit Official High School Transcript with class rank (Only if you have less than 15 transferable college hours)
3. Submit Official ACT and/or SAT score(s) (Only if you have less than 15 transferable college hours)
4. Submit Official College Transcript from each college you have attended.

Coach:

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Note from the Coach:

We will be looking for well rounded dancers with outstanding skills and technique. Do not assume that a weakness in any one area will automatically disqualify you as a team member. We will be looking for the dancer that is eager to learn and displays a positive attitude at all times. Egos should be left at the door. Any past accomplishments in dance or otherwise carry very little weight in the selection process. Candidates will tryout in mass and small groups will be assigned by the Coach Saturday. There are no scores; all decisions are based upon work seen by the Coach. The Coach will make all final decisions on team member selection. Any candidate that has questions after the team has been selected may call Coach Maple on the Monday following tryouts. **Outbursts or questions from parents will not be accepted.** Keep working on your skills! We look forward to meeting and working with you.

Axe 'Em Jacks!