Prairie View A&M University
Panther Doll Dance Team
Try Out Packet

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PANTHER DOLL DANCE TEAM TRYOUT
REQUIREMENTS 2015-2016

Please be reminded this is a closed audition, only participants are allowed. No cameras, cell phones, or any type of recording devices are allowed.

When: Thursday, September 10, 2015
Where: MSC Ballroom

General requirements for Try outs
- Experience in Jazz, Hip Hop
- Strength and power in all movements
- Most importantly we are looking for PERFORMERS
- You must be able to captivate the crowd

A dancer trying out for Panther Dolls Dance Team should be able to do the following
- Pirouettes (Doubles and Triples),
- Pique Turns,
- Axel Turns
- Leaps (regular leaps, switch leaps, leaps in second, attitude leaps)
- Toe Touch
- Turning Russian
- High Kicks
- Chaine’
- Tilt kicks and turns
- C-jumps and Turning C-jumps
- Leg Extensions
- Fouettes and a la second turns
- Toe touches
- One is encouraged to know Hip Hop and Jazz Techniques

These skills are not mandatory for try outs but encouraged to know

- All potential dancers are expected to portray a collegiate image when trying out for the Panther Doll Dance Team. Body piercings and jewelry of any kind, extreme hair styles and or colors are not acceptable at tryouts or during the year as a PD Dancer. All dance candidates must remove all piercings and cover tattoos prior to arrival at tryouts.

- Returning Dancers: You will be expected to perform at a higher standard than other candidates, if you have been a part of the PD Dance Team for at least one year. In addition to the standard tryout requirements, you will be judged on attitude, work ethic, integrity and the character that you displayed over the course of the last year.
Eligibility to try out
- Dance Team Application & Application Agreement
- 20.00 Application fee (non-refundable, and must be paid before try out date receipt is needed)
  - Waiver of Liability, signed by a parent if you are less than 18
  - Award letter from Prairie View A&M University if you are an incoming student
    - A current physical signed by a physician

Attire:
**Come in performance wear!!!( stand out)**
  - Performance make up
  - Crop tops only
  - Dance shorts
  - Hair down or in a high ponytail
  - Bring a small towel and water bottle
  - No dangling jewelry, studs only

Applications are available online
Dance Team Application Agreement

I, _____________________________________________, submit this application to the Panther Doll director for a position on the Panther Doll Dance Team. For the 2015–2016 season, my academic classification will be ___________________________. By submitting this application, I understand and agree to the following:

☐ I will be a full-time student, taking a minimum of 12 credit hours for undergraduate or six hours for graduate students at Prairie View A&M University for the entire 2015-2016 fall and spring semesters.
☐ I must maintain a 2.5 GPA and will hereby release my academic transcripts to the head coach.
☐ I understand that I must be in good standing with Prairie View A&M University or my high school and not on any type of academic or disciplinary probation.
☐ I must turn in the following paperwork to the spirit coordinator no later than the Friday prior to tryouts:
  - Dance Team Application
  - $20.00 Application Fee (non-refundable)
  - Waiver of Liability, signed by parent if under 18
  - Copy of PVU Acceptance Letter or Proof of Application

☐ I understand that not having any of these will disqualify me from trying out for dance team position.

☐ If selected, I understand that I am required to be covered by personal primary medical insurance throughout my time as a dancer at PVU.

☐ I have no health or physical defects, which would hinder my ability to perform as an PVU Dancer or which might cause performing as an PVU Dancer to be unsafe to my health or the health and wellbeing of my team mates.

☐ The physical demands of being the PVU Dancer require that I maintain a high level of physical fitness and that I pass a complete physical examination administered by my Personal Care Physician or the medical staff at PVU.

☐ If selected I understand that 50% of my dance fees (300.00) need to be paid by October 1, 2015 and the other 50% needs to be paid in full by January 4, 2016 150.00/150.00

☐ If selected and I accept a dance team position, I understand I will be required to attend all scheduled practices, classes, performances, summer camp, sporting events, pep rallies, team meetings, parades, alumni functions, and other functions or duties designated by the head coach and/or spirit coordinator.

☐ I understand I am agreeing to a FULL YEAR commitment (fall AND spring semesters).

☐ Being a Panther Doll Dancer is a major personal commitment of my non-academic time and cannot be placed secondary to any other non-academic activity. I understand that, with the exception of school, my commitment to the Panther Doll Dance Team takes FIRST priority over all other activities (sorority, clubs, organizations, work, etc.).

Furthermore, I understand that last minute appearances/events may arise in which the dancers must be present.

☐ I am responsible for the care and upkeep of all components of the dance uniform, and must keep all components of this uniform in acceptable condition.
The Panther Doll Dancers play an important role in representing the university and its athletic program. As such, I will always know that I am an official representative of Prairie View A&M University, its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and cheer program. I will always conduct myself in a manner to uphold that character, tradition, integrity, and spirit of PVU.

I understand and agree to be financially responsible for all items needed that will not be provided to me while dancing at PVU.

I agree to follow all safety guidelines deemed necessary by the Head Coach and AACCA.

I understand that I must obtain a note from a family or school physician to be excused from any assigned function, unless approved in advance by the Head Coach. (If for any reason a dancer is unable to attend a function to which they are committed, she is will be replaced or dismissed from the team.

I understand and accept that failure to meet any of the requirements listed above will result in my disqualification from consideration for a PD dance team position.

I accept and understand that the decisions of the judges/coaches will be final.

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Signature                                      Date