

2017 - 2018 Officer Tryout Information

Dancin' Darlin's

Officer Packet Due Date: *March 6, 2018*

General Information:

- A captain, co-captain(s) and lieutenant(s) will be chosen. The number of officers will be decided upon by the sponsor / administration based on the size of the team.
- Candidates should not try out for any officer position unless they are willing to fulfill ALL responsibilities that are associated with the position (as listed in the packet under each position).

Tryout Requirements:

The candidate must complete the following:

1. Choreograph one dance:
 - No ripples
 - Music and movements must be school appropriate.
 - Music must be emailed directly to both sponsors/coaches.
 - Performed and judged immediately after team tryouts.
 - Dance must be a minimum of **60** seconds no more than **90** seconds and include the following:
 - Variety of kicks
 - Turns
 - Leap / Jump
 - Jazz technique
 - Pom technique
2. Complete attached questionnaire on page 6. Turn in by March 6th.
3. Complete an interview with Judges

Scoring information for officer candidates:

Sponsor Scores: Observation and Questionnaire/ Interview= 40%
School Scores: Teacher evaluations/ attendance/ tardies/ discipline= 25%
Judges Scores: Dance/ Technique = 35%
TOTAL =100%

Procedure for officer tryouts:

- Officer tryouts will take place directly after the team tryouts. The beginning time for officer tryouts is based on the number of participants trying out for the team, and so cannot be set at this time.
- Each participant will be randomly drawn for the officer tryout process.

ALL OFFICERS MUST BE WILLING AND ABLE TO:

- Uphold the name and time honored traditions of the *Dancin' Darlin's*.
- Communicate with all other officers and sponsors.
- Make decisions for the benefit of the team.
- Set an example for other members of the team to follow based on the expectations outlined in the bylaws document.
- Participate and attend all team events throughout the year.
- Promote team bonding through team building exercises.
- Contact assigned members when appropriate to relay information.
- Maintain a positive atmosphere at team practices, events, and gatherings.
- Notify sponsors if concerned about team member behavior and/or conduct, including demerits/merits and team member disagreements. (Sponsor reserves the right to make the final decision on all demerits/merits assigned.)
- Choreograph at least one dance and one stand routine.
- Organize formations for dances (sponsor approval needed).
- Participate with Kiddie camp schedule, groups, themes, activities, snacks, merchandise.
- Participate with choosing music for team competition dances.
- Participate with tryouts for the following year.
- Attend officer meetings with sponsor present.
- Assist with any other duty deemed necessary by the sponsor and captain.
- Assist the sponsors throughout the year and meet with them monthly to plan team events.
- Complete all other responsibilities designated to her specific office.

If at any time the sponsors feel that an officer is neglecting their duties, the dancer will receive a formal warning outlining their deficiencies. If the problems persists then a meeting with the officer, sponsors and administration will be held to discuss possible removal from officer position.

CAPTAIN

Only one team member will be selected as captain.

Captain Requirements:

- Dance team member for upcoming school year.
- Senior class member for upcoming school year.
- Completed a minimum of two consecutive years with *Dancin' Darlin's* immediately prior to current year.
- 2.5 GPA (based on 1st semester report card)
- Minimal absence/tardy record and positive discipline record (no in-school suspensions, Saturday detentions, or out of school suspensions for the prior dance team year).
- Completed officer application packet. Officer Packet due date March 6, 2018
- Participate in tryout process, complete officer questionnaire, and complete interview conducted by sponsors and judges.
- Demonstrates strong leadership characteristics.

Captain duties:

If selected as captain, you are responsible for the following:

- Plan and lead daily practice sessions.
- Decide (with sponsor approval) practice and competition uniforms for upcoming year.
- Choreograph of all team dances: field shows, stand routines, home routine, competition routines, parade routines, tryout routine. (Sponsor approval required for all dances and music.)
- Design formations for dances (sponsor approval needed) or assign the duty to co-captain with sponsor approval.
- Decide dance order for the pep rallies and half-time shows.
- Determine stand/parade routine to be performed during games and parades.
- May assign duties to other officers as needed.
- Organize tryouts for the following year.
- Lead officer meetings with sponsor present.
- The sponsor reserves the right to add to/change the above duties as needed throughout the year.

CO-CAPTAIN

Only one team member will be selected as co-captain.

Co-captain requirements:

- Dance team member for upcoming school year.
- Senior class member for upcoming school year.
- Completed a minimum of two consecutive years with *Dancin' Darlin'* immediately prior to current year.
- 2.5 GPA (based on 1st semester report card)
- Minimal absence/tardy record and positive discipline record (no in-school suspensions, Saturday detentions, or out of school suspensions for the prior dance team year).
- Completed officer application packet.
- Participate in tryout process, complete officer questionnaire, and complete interview conducted by sponsors and judges.
- Demonstrates strong leadership characteristics.

Co-captain duties:

If selected as co-captain, you will be responsible for the following duties:

- Plan and lead daily practice sessions if the captain is absent.
- Assume the role of the captain in the captain's absence.
- Generate call / text list for other officers to follow when relaying information to the team.
- Assist captain in deciding practice and competition uniforms for upcoming year (sponsor approval).
- Assist captain with choreography of all team dances: field shows, stand routines, home routine, competition routines, parade routines, tryout routine. (Sponsor approval required)
- Assist captain with formations for dances (sponsor approval needed).
- Organize Big Sis/ Little Sis partners and explain the traditional responsibilities for each role: camp guessing game, presents, cowbells, birthdays, etc.
- Assist with uniform inspections before team events.
- Give individual instruction as assigned by captain or sponsor.
- The sponsor reserves the right to add to/change the above duties as needed throughout the year.

LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant Requirements:

- Dance team member for upcoming school year.
- Junior or senior class member for upcoming school year.
- Completed a minimum of two consecutive years with *Dancin' Darlin'* immediately prior to current year.
- 2.5 GPA (based on 1st semester report card)
- Minimal absence/tardy record and positive discipline record (no in-school suspensions, Saturday detentions, or out of school suspensions for the prior dance team year).
- Completed officer application packet.
- Participate in tryout process, complete officer questionnaire, and complete interview conducted by sponsors and judges.
- Demonstrates strong leadership characteristics.

Lieutenant Duties:

The following duties will be divided among the Lieutenants by the sponsor:

- Assume the role of the co-captain in the co-captain's absence.
- Assist captain in generating team building exercises.
- Assist captain in deciding practice and competition uniforms for upcoming year (sponsor approval).
- Assist with uniform inspections before team events.
- Give individual instruction as assigned by captain or sponsor.
- Coordinates birthday celebrations / calendar
- Plan team parties including but not limited to food, presents/drawings, place, time, date, etc.
- Record uniform check-outs and check-ins.
- Update team bulletin board and assigns helpers as approved by the sponsor.
- Coordinate with the yearbook staff for information and pictures
- Cut music for dances or works with someone who will cut dance music.
- Get stand and field show music for football season from band director.
- Bring all needed cds, mp3, music to all practices and performances.
- Checks stands for items/trash left behind.
- Oversee kicks assigned by the sponsor / captain as consequence for inappropriate behavior.
- The sponsor reserves the right to add to/change the above duties as needed throughout the year.

Dancin' Darlin's Officer Questionnaire

Directions: Type your answers in a Word document using 12 point font. Attach this form to your responses.

Name _____

Years on the team _____

Rank in order of interest the positions you are interested in (1st 2nd, 3rd)

_____ Captain

_____ Co-captain

_____ Lieutenant

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Explain your first choice of officer position. Why did you select you select it as your first choice?
2. List leadership positions held previously, currently and for the upcoming school year in other organizations?
3. With what school organizations are you involved?
4. Are you involved with your church or in the community? If yes, explain.
5. Do you plan to take any dance classes during the week for the year? If yes, how many hours/days?
6. Do you plan to have an outside job? If yes, how many hours will you be working per week?
7. Define leadership and explain using examples if necessary.
8. Define team and explain using examples if necessary.
9. Give an example of a team building exercise.