2020-2021
Arizona State University
Sun Devil Spirit Squad
Spirit Leader (Coed Cheer) Tryouts

Virtual Tryout Dates: May 1st, 2020

Tryout Packets Due by Friday, April 17th, 2020

April 17th: Application packets and headshot scanned pdf copy due to sundevilband@gmail.com

Audition routine videos will be made available via Google Drive.

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Checklist


2. ASU Release, Indemnity, and Assumption of Risk Waiver.

3. 2 Letters of Recommendation.

4. Freshman and Transfer Students: Include a copy of your letter of Acceptance to Arizona State University.

5. Current ASU Students: Include an unofficial copy of your ASU Transcript.


If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email Coach Dwayne Burns at Dwayne.Burns@asu.edu

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Program Overview

Thank you for your interest in Arizona State University and the Sun Devil Spirit Squad! As a member of the team, you are a visible representative of not only the athletic teams you support, but also the University and the State of Arizona. You are an ambassador to all three and are expected to conduct yourself accordingly. This commitment is upheld by 30+ dedicated students who devote 20+ hours every week to practices, games, special appearances, clinics, and competitions.

The Sun Devil Spirit Squad is hard working, dedicated, and committed. The rewards from having this experience cannot be measured. Imagine the excitement of being a part of a Pac 12 University; performing at some of the largest nationally televised games, traveling to various venues around the country and competing at the national level at an event televised on ESPN!

“Arizona State University's commitment to inclusivity is central to its mission as a New American University and is evident throughout its diverse and talented community.”

Michael M. Crow

ASU President
Eligibility

Candidates must be accepted to or enrolled at Arizona State University, Fall Semester 2020.

Note: If your application status is currently wait-listed, please contact Spirit Squad Coordinator Bianca Caryl at B.Caryl@asu.edu about options for you during the tryout process.

Upon making the team, members must be enrolled in the Band Course associated with the Spirit Squad for BOTH semesters.

**For questions concerning enrollment in the course or difficulty enrolling in the course – please email Brandy Dubose and cc James G. Hudson, Bianca Caryl, and Dwayne Burns.

All candidates, including transfer students and current team members:

Must have a minimum 2.5 semester & cumulative Grade Point Average

Maintain Full Time ASU Status (12 credit hours) per semester

Be a high school graduate

INCOMING STUDENTS must provide a copy of your letter of acceptance.

CURRENT ASU STUDENTS must provide an unofficial transcript.

Expenses

• A participation fee of $100 is required by all team members. Due by August 17th, 2020. This covers fall banquet cost, plus embroidery/screening on all Spirit Squad clothes.

• All game travel, hotel accommodations for away games, per diem for away games, game uniforms, and poms are provided by Arizona State University.

• Dancers and Spirit Leaders are responsible for buying their own tights, and make up.
**Spirit Squad - Spirit Leaders-Cheer:**

All candidates must fill out the online form and submit a scanned pdf copy to sundevilband@gmail.com

Deadline for the submission is **April 17th, 2020**. If you have already mailed your packet to the address that was originally posted on the website and social media, those packets will be scanned here and downloaded for you. All Audition fees have been waived for this season.

**April 17th,** those who have submitted packets will have access via Google Doc to the sideline routines we will be using.

Please put together a you tube video that includes the below:

**Introduction:** (A headshot, name, hometown, year in school, why you want to attend Arizona State University, why you want to be on the ASU Spirit Squad, and what your major is (or is planned to be)

**Women:** Please perform the following:

- A standing back tuck.
- One running tumbling pass on hard mat (i.e. no spring floor, trampoline, or air track).
- The Arizona State University Fight Song with the standing tuck.
- Both sidelines to music of your choice.
- A cheerleading chant of your choice.
- Prererecorded videos of the following stunts are acceptable - (ensure the videos are from January 1, 2020).
- Demonstrate the following stunt skills:
  - Toss hands press extension
  - Toss extension
  - Toss target liberty or heel stretch (your choice)

*Please have an active spotter for all stunts performed.

**Men:** Please perform the following:

- A standing back tuck.
- One running tumbling pass on hard mat (i.e. no spring floor, trampoline, or air track).
- Sing the words to the Arizona State University Fight Song.
- A chant of your choice (use a megaphone if available, if not, project your voice).
- Prererecorded videos of the following stunts are acceptable - (ensure the videos are from January 1, 2020).
- Please demonstrate the following stunt skills:
  - Toss hands press extension
  - Toss extension
  - Toss target liberty or heel stretch (your choice)

*Please have an active spotter for all stunts performed.

Please wear a black tank top or half top and black shorts or black leggings.

Your video is due by **Friday, May 1**. Send it to: sundevilband@gmail.com (please make this an unlisted video so it can be shared among our staff without permissions, which will delay the process)

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For further question concerning the ASU Spirit Squad, please contact: Dwayne Burns: [Dwayne.Burns@asu.edu](mailto:Dwayne.Burns@asu.edu)

*NEW SPIRIT SQUAD ORIENTATION WILL BE SCHEDULED ONCE TEAM IS SET.*

**Summer Workout and Responsibilities:**
Candidates who are chosen for the team MUST maintain their physical appearance, fitness and dance skills throughout summer.
Candidates are required to workout equivalent to a 2 mile run, 2-3 times a week for the month of June and July. They must also practice specific dance skills and sideline dances.

**Summer Camp Information:**
Normally the team would be attending a summer camp, however given the Covid-19 restrictions, the team will not be attending camp this summer.
**Tentative Football Schedule for 2020-2021 Season**

(Only veteran members are eligible to travel to away games. Exception: The entire team will travel to ASU vs. Arizona.)

Monday, August 10th  
Early Move-In for ASU Students living in dorms  
Spirit Squad, Colorguard, and Percussion will begin live auditions.

Mon-Tues, August 10th & 11th  
Leadership Training (Section Leader/Rank Leaders)

Wednesday, August 12th – 18th  
Band Camp #1  
Band Field, VDD

Friday, August 21st – 23rd  
Band Camp #2  
Band Field, VDD

Friday, August 28th – 30th  
Band Camp #3  
Band Field, VDD

Thursday, September 3  
ASU vs. NAU  
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, AZ

Saturday, September 19  
ASU vs. BYU  
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, AZ

Saturday, October 3  
ASU vs. Oregon State  
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, AZ

Saturday, October 10  
ASU vs. UCLA  
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, AZ

Saturday, October 17  
ASU Band Day  
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, AZ

Saturday, November 7  
ASU vs. California  
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, AZ

Saturday, November 21  
ASU vs. Utah  
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, AZ

Saturday, November 28  
ASU vs. U of A  
Tucson, AZ

Tuesday, December 1st **  
Pass In Review  
Desert Financial Arena

Friday, December 4th  
Pac-12 Championship Game  
TBA

Sunday, December 6th**  
ASU Banquet  
TBA

TBA  
Bowl Game (if chosen)  
TBA

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Tentative Date

**Tentative Practice schedule for fall of 2020:**

Monday 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday (home games) 9:00am to 11:00am and 3 hours before kickoff

*Please make class schedules around these times, you are not permitted to leave early or come late to practice.*
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name______________________________________________________DOB________

ASU Student ID #__________________________________________________________

Phone_______________________________________________________________

Current Address_________________________________________________________

City/State/ Zip__________________________________________________________

Email____________________________________________________________________

Height___________________________Weight___________________________

Medical Insurance_____________________________________________________

Policy #_________________________________________________________________

Parents Names________________________________________________________________

Parents Phone________________________________________________________________

Parents Address__________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip___________________________________________________________

Please list any medications or prescriptions you take__________________________

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Any injuries and/or health issues we should be aware of_______________________________________________________________________________________________
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Allergies_______________________________________________________________________________________________
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School you currently attend_______________________________________________________________________________________________

City/State_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Are/were you on the cheer or dance teams at school? YES NO

If an ASU Student or Transfer college student, what year are you? ________________________

Major/Minor_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Last semester GPA__________________ Cumulative GPA__________________

Scholastic Honors or Scholarships_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Extra-curricular Activities (including job, Greek Life, club sports, clubs, internships, etc)_______________________________________________________________________________________________
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (Please indicate XS, S, M, L, XL)

Warm up Jacket Size:

T-shirt size:

Track pants size:

Leggings size:

Cheer skirt:

Athletic Shoe Size:

Fitted Tank Top Size:

Sports Bra:

Athletic Shorts size:

Booty Shorts size:

Do you have any conflicts with the dates/times listed in this packet? If so, please explain._______________________________________________________________________
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How did you hear about our auditions? (Circle one or more)

FRIEND          FLIER          FACEBOOK          INSTAGRAM

CURRENT SPIRIT SQUAD MEMBER          COMBINE          OTHER__________________

What experience do you have as a dancer, spirit leader? Please list school, studio, styles of dance, years of training, awards received, etc. Feel free to attach a resume or list on a separate piece of paper.

Please place an “X” next to the team you wish to audition/tryout for:

_____ Spirit Leader (Coed Cheer)

_____ Dance Team        _____ Competition        _____ Game Day

_____ Mascot
Why do you want to become an ASU Spirit Squad/Spirit Leaders-Cheer member?

What do you think are the most important qualities of a Spirit Squad member?

I certify that the above or attached information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to participate in the ASU Dance Team/Spirit Squad audition and I am willing to accept the results as determined by the ASU Spirit Squad, judges and coaches based on its mission, standards and objectives.

I agree to abide by the decisions of the judges involved in the audition process and understand the decisions made during the audition process are final.

I understand the time commitment and financial requirements of the ASU Spirit Squad and Dance Team and I am willing to make the Squad my first priority over the next school year.

Signature of Applicant__________________________________________________________

Date__________________________________________________________

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT:

Name__________________________________________________________ Phone________________________

Relationship__________________________________________________________
Model Release Form 2020-2021

I grant permission to the Arizona Board of Regents, on behalf of Arizona State University and its agents or employees to use photographs taken of me on the date and at the location listed below for use in university publications, both print and electronic.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photographs or printed or electronic matter that may be used in connection with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the photograph.

I hereby agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the Arizona Board of Regents, on behalf of Arizona State University and its agents or employees, including any firm publishing and or/distributing the finished product in whole or in part, whether on paper or via electronic media, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs, including but not limited to any misuse, distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in taking, processing, reduction or production of the finished product, its publication or distribution. It is the discretion of Arizona State University to decide whether to use the image.

I am 18 years of age or older and I am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions in writing prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

(Print) Student Name _________________________________

Instrument/Section Date _____________________________

Student Signature ____________________________________

Parent Signature (if under 18) __________________________
RELEASE, INDEMNITY, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK ASU ATHLETIC BANDS
SUN DEVIL MARCHING BAND, BASKETBALL BANDS, DIXIE DEVILS,
COLORGUARD, DRUMLINE, AND TWIRLERS

I am aware that my participation in one or more of the ASU Athletic Bands and related activities can be a dangerous activity involving MANY RISKS OF INJURY. I understand and acknowledge that the dangers and risks of participating include, but are not limited to: broken leg, arm, back, rib; respiratory distress; lung damage; heart and related damage; hearing and sight damage and/or loss; injury or impairment to other aspects of my body, general health and well-being. I understand that the dangers and risks of participating may result not only in injury, but in an impairment of my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities and generally to enjoy life.

Because of the dangers and risks of participating in one or more of the ASU Athletic Bands, I recognize the importance of following policies, procedures, rules and regulations; and, instructions as provided.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in one or more of the ASU Athletic Bands and all related activities, I hereby assume all risks associated with my participation and agree to hold the Arizona Board of Regents, Arizona State University, its regents, officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives, instructors, volunteers, and the State of Arizona harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with my participation in one or more of the ASU Athletic Bands and all related activities, except for those caused by the negligence of ASU. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk by myself, my heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees and for all members of my family.

I, being an adult, have read the above statement and fully understand the contents, consequences and implications of signing this document.

Date: ________________________________

Printed Name: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Parent Signature (if under 18) ________________________________