Razorback Cheerleader and Pom Squad
DVD Tryout Information

Thank you for your interest in the University of Arkansas and our Cheerleading and Pom Squad. To register for cheer or pom tryouts please prepare a DVD that demonstrates your mastery of the following material and complete the DVD Tryout Registration Form. Tryout dates are as follows: Pom/RBI – April 8, 9 & 10 and Cheerleaders - April 15, 16, & 17. When we have received your DVD and paperwork we will provide additional paperwork and a detailed itinerary for the tryout weekend.

Please be aware that the cheerleaders and pom squad members selected to the 2016/2017 squad members will be required to return to Fayetteville (at their own expense) on the weekend of the Annual Spring Red/White Football game for mandatory practices and uniform fittings. This date has not been announced but should be released soon. The new cheer and pom squads will perform on the field for the Red/White Football game.

DVD’s and materials listed below are due in our office on or before 4:30pm on Friday, February 19, 2016. (Late entries will be returned unopened).

1) DVD – be sure your name, phone, email are on it
2) Tryout application form – posted on this website under DVD Tryout Application Form
3) Three color pictures – one full body in your cheer/pom uniform, girls one in nice dress clothing/guys in nice slacks and dress shirt and one head shot (any size photo is fine – they will not be returned)
4) The application/handling fee of $15 (checks should be made out to University of Arkansas – please DO NOT send cash)
5) High School seniors/transfer students must provide a copy of your acceptance letter from the UA.
6) Current UA students must provide a current copy of their UA transcript.

All Cheer:
1) A short introduction (close-up shot of your face) providing your name, school, and why you are trying out to be a Razorback Cheerleader
2) The Arkansas Tryout Fight Song* (to be posted on ARKANSASRAZORACKS.COM into MORE and SPIRIT SQUADS) by Friday, January 22
3) A cheer OR sideline chant*

* Please show spirit before and after all the above elements
* We are looking for level placement and very sharp motions

Females: Four partner stunts in the following order:
1) Toss Hands to Extension
2) Toss Hands to Lib
3) 4) Two optional stunts/dismounts of your choice

Tumbling:
1) Standing Tuck (2) – shot from front and side
2) Standing back handspring back tuck
3) Tumbling pass – minimum pass with a tuck. (preferred layout or better)
Males*:
Three partner stunts in the following order:
1) Toss extension – pop off
2) Walk in hands lib – pop off
3) One optional stunt/dismount of your choice

Tumbling:
1) Standing Tuck (preferred)
2) Tumbling pass - if you have one

Please keep in mind that when we are selecting our team we strongly consider students who are versatile and can stunt with several different partners so it is recommended that you stunt with more than one partner on your DVD if possible. You may not stunt with anyone on the current cheer squad or anyone that has been on the squad during the 2015/2016 school year.

Pom Squad:
- A short introduction (close-up shot of your face) providing your name, school, and why you would like to be a Razorback Pom squad member
- The Arkansas Tryout Fight Song* (to be posted on ARKANSASRAZORBACKS.COM into MORE and SPIRIT SQUADS) by Friday, January 22
- Please show spirit before and after the fight song
- 8 to 10 eight-counts of Hip-Hop to appropriate high energy music of your choice.
- A creative dance of your own – 1:45 to 2:00 minutes in length (BE SURE YOU MAKE IT UP YOURSELF!)
- Dance must include
  - 1) quad pirouette
  - 2) turning disc
  - 3) leap in second
  - 4) leap (of your choice)
  - 5) fouette combination (a minimum of six fouettes with a triple out)
  - 6) leg hold (show ability and control)

We are looking for strong motions and an entertaining performance that our Razorback fans will enjoy.

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This should be a very simple DVD – please don’t go to the trouble or expense of graphics, etc. It’s not necessary to introduce each segment. Please tape the material in the order listed above.

Cheer girls wear a white sports bra and red shorts. Cheer guys wear a white t-shirt and red shorts.

Pom girls wear: 1) a white sports bra and red shorts for everything except the creative dance.
  2) a sports bra and dance pants for your creative dance.

You may wear any shoes you like. Dance apparel can be any color and should be in good taste.
Please do not send recommendation letters or ask people to call/text/email on your behalf. Everyone will have a personal interview at tryouts.

For all squad members we are looking for an athletic body image, collegiate look and presentation. We expect you to be academically oriented, smiling, enthusiastic, hard working, friendly and outgoing with a positive attitude in all situations.

Please send your DVD, photos, application forms and application fee of $15 to the indicated address. Be sure your name, phone number and e-mail address are correct and readable on your check, DVD and application form. It is also appreciated if you put your name on the back of all pictures.

*We recommend that you use UPS or FED-EX so you can track your DVD. If you live in the NWA area and prefer to deliver your DVD please leave it with Miss Kathi in room 131 – NW side of Barnhill Arena on the first floor.*

Regular mail is sometimes accidentally delivered to the wrong building on campus or late in arriving so be sure you mail it early. *We CANNOT accept DVDs delivered after the deadline regardless of the reason – they will be returned unopened.*

*The FED-EX/UPS/US MAILING address is: Jean Nail
131 Barnhill Arena
Fayetteville, Arkansas
72701*

*Again, the deadline is Friday, February 19, 2016 by 4:30pm.*

We’re glad you’re interested in the University of Arkansas. It is special to be a member of our Razorback family. There are many exciting things ahead for our teams, fans, and spirit squads. Please call 479-575-6534 or e-mail jnail@uark.edu if you have any questions. We’re happy to help.

Practice safely and GO HOGS!