Razorback Spirit Squads Overview

Two co-ed cheer squads: Cheer Arkansas and Cheer Razorbacks – 7 couples on each – all grade levels on each squad

Two dance teams: Pom Arkansas and Pom Razorbacks – 12 girls on each squad – all grade levels on each. They also perform during baseball games as the RBI girls – dancing and leading cheers on the dugouts pre- game and between innings

Six mascots:
Big Red (our primary mascot) -2 students
Sue E. (girl mascot) - 1
Pork Chop (kid mascot) - 1
BOSS HOG (9' inflatable) - 1
Ribby (baseball mascot – basically Big Red in baseball uniform and cap) - 1
Tusk (live Razorback) – brought to games/events and cared for by the Keith Stokes family in Dardanelle

Game participation: All five squads perform at home and Little Rock football games. One cheer squad and Big Red travel to all away football games. For men's and women's basketball we have one cheer squad, one pom squad and the mascots perform. We have 4 cheer couples and mascots at each volleyball match, 7 cheer couples and mascots at each gymnastics meet and 12 RBI girls and Ribby at each baseball game. We also do selected appearances at soccer, softball, track and tennis. For the Bowl game and SEC/NCAA tournaments seniors are given the first opportunity for these trips. Other events include Greek Theatre Pep Rallies and many, many community outreach and on campus events. The Razorback Spirit Squads will not compete nationally.

Scholarships: All squad members receive the following based on years of participation:

1st year on squad $850 fall and spring semesters
2nd year on squad $1050 fall and spring semester
3rd year on squad: $1250 fall and spring semester
4th year – same as third (some years we have additional monies and then 4th year will receive $1350 for spring)

Academics: **Our cumulative GPA for last fall was a 3.38**

12 squad members had a 4.0
43 squad members had a 3.0 and above

We are also very appreciative of the athletic training program that provides two trainers and excellent care for our squads. One trainer attends all cheer practices and both are available to the squad members in case of illness or to rehab an injury.

Tryouts are held each spring for the following year:

The requirements, etc. are posted on our website ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS.COM (into MORE and SPIRIT SQUADS) and social media in late December/early January with the DVD's and application forms due the end of February/early March. Finals are held the first few weekends of April (but always before the Red/White game). Everyone must try out each year; however the current squad members are not required to prepare a DVD.

Uniforms and apparel:

Uniforms are provided, altered to fit and returned at the end of each year to be reissued the next fall. We award Nike apparel/shoes (students keep these items with the exception of raingear and heavy jacket that is reissued each year). All dance costuming is cleaned and reused for future performances.

Travel:

The majority of football and basketball travel is by chartered bus. However, students are required to return to campus over Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break for basketball, gymnastics and baseball games. For these events they will provide their own transportation and receive a per diem and mileage from their homes.