SQUAD DESCRIPTION

The ULM Cheer may consist of 4 to 6 co-ed couples and 16 to 20 on All-Girl, numbers may vary depending on available funds. The ULM Cheerleaders will serve a 1 year commitment from May 1, 2015-May 1, 2016. ULM Cheerleaders will cheer at all football games, home basketball games and pep rallies. In addition to cheering at football games, basketball games and pep rallies, ULM Cheer will make appearances at soccer games, volleyball games, baseball/softball games, and community events. ULM may also participate in the UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship, which will be January 15-17, 2016 depending on the availability of funds. ULM Cheerleaders has a long tradition of consistently ranking among the nation’s best each year.

The ULM Cheerleaders serve as one of the most visible student groups on campus, and we take great pride in the privilege to represent our school not only at athletic events, but in our communities and personal lives. While talent and the ability to perform skills is an important part of what we do, ULM Cheerleaders must be personable, confident, and maintain a positive image.

We are looking for candidates who are physically fit and present themselves in a professional manner. Judges will be looking for well-balanced student athletes who possess the following: collegiate stunting and tumbling ability, performance energy, physical fitness, appearance, positive attitude, and professional social skills. They represent the Warhawks and the ULM community at appearances and performances throughout the year.

ULM Cheer Clinics will be April 16th and April 17th. Tryouts will be April 18, 2015, at which time we will select the 2015-2016 ULM Cheerleaders. The following packet contains important information regarding the tryout process including forms and items that must be completed by you before tryouts.
BASIC REQUIREMENTS

CHEER EXPERIENCE IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!!!

Incoming freshman ARE eligible to tryout

Current and Transfer students with a minimum 2.5 GPA are eligible to tryout

Current ULM students must be enrolled full-time (12 hours) to be eligible to tryout

Tryout packet must be submitted before tryouts

A $20 Fee must be submitted with your tryout packet, or before auditions begin. Check or money order only. Make payment to The ULM Cheer Foundation. Mail packets to the following address:

ULM Cheer
Student Center 257
700 University Avenue
Monroe, LA 71209

Although you may not be attending the University at the time of your audition, you must show proof of admission (student ID or admission letter).

2015 CHEER CLINIC/TRYOUT DATES

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Please arrive no later than 10 minutes early for the clinics. Audition day, please arrive at 30 minutes early for check-in

(CHEER CLINICS / TRYOUTS ARE MANDATORY)

NOTE: ALL CHEER CLINICS & TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!!

Video Auditions

Pre-arranged or Video tryouts will be considered on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Spirit Groups Coordinator and Head Coach. These are reserved for extenuating circumstances and must be completed BEFORE our official tryouts. Please contact the Spirit Groups Coordinator for more information.

Tryout Location:
Where: Brown Gymnasium on ULM’s campus

**NOTE: TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!!!
Tryout Skills
In order to make the team you must be able to properly execute the following technical elements correctly:

- Back Hand Spring
- Round Off Back Hand Spring
- Co-Ed or All-Girl Stunting

These are minimum requirements. Greater tumbling and stunting abilities are preferred.

Attire for Cheer Clinics
All female participants must wear the following:

- Any color sports bra or sports bra top. (No tee shirts)
- Black hot shorts or athletic shorts
- Cheerleading shoes / tennis shoes
- Hair in a ponytail.

All male participants must wear the following:

- Tee shirt
- Athletic shorts
- Tennis shoes

Attire for Tryouts
All female participants must wear the following:

- Any color sports bra or sports bra top. (No tee shirts, ULM apparel encouraged)
- Black hot shorts or athletic shorts
- White Cheerleading shoes / tennis shoes
- Female participants MUST wear make-up with your hair in a ponytail with a ribbon or bow. (Must look game day ready.)

All male participants must wear the following:

- Clean, grey tee shirt
- Black athletic shorts
2015-2016 Cheer Squad
The ULM Cheerleaders will serve a 1 year commitment from May 1, 2015-May 1, 2016.

NOTE: There will be a short meeting with the Spirit Groups Coordinator, Head Cheer Coach, and new team shortly after tryouts.

If you have any questions please contact:

Garry Butler                      Peaire Allison
Spirit Groups Coordinator         Head Cheer Coach
gbutler@ulm.edu                   Dpallison508@gmail.com
(318) 342-5289                    (601) 668-5999
2015-2016 ULM Cheerleading
Tryout Application

NAME ____________________________________________________________

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENDER (check one) Male____ Female____

BIRTHDATE_________________(MM/DD/YYYY)

ADDRESS _______________________________________________________

(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

HOME PHONE #________________________ CELL PHONE #____________________

PROBABLE/CURRENT MAJOR____________________________ GPA _________

CWID #__________________________________________________________

(Only if you are a current ULM student)

EMAIL ADDRESS ________________________________

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE ATTENDED ________________________________

CLASSIFICATION ______________________ AGE ________________
In case of emergency, contact: ________________________________

Relationship to you: ________________________________

Best phone # to reach them: ________________________________

SIZING INFORMATION
Please fill in your accurate size below... You will be measured and weighed at try-outs also!

HEIGHT _____ feet _____ inches

WEIGHT _____ pounds

(It is up to you to maintain your tryout weight and appearance, unless otherwise told by the coach, because of our uniforms you must stay in shape!)

For safety and athletic training purposes, please list any prior injuries, dates of injuries, and/or any medical conditions that the coach should be aware of:

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Questionnaire (please print neatly or type your answers)

1. List the organizations in which you are currently active.

2. List previous cheer training/experience:
   (Include the gym or school name, how long, what age, etc.)

3. Can you afford the expenses of being a ULM Cheerleader? (Buying warm-ups, extra uniforms, a bag, camp clothes, team tennis shoes, etc. if university funding is not available)

4. Why do you want to be a ULM Cheerleader?

5. What assets would you bring to the squad?

6. What are your weaknesses?
SPIRIT GROUP PARTICIPATION
RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

FULL NAME: ________________________________________________
SOCIAL SECURITY #:___________________________________________
CWID #:______________________________________________________

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she understands that participation in any spirit group activity at the University of Louisiana at Monroe is purely voluntary and is not a part of the academic curriculum of the University.

In consideration of the University cooperating in making the program available and/or making any equipment or facilities available to the undersigned while participating in spirit group activity, the undersigned hereby releases ULM, its successors, assigns, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever in anyway growing out of or resulting from the undersigned student’s participation in the ULM spirit groups.

The undersigned further agrees that he/she understands that participation in a spirit group involves substantial risk of bodily injury.

It is expressly understood by the undersigned that he/she is solely responsible for all costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through participation in normal and/or unusual spirit group activities. The undersigned is encouraged to get a physical examination before participating in spirit group activities and encouraged to obtain adequate bodily injury and property damage insurance coverage.

The signature of the parent or legal guardian appearing in the space indicated below signifies acceptance by said guardian that the terms and conditions here of shall be binding upon them and shall constitute a release by them of any and all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever which any of them may have against ULM and it’s employees as a result of the undersigned student’s participation in the activities described.

THIS RELEASES ULM, ITS SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN ANY AND ALL SPIRIT GROUP TRYOUTS AND ACTIVITIES.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY AND CLEARLY THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND AGREE TO BE BOUND THEREBY.

__________________________________________  __________  __________
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT                              Age                              Date

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
In order to tryout, all participants must submit the following before or day of tryouts:

- Proof of Insurance
- A current transcript
- A current photo
- $20 application fee (checks/money orders made out to: The ULM Cheer Foundation)
- Completed application and forms

If mailing packet:
- ULM Cheer
  Student Center 257
  700 University Avenue
  Monroe, LA 71209

I have read and certify that all of the above information is true and correct. I have included proof of insurance, a current transcript, a current photo, and a $20 application fee with my application. I give my permission to the judging panel to verify any/all of my information. I will participate in all activities and practices throughout the year and national competition. I will follow the Code of Conduct that is set by the University of Louisiana at Monroe. I will also follow the University of Louisiana at Monroe’s Spirit Group rules and regulations.

Signature of Applicant: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian signature (under 18): ________________________________

Date: ________________________________