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Department of Athletics

**2019 – 20 GSU SPIRIT PROGRAM  
TRYOUT/AUDITION INFORMATION  
IMPORTANT DATES:**

**2019-20 GSU Pantherette Dance Team Auditions**

May 9<sup>th</sup> 5-9 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> 5-9 pm

May 11<sup>th</sup> 11-4 pm

Audition Application Fee \$30 paid at the door.

**2019 -20 Team Pounce Auditions**

May 11<sup>th</sup> 4 pm

Audition Application Fee \$30 paid at the door.

**2019-20 GSU Coed and All Girl Cheerleading Tryouts**

May 16<sup>th</sup> 5-9 pm

May 17<sup>th</sup> 5-9 pm

May 18<sup>th</sup> 11-5 pm

Tryout Application Fee \$30 paid at the door.

**\*All skill sessions will be held at the GSU Sports Arena, 125 Decatur Street, Atlanta GA 30303. Professional interviews will be held at Georgia State Stadium, 755 Hank Aaron Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30303.**

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### TRYOUT/AUDITION FAQs

- **BE ON TIME** for all sessions. It is best to arrive 15 minutes earlier than the call time.
- **LOOK YOUR BEST!** Full make up and red lipstick. Hair fresh and styled. Wear it down and curled for dance team, and half up and curled for cheer. Wear comfortable athletic clothing with a good fit that will compliment your figure. Appearance is a very important factor in the selection process.
- **NO GUM. NO JEWELRY**, other than small studs or pearls.
- **COVER ALL TATTOOS!** If you have them, we don't need to know that you do.
- **BE CONFIDENT!** You may have some issues with the material or skills that you will be learning and performing. Always remain calm and confident. We are looking for people that stay calm, positive, and look like they are enjoying themselves.
- **BE FRIENDLY!** Everyone has been in your shoes before. We are not here to crush your spirit, we want to promote it and push you to reaching your goals of being a part of our program.
- **ASK FOR HELP!** Again, we are here to help you attain your goals. Don't be afraid to ask.
- **BE REALISTIC!** There are always people that might be more experienced than you are. Use that as motivation to be the best you that you can be. There is only one **YOU**, and **YOU** might be who we are looking for!
- **HAVE FUN!** It's cheer and dance. The description for this job is to make others **HAPPY** and **HAVE FUN!** It all starts with **YOU!**

### PROGRAM FAQs

- All members must maintain a 2.0 Cumulative GPA while participating.
- All member must have personal health insurance on file with Sports Med.
- All members must fundraise \$500 to cover costs of summer camp.
- All members must participate in program fundraising events.
- All other expenses including uniforms, gear, accessories, and travel are covered by the program.
- All members have "student athlete" status with early registration, academic assistance, tutoring, and required study hall.
- We attend UCA/UDA and ALL PRO camps in the summer, and we have competed at NCA and Cheersport in past seasons.

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### FEQUENTLY ASKED CHEER QUESTIONS:

1. **Do you offer scholarships? Unfortunately, not at this time.**
2. **Do you have to tumble to cheer? Yes, we asked that you have at least a standing and running back handspring. The more tumbling you have, the better the chances of making the team.**
3. **Can I have a job and still participate? Yes, most of the athletes in our program have jobs and are still able to participate. You just need to be able to manage your time well.**
4. **I am taking classes at one of the GSU Perimeter campuses. Can I still participate? Unfortunately, no. You must be enrolled in 12 credit hours at the downtown GSU campus to participate in any type of GSU athletic activities.**
5. **Does it cost anything to cheer? The only costs related to the program are the required costs to participate in summer camp. All members are asked to get sponsors or fundraise \$450 for it. We also fundraise to compete at national competitions.**
6. **Are you an NCA or UCA styled team? We are UCA for Game Day, and traditionally, we have competed at NCA College nationals in Daytona. We also are the 2016 Cheersport National Collegiate Champions.**
7. **I am a male that has always played sports but has never done cheer before. Should I tryout? Yes, usually guys that are athletic make the best cheerleaders because of their athletic background.**
8. **Why is there an interview in the tryout process? So that we can evaluate your communication skills, poise, confidence level, and maturity. These are all skills that athletes in the program use daily and we want to select athletes with the best fit and best chemistry for our teams in the program.**
9. **Are the members required to participate in workouts? Yes, all members of our program are required to do workouts twice a week with our strength and conditioning coach.**
10. **What sports do you cheer for? We cheer for all home football and men's and women's basketball games, selected away games, all home volleyball matches, and many other campus and community activities and events.**

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### FEQUENTLY ASKED PANTHERETTE QUESTIONS:

1. **Are the dancers required to wear makeup, wigs, weave, lashes, etc.?** Yes, these items are all part of the costuming and visualization of our performances.
2. **What skills are required for the dance team?** A strong memory for learning a lot of material quickly. Strong motions. Must be able to perform a double turn, as well as other advanced technical dance leaps and turns.
3. **Does it cost anything to be a Pantherette?** The only costs related to the program are the required costs to participate in All Pro dance camp, and the UDA summer camp. All members are asked to get sponsors or fundraise \$600 for it. We also fundraise during the year to cover expenses.
4. **Can I have a job and still participate?** Yes, most of the athletes in our program have jobs and still are able to participate. You just need to be able to manage your time well.
5. **Are the members required to participate in workouts?** Yes, all members of our program are required to do workouts twice a week with our strength and conditioning coach.
6. **I am taking classes at one of the GSU Perimeter campuses. Can I still participate?** Unfortunately, no. You must be enrolled in 12 credit hours at the downtown GSU campus to participate in any type of GSU athletic activities.
7. **What do you do at games?** During football, at home we rotate around the stadium dancing and cheering for the crowd. We have a feature performance on the field during a time out usually in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. In basketball, we either perform at every men's game halftime or selected timeouts, and selected women's game halftimes.
8. **Do you do community service?** Yes, we participate in as many community service events and appearances as we can fit into our schedule.

If you have further questions or concerns, feel free to contact Head Coach Darryl Lyons at [dlyons6@gsu.edu](mailto:dlyons6@gsu.edu), or call 404-413-4019.

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### 2019-20 PANTHERETTE AUDITIONS SCHEDULE

#### **\*\*PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>\*\***

To pre-register, you must scan, and this completed packet to Coach Darryl Lyons at [dlyons6@gsu.edu](mailto:dlyons6@gsu.edu). You must pay \$30 cash check in on the first day of the audition clinic. A face shot photo with a smile must be included in the packet.

#### **MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

4 pm – Check in (This session is for new members only that want to be rookie members of the team. Participants should be dressed in a sports bra top, shorts, hose, and sneakers with full make up and hair down and curled. Coaches will lead a conversation regarding the program and its expectations. Then participants will begin learning our traditional material. An evaluation and cut will be made at the end of this session if necessary.

7 pm – Check in for all veteran and returning members. An evaluation of the spirit material will be done as well as a free style evaluation.

9 pm – The session closes. A cut will be made if necessary.

#### **May 10<sup>th</sup>**

5 pm – Check in of all Semi-finalists. All participants must be dressed in GSU colored attire. Bra tops, shorts, hose, sneakers are encouraged. Today, all material that has been taught will be reviewed. The audition routine will be taught.

8 pm – The Spirit Material and the Audition material will be evaluated. Finalists will be announced.

#### **May 11<sup>th</sup>**

11 am – Professional Interview sessions with the judges and coaching staff. All members must be dressed business professionally for the session. This means conservative dresses, or dress pants, and suits. Details will be discussed at the clinic. Each group will contain 3 to 5 participants. Groups will be asked questions regarding their experience, as well as current world events, and issues.

2 pm – Audition Finals. Participants should be wearing GSU colors in their bra tops and shorts/leggings with sneakers. Participants will be evaluated on all skills and material that has been taught throughout the clinic. Finalist must also have a solo routine prepared that is 1 minute or less. Costuming is encouraged. All participants must have their own music either on their phone or email it to [dlyons6@gsu.edu](mailto:dlyons6@gsu.edu) prior to the finals.

4 pm – The 2019-20 Pantherettes Dance Team will be announced, and a short team meeting will be held for approximately one hour.

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### 2019-20 TEAM POUNCE AUDITION SCHEDULE

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**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**11am - All athletes interested in auditioning for Team Pounce must arrive at the administration building of Georgia State Stadium dressed business professionally and ready for the professional interviews being given by the judges and coaching staff of the program.**

**Participants will be in groups of 3 to 5 members.**

**4 pm – Participants will meet at the GSU Sports Arena Practice Gym to perform their 2-minute skit/routine for the judges and staff. Skits use use costumes, props, and any other spirit raising items that will engage and hype the audience. All participants must have all music to be used in the skit either on their phone or emailed to Coach D at [dlyons6@gsu.edu](mailto:dlyons6@gsu.edu) prior to the audition.**

**Members will be announced shortly after the completion of the Pantherettes auditions, and a brief team meeting will be held closing at 5 pm.**

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### 2019-20 CHEERLEADING TRYOUT SCHEDULE

**\*\*PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 15TH\*\***

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#### **May 16<sup>th</sup>**

5 pm – Rookie member check in. This session is for new students to GSU only. Participants must be dressed in GSU colored T shirts, bra tops, shorts, and wear cheer/athletic shoes. Ladies, your hair should be half up with a bow in the back of your head. Full make up and red lipstick. Guys beards must be shaved, no visible tattoos, and athletic clothing. No one can wear any jewelry. The session will be led by the coaching staff discussing the goals and expectations of the program and its members. After this session, our spirit material will be taught, as well as basic stunts and tumbling.

7 pm – Veteran check in. All Veteran and returning members of the program will join the session. Material will be reviewed. Stunt groups and partners will be formed. Material will be evaluated. Cuts will be made if necessary.

9 pm – Session Ends.

#### **May 17<sup>th</sup>**

5 pm Semifinalist check in. All members will review the material and begin working on their “Cheer”, as well as other material that will be evaluated at the end of the session.

9 pm Session ends.

#### **May 18<sup>th</sup>**

11 am- All Cheer finalists check in to prepare for professional interviews that will be administered by the judges and coaching staff on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Administration Building at the Georgia State University Stadium. All participants must be dressed business professionally. This means business suits, conservative dresses or dress pants. Guys must wear either a shirt and tie, or shirt and blazer type jackets. Participants will be interviewed in groups of 3 to 5 on their personal background, as well as current topics in the news today.

2 pm – Finalists will check in at the Sports Arena for the finals of tryouts. Participants must be dressed in GSU colored athletic clothing. All material will be evaluated.

The 2019-20 Cheer teams will be announced by 4 pm and a short team meeting will be held for approximately one hour.

5 pm – The session ends.

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