**2012-2013 Laker Dance Team Auditions**

Friday, June 15th

GVSU Fieldhouse, South Gym

**What to wear**: Black dance bottoms (shorts are acceptable, but please be sure they are appropriate) and a white fitted top. Hair pulled back please.

**What to bring:** Snacks/lunch or money for lunch, water bottle, dance shoes, required forms

**Technical Skill Requirements:** Double right and left pirouettes, triple right pirouette, 2 eight counts of second turns/fouettes, right leap, left leap, switch leaps, center leap, calypso, and toe touch. Dancers will also be asked to demonstrate an optional leap (tilt jumps, switch open, turning open/disk, c-jumps, attitude jumps, etc.) and a flexibility and/or gymnastic skill (extension, leg hold, hip-hop stall, handspring, aerial, etc.)

**Schedule for the day:**

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| 9:00 AM | Registration |
| 9:30 AM | Warm-up and Stretch |
| 10:00 AM | Learn audition routine  |
| 11:30 AM | Break for lunch and practice |
| 1:00 PM | Technical skills |
| 1:45 PM | Break : Meeting with captains and sign up for audition time with partner |
| 2:00 PM  | Review dance  |
|  | Practice – The gym will be open for dancers to practice until formal auditions begin at 5 |
| 4:30 PM | Partner auditions begin  |

**Tryout Requirements:**

* A completed tryout waiver form
* **Current GVSU Students:** Please bring your class schedule for the 2012-2013 academic year and evidence showing your accumulated grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
* **Incoming freshman or transfer students:** Please bring proof of your admission acceptance to Grand Valley State University for the 2012-2013 academic year.
* A $25 **non-refundable** registration fee is collected to cover administrative and publicity fees related to the tryout. (Cash payments are preferred, or please make your check payable to the Laker Dance Team) ***\*If you auditioned at the April tryout earlier this year , you do not need to pay agai*n**

**Laker Dance Team Policies & Important Information**

**Attendance:**

Each team member is allowed **one** un-excused absence during the Fall semester, and **zero** un-excused absences during the Winter semester. The only acceptable excuse for missing any fundraiser, performance, game, practice, or event is for class or a school related function (although, each team member is strongly encouraged to schedule their classes around the weekly commitments of dance team).

**Summer Practice:**

The following Summer 2012 dates are mandatory for all team members:

**June 16: Team Meeting, Social, Practice, & Fundraising (for those who make the team, arrangements can be made for anyone with a long distance to travel if she would like to stay at GV for the remainder of the weekend. Multiple girls on the team live on campus and would be happy to accommodate for fellow teammates)**

**July 13 & 14: Team Meeting, Social, Practice, & Fundraising**

**July 28, 29, & 30: (NDA Camp in Louisville, Kentucky)**

**August 24, 25, & 26: Team Meeting, Social, Practice, & Fundraising**

The following Spring 2013 dates are mandatory for all team members:

 **April (date still unknown): NDA Collegiate Dance Competition in Daytona Beach**

**School-Year Practice:**

The following practice schedule is *tentative and subject to change*:

**Fall Semester -**

**Monday and Wednesday:**

Work out 9:00pm – 10:00pm

Practice 10:00pm-11:30pm

**Sunday:**

Practice 5:00pm – 8:00pm

**Winter Semester -**

**Monday and Wednesday:**

Practice 9:00pm - 11:30pm

**Sunday:**

Practice 5:00pm – 8:00pm

**Practice times are subject to change during preparation for competitions**. The team **may** be required to return a few days early from winter break to learn the choreography for the national routines, any absences from those practices will result in that dancer not competing with the team at Nationals.

Practices consist of a variety of physical activity to improve our dance technique as well as each team member’s physical fitness as a whole. These activities include weight training and strengthening exercises, running, stretching, and of course, dancing. Any dancer unable to participate in this type of training should reconsider trying out.

**Sporting Events & Dance Camp:**

The Laker Dance Team season runs year round; it is **mandatory** for each team member to commit to the dance team obligations for the entire year. This includes all practices, games, fundraisers, and events.

LDT will be attending the National Dance Alliance’s College Dance Camp in Louisville, Kentucky from July 27th – July 30th, 2012. Each member is expected to attend this camp.

Football season runs from August until December.

Basketball season runs from November until March.

If the football and/or basketball team participates in their respective National Championship game, the Laker Dance Team is required to attend the event to support these GVSU athletic programs. It will be expected that each dancer make arrangements to attend these events even at short notice.

**Finances:**

All members of the team are required to attend all fundraisers held throughout the summer and academic year. This money funds the team for uniforms, poms, choreography, camp, competition expenses, dues, etc.

All members will be responsible to cover the cost of any required items that they will be keeping beyond the season (ex: shoes, tights, bra tops, etc.). Every dancer is required to pay $300 by May 28th, 2011 to cover all clothing for camp, along with other uniform pieces and accessories.

As a confirmation of your commitment, a $100 deposit from each dancer will be required. This payment is due at the first summer practice, June 15th, 2011. This deposit will be returned upon completion of the season. If any member resigns or is dismissed from the team mid-season, they are responsible for any items and expenses they incur or are in their name and will forfeit their deposit.

**Fundraising:**

All team members are required to get a total of $400 in sponsors by the first home football game. If a member is unable to meet this deadline, they will be financially responsible for the remaining amount. Additional information on acquiring sponsors will be given out at the first meeting, or through email upon making the team.

There are many fundraisers throughout the season in which all team members are required to attend. If any member misses a fundraiser due to an unexcused absence, they will be expected to donate their portion of the total money raised during that event.

Each team member will be responsible for initiating and organizing at least one fundraising opportunity for the team. This will be discussed further at the first summer dance team meeting in June.

**For more information or answers to any questions, please feel free to e-mail us at** **gvsulakerdanceteam@hotmail.com** **or contact either of the Laker Dance Team 2012-2013 co-captains, Alyssa at (734) 812-0320**

 **or Holly at (989) 292-1953.**

**Best of luck! Go Lakers!**

**Laker Dance Team policy under university rulings:**

Since the Laker Dance Team is considered a performing arts club, we allow prospective dancers to attend Sunday practices. However, only the dancers who were selected at the spring tryout are eligible to perform with the team, obtain uniforms, etc. The captains/coach hold the right to have another audition for National competing purposes if they feel fit.

It is important that every prospective member thoroughly reads the responsibilities of a Laker Dance Team member. By signing below, you are agreeing that you understand all of the Laker Dance Team obligations and policies as outlined in this document and will follow them if you are chosen for the performance team.

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 (Prospective Laker Dance Team Member)