



Pom Squad Audition Information **2014-2015**

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The University of Texas at San Antonio

Pom Squad Audition Packet

2014-2015

Thank you for your interest in the [UTSA Pom Squad!](#) Please read the following information for details regarding auditions and the team. In addition to reading the **Audition Information Packet**, you will also be required to complete the **Audition Application** (found at the end of this packet) on the day of the audition. Feel free to print and fill out the application; and bring it with you on the day of auditions. Otherwise, the application will be provided for you when you arrive at the audition.

Important Information:

- Registration takes place on **Sunday, May 4, 2014** from **9:00a-10:00a**. You may register at any point during this time.
- The Audition will take place from **10:00a-3:30p**. Please arrive *before 10:00a* to give yourself adequate time to warm-up.
 - Please meet in the **Music Lobby** in the **UTSA Music Building** by **10:00a** to receive your **Audition Application** and **Audition Number**. You will then be directed to the Audition Site.
- What To Wear:
 - Black Hot Shorts (with tights) or Black Jazz Pants/Capris
 - Solid Color Sports Bra or Tank (Males: solid color t-shirt)
 - Hair Down & Fixed
 - Full Performance Make-Up
 - Jazz Shoes (also bring sneakers)
 - No Jewelry
 - You are expected to portray a collegiate image
- There will be a **mandatory** first meeting for the new Pom Squad directly following the Audition and results announcement. This will take place from approximately **3:30p-4:00p** (earlier if Auditions end ahead of schedule).
- There will also potentially be a **mandatory** Full Band meeting (which includes the Pom Squad) directly following the New Team Meeting—more details when time & location is decided.
- The Pom Squad is a **year-long** commitment at UTSA.
- You will be required to follow rules and requirements of the team each year. This will be outlined and given to you in our team constitution upon making the team.
- You may be required to incur certain costs as a member of the Pom Squad including, but not limited to: Warm-Up suits, Team Sneakers, Dance Shoes, Team Bag, Tights/Hose, Performance Make-Up, Spanks, Performance Earrings, Performance Boots, etc.

Important Dates:

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| • Friday, April 18th: | Prep Class Registration | 5:00p-6:00p |
| | UTSA Pom Prep Class | 6:00p-9:30p |
| • Sunday, May 4 th : | Pom Audition Registration | 9:00a-10:00a |
| | Pom Auditions | 10:00a-3:30p |
| | New Squad Meeting | 3:30p-4:00p |
| | Full-Band Meeting | TBD |

- Summer Camp specific to Pom will take place near the end of June or throughout July.
- SOSA Camp will begin near the end of August.
- Pom rehearsals are scheduled throughout the season at the discretion of the Band Director, Pom Squad Coach and Captains.

Audition Specifics:

- Auditions are closed to spectators.
- There are *no scores* and there is *no point system*. All decisions are based upon work seen by the Band Director, Pom Coach, and Pom Captain(s). The Band Director & Pom Coach will make all final decisions on team member selection. Any candidate that has questions after the team has been selected may call the Pom Squad Coach on the Monday following auditions.
- Outbursts or questions from auditionees or parents will not be tolerated.
- Results will be posted immediately following auditions.
- Tentative calendars, team constitution, and estimated costs will be given upon making the team.

Team Specifics:

- o The UTSA Pom Squad ranges in size from 10-25 dancers.
- o Cost for the first year ranges from \$75-\$300 (rough estimate)
- o Once money is taken and team items are ordered, under no circumstances will money be refunded.
- o UTSA provides most of the team's equipment and attire.
- o Mandatory team practice is 3 times a week for 2-3 hours.
 - Additional rehearsals may be scheduled at the discretion of the Pom Squad Coach or Band Director.
- o Although a traditional pom squad, the UTSA Pom Squad performs all styles of dance including: Jazz, Hip-Hop, High Kick, Novelty, Pom, Contemporary, and Modern.



UTSA Pom Squad

Audition Application

2014-2015

Returning Member: YES NO

Full Name _____		
Age _____	Date of Birth _____	Gender _____
Email Address _____		
Permanent Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Current Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Home Phone (____) _____	Mobile (____) _____	

High School _____	Class of _____
Colleges Attended _____	
Major(s)/Minor(s) _____	
Current status at UTSA: FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR	
Current # of Hours Enrolled: _____	

Dance Experience _____

Other Interests _____

For safety and training purposes, please list any prior or current injuries or conditions _____

UTSA Pom Squad Application Agreement

(please print clearly)

I, _____, submit this application to the UTSA Pom Squad Head Coach for a position on the UTSA Pom Squad. For the 2014 – 2015 season, my academic classification will be _____. By submitting this application, I understand and agree to the following (*please initial by each bullet*):

- ___I will be a full-time student, taking a minimum of 12 credit hours for undergraduate or nine hours for graduate students at the University of Texas at San Antonio for the entire 2014-2015 fall and spring semesters.
- ___I must maintain a 2.0 GPA and will hereby release my academic transcripts to the Head Coach.
- ___I understand that I must be in good standing with the University of Texas at San Antonio, transferring College, or my High School and not on any type of academic or disciplinary probation.
- ___I must turn in the following paperwork to the Head Coach no later than 10:00a Sunday May 4th:
 - o Dance Team Application
 - o Dance Team Application Agreement
 - ___I understand that not having any of these will disqualify me from trying out for dance team position.
- ___I have no health or physical defects which would hinder my ability to perform as an UTSA Pom Squad Member or which might cause performing as an UTSA Pom Squad member to be unsafe to my health or the health and well being of my teammates.
- ___The physical demands of being a UTSA Pom Squad member require that I maintain a high level of physical fitness.
- ___If selected and I accept a UTSA Pom Squad position, I understand I will be required to attend all scheduled practices, classes, performances, summer camp, sporting events, pep rallies, team meetings, parades, alumni functions, and other functions or duties designated by the Head Coach and/or Director of Bands.
- ___I understand I am agreeing to a FULL YEAR commitment (fall AND spring semesters).
- ___Being an UTSA Pom Squad member is a major personal commitment of my non-academic time and cannot be placed secondary to any other non-academic activity. I understand that, with the exception of school, my commitment to the UTSA Pom Squad takes FIRST priority over all other activities (sorority, fraternity, clubs, organizations, work, etc.).
 - ___Furthermore, I understand that last minute appearances/events may arise in which the dancers must be present.
- ___I am responsible for the care and upkeep of all components of the dance uniform and equipment, and must keep all components of this uniform and equipment in acceptable condition.
- ___The UTSA Pom Squad plays an important role in representing the University of Texas at San Antonio. As such, I will always know that I am an official representative of the University of Texas at San Antonio, its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and dance/band program. I will always conduct myself in a manner to uphold that character, tradition, integrity, and spirit of the University of Texas at San Antonio.
- ___I understand and agree to be financially responsible for any items needed that will not be provided to me while dancing for the UTSA Pom Squad.
- ___I agree to follow all safety guidelines deemed necessary by the Head Coach.
- ___I understand that I must obtain a note from a family or school physician to be excused from any assigned function, unless approved in advance by the Head Coach. (If for any reason a dancer is unable to attend a function to which they are committed, he/she is responsible for finding another team member to replace them).
- ___I understand and accept that failure to meet any of the requirements listed above will result in my disqualification from consideration for UTSA Pom Squad position.
- ___I accept and understand that the decisions of the judges/coaches at auditions will be final.

Signature

Date

UTSA Release and Indemnification Agreement for Participant

Name of Participant	
Student Identification Number if Enrolled at UTSA	
Name of Parent/Guardian if Participant is < 18 years old	
Address	
Age of Participant	
Emergency Contact/Phone Number	
Description of Activity/Trip (including all associated travel)	UTSA Pom Workshop/Prep Clinic and Audition
Location of Activity/Trip	UTSA Main Campus – Recital Hall & Convocation Center
Date of Activity/Trip	Friday, April 18, 2014 & Sunday, May 4, 2014

By signing below, I consent to the Participant’s participation in the above-described (“Activity/Trip”) and I certify that there is no medial reason why Participant should not participate in the Activity/Trip. I acknowledge that the nature of the Activity/Trip may expose Participant to hazards or risks that may result in Participant’s illness, personal injury or death, and I understand and appreciate the nature of such hazards and risks. I understand that Participant may have unsupervised access to the internet while on the UTSA campus or while otherwise participating in the Activity/Trip.

Additionally, I understand that N/A (name of transporter) will transport the Participant during travel to and from the location listed above and during any additional or incidental travel associated with the Activity/Trip. If the Participant chooses to drive or to be a passenger in a personally-owned vehicle for any travel associated with the Activity/Trip, my signature below also acknowledges the following:

- I understand that the Institution assumes no liability or responsibility for the use of such vehicle during any such travel and that the Institution has neither inquired about nor confirmed (a) the driving history, training or licensure of the driver or (b) that the vehicle is covered by a private automobile insurance policy;
- I understand that the Institution carries no insurance that could cover any damages, injuries, claims or other liabilities associated with the use of such vehicle during such travel; and
- I further understand that any private insurance policy covering such vehicle or the driver personally will be responsible for any damages, injuries, claims or other liabilities that may arise from the use of the vehicle during any travel associated with the Activity/Trip.

In consideration of Participant being permitted to participate in the Activity/Trip, I hereby accept all risk to Participant’s health, including any injury or death to Participant that may result from such participation, which participation includes all travel associated with the Activity/Trip, and I hereby release UTSA, its governing board, officers, representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to participant’s property and for any and all illness or injury to Participant’s person, including his or her death, that may arise from or occur during Participant’s participation in the Activity/Trip. WHETHER CONTRIBUTED TO OR CAUSED BY ANY NEGLIGENCE OF UTSA, ITS GOVERNING BOARD, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR REPRESENTATIVES, OR OTHERWISE.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless UTSA, its governing board, officers, representatives, employees and agents from liability for the injury or death of any person(s) and damage to property that may arise in whole or in part, from the Participant’s negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the described Activity/Trip, WHETHER CONTRIBUTED TO OR CAUSED BY ANY NEGLIGENCE OF UTSA, ITS GOVERNING BOARD, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR REPRESENTATIVES, OR OTHERWISE.

Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian	Printed Name of Signatory	Date
If Participant is at least 18 years of age <u>OR</u> Signature of Participant’s Parent/Guardian if Participant is under the age of 18		

Signature of Witness	Printed Name of Witness	Date
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