2021-22
TRYOUT FAQs

How many teams will be selected for the 2021-22 season?
- One cheer team
- One dance team

How many team members will be selected for the 2021-22 teams?
- Maximum of 30 cheerleaders
- Maximum of 30 dancers

Are there scholarships available?
- YES! All athletes that meet requirements are eligible for a minimum $1,000 competitive scholarship awarded in the spring semester. (This will waive out of state tuition)
- Additional university scholarships are available and will be assessed with each team member and awarded upon met requirements.

What are the requirements to receive a Spirit Teams scholarship?
- Be in good standing with the university and the spirit program
- Complete the application process
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5

What does a Spirit Team member pay out of pocket?
- Nothing up front!
- All apparel, camp, uniforms, travel, etc., is covered through mandatory spirit program fundraising.

Do Spirit Team members live together on campus?
- Yes! Beginning fall 2021, all Spirit Team members who choose to live on campus will be housed with other team members in the residence hall of their choice.
When are tryouts?

**Cheer**
- All tryouts are done through recruit workshops and/or video submission.
- If a recruit cannot attend a recruit workshop, they should email spirit@sfasu.edu to arrange their video submission no later than April 23, 2021.

**Dance**
- April 30 through May 1, 2021
- Video submissions are only allowed with prior permission. Applicants should email spirit@sfasu.edu to discuss options no later than April 23, 2021.

When will the teams be announced?

- Cheer will be announced by May 7, 2021.
- Dance will be announced by May 1, 2021.

Will a second tryout be held?

- Depending on the number of team members chosen from the first set of tryouts, a second tryout may be held accordingly.

What are the requirements to make the teams?

**Cheer**
- Must be admitted into SFA prior to April 30, 2021.
  - [http://www.sfasu.edu/admissions-and-aid#section=admissions-process](http://www.sfasu.edu/admissions-and-aid#section=admissions-process)
- Tryouts application must be completed by April 16, 2021.
  - [https://payment.sfasu.edu/C20200_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=891](https://payment.sfasu.edu/C20200_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=891)

**Males:**
- Stunting Position:
  - Minimum of toss target with preferred elite level stunts
- Tumblers:
  - Minimum standing tumbling that ends in a layout and running tumbling that ends in a full.
- Preferred standing tumbling that ends in a full and running specialty that ends in a full.

**Females** (flyers):
- Group or two-man inversions (examples: back handspring up, hand in hand, rewind) and/or coed toss target.
- Dismounts preferred but not required (double down, and or flipping)
- Minimum standing two to back, preferred standing two to layout or better.
- Minimum running layout, preferred running full.

**Females** (backspots and bases):
- Group or two-man inversions (examples: back handspring up, hand in hand, rewind)
- Dismounts preferred but not required (double down, and or flipping)
- Minimum standing two to back, preferred standing two to layout or better.
- Minimum running layout, preferred running full.

**Dance**
- Must be admitted into SFA prior to April 30, 2021.
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- Triple or better pirouette with proper control/technique
- Side aerial cartwheel preferred
- Elite combination of fouettés in second position with proper control/technique
- Headspring with proper control/technique
- Ability to obtain cleans/corrections on choreography
- Ability to captivate a crowd
- Fight song taught at tryouts
- Sideline material taught at tryouts
- Additional skills/combinations may be requested as needed
- Solo routine
If you have any further questions, please email spirit@sfasu.edu for clarification.