



Stephen F. Austin State University

Mascot Tryout Packet

2013-2014

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Stephen F. Austin State University Mascot Tryout Information

Date and Time (*This date is mandatory*):

- May 2, 2014 – 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Mascot skits and cheers

Location:

All aspects of SFA tryouts will be held on the SFA Campus in the HPE Complex.

Attire:

- All candidates must provide mascot outfit they feel represents the traditional Lumberjack or Ladyjack, while also displaying personal ideas and character.

General Requirements for Tryouts:

- Mascots will be assigned a cheer and will perform with the cheerleaders during tryouts. Candidates do not need to learn the motions, but they do need to be able to show how they would participate with cheerleaders in a game day / time out situation.
- Each mascot candidate will need to choreograph and perform a skit, no more than two minutes in length. This skit should incorporate crowd involvement and candidate personality.
- Candidates will also go through an interview process. Interviewers will include Spirit Coordinator, spirit team coaches, spirit team members, Traditions Council members, and Student Government officers.
- During tryout weekend, mascots will be expected to show their abilities to interact with current and potential cheer team members, as well as crowd members at this event.

Eligibility to Tryout:

- Mascot Application & Application Agreement
- \$25 Mascot Application Fee (non-refundable)
- Close-up Photograph
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- High School or Transfer School Transcripts
- Waiver of Liability, signed by a parent if you are less than 18.
- SFA Letter of Acceptance
 - Must be accepted to SFA as a full time student or must have applied and submitted your transcripts and test scores for admissions.

If you do not have ALL of this information, you will NOT be allowed to participate in the tryout.

Stephen F. Austin State University Mascot Tryout Application

	Male
	Female

Tryout Application Checklist	
FORM	FORM
Tryout Application & Agreement	Photograph (close-up attached to application, and action shots if desired)
3 Letters of Recommendation (more than 3 are acceptable)	School Transcripts (high school or transfer)
Tryout Fee (\$25 non-refundable)	Copy of SFA Acceptance Letter

Please attached close-up
Photo here

Personal Information (please print clearly)

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Background and Experience Information (please print clearly)

High School: _____ Class of: _____ GPA: _____

College(s) Attended: _____

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Years in college: _____ How many years in college remaining? _____ Current number of hours enrolled: _____

All-Star Affiliation: _____

Cheerleading Experience: _____

Other Interests: _____

For safety and athletic training purposes, please list any prior orthopedic injuries, with dates of injury, and any unusual physical conditions that our staff should be aware of:

Please have all paperwork completed and turned in no later than May 2, 2014.

For Office Use Only:

Application	Application Fee	Letters of Rec.	Acceptance Letter
Application Agreement	Transcripts	Picture	Waiver of Liability

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” ~ Henry Ford
SFA Cheerleading – Teammates Friends Family Champions

Mascot Application Agreement

(please print clearly)

Please have all paperwork completed and turned in no later than May 2, 2014.

I, _____, submit this application to the SFA Spirit Program for a position in the SFA Spirit Program. For the 2014-15 season, my academic classification will be _____. By submitting this application, I understand and agree to the following:

- I will be a full-time student, taking a minimum of 12 credit hours for undergraduate or 9 hours for graduate students at Stephen F. Austin for the entire 2014-15 fall and spring semesters.
- I must maintain a 2.0 GPA and will hereby release my academic transcripts to the Spirit Coordinator.
- I understand that I must be in good standing with SFA or my transfer school and not on any type of academic or disciplinary probation.
- I must turn in the following paperwork to the spirit coordinator no later than the Friday prior to tryouts:
 - Mascot Application
 - Application Agreement
 - \$25 Application Fee (non-refundable)
 - Transfer School Transcripts or SFA Unofficial Transcript and class schedule
 - 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - Waiver of Liability, signed by parent if under 18 years of age
 - Copy of SFA Acceptance Letter
 - Close-up picture
- I understand that not having all of these will disqualify me from trying out for the mascot position.
- If selected, I understand that I am required to be covered by personal primary medical insurance throughout my time as mascot at SFA.
- I have no health or physical defects, which would hinder my ability to perform as the SFA Mascot or which might cause performing as the SFA Mascot to be unsafe to my health.
- The physical demands of being the SFA Mascot require that I maintain an adequate level of physical fitness and that I pass a complete physical examination administered by SFA medical staff.
- If selected and I accept a mascot 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 spirit coordinator and head coach.
- I understand I am agreeing to a FULL YEAR commitment (fall AND spring semesters).
- Being an SFA Mascot 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 academics, my commitment to the SFA Spirit Program 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 mascots must be present.
- I am responsible for the purchase, care and upkeep of all components of the mascot uniform and props.
- The SFA Mascot plays an important role in representing the University and its athletic program. As such, I will always know that I am an official representative of SFA, its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and cheer program. I will always conduct myself in a manner to uphold that character, tradition, integrity, and spirit of SFA.
- I understand that I must maintain an email account and check it DAILY.
- 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 spirit coordinator.
- I agree to follow all safety guidelines deemed necessary by the spirit coordinator.
- I understand and accept that failure to meet any of the requirements listed above will result in my disqualification from consideration for the SFA mascot position.
- **I accept and understand that the decisions of the judges/coaches will be final.**

Signature

Date