



2016-2017

TEXAS DYNASTY
ALL-STAR TRYOUT PACKET



WELCOME

Thank you for choosing Texas Dynasty as your premier all-star cheerleading program. We are embarking upon our 11th competitive season, and we are very excited to see what new heights the teams reach. Texas Dynasty has become one of the top cheerleading training centers around. Our program has accumulated hundreds of National, State, and Regional titles as well as 5 bids to the Cheerleading Worlds, and we know we will continue our success this season. We believe that perfection before progression is the key to great technical skills. We will not allow students to learn advanced skills without perfecting the basics, and both students and parents need to be patient and remember that you are paying for the process of achieving goals. Hard work, perseverance, positive reinforcement and the dedicated families involved with our gym make Texas Dynasty a truly unique place to enjoy the sport of all-star cheerleading.

Our gym strives to create competitive athletes that are not only superb on the competition floor but also upstanding individuals in everyday life. We create leaders and build self-confidence in every single one of our athletes. We hope that when the time comes for our athletes to graduate and move to a new phase in life, they take with them the integrity, character, work ethic, and self-confidence they have gained by being a part of the Texas Dynasty "Royal Family."

In this packet you will find all the information needed to become a competitive all-star cheerleader for Texas Dynasty. You will see sections on tryout dates, parent and athlete policies, financial obligations, and other very important information. Please read through every section very carefully, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Kristen & Daniel Saenz

**THE
PRIDE
RUNS
IN THE
FAMILY**

TRYOUT INFORMATION

Your participation in tryouts indicates you are prepared to accept the commitment to the Texas Dynasty Cheer program and that you trust the organization and staff to do what is in the best interest of the team and the program.

TRYOUT PROCEDURE

1. Visit our website at **www.txdynasty.com** and click on the "Register Now" button. This will take you to our Parent Portal. New gym members are required to create an account, and current gym members are required to update your account.
2. Attend one parent meeting.
3. Fill out this packet's registration forms including a copy of your athlete's birth certificate and turn in with a **\$25** per athlete tryout fee before or at tryouts. The tryout fee is non refundable. Athletes will not be allowed to tryout without a parent or guardian attending one parent meeting, ALL completed forms and tryout fee.
4. New gym members will incur a registration fee of **\$35**. Current gym members' registration fee will be due on each individual's annual anniversary date.
5. Please attend tryout day and time according to the athletes's age.
6. Results will be announced on **Friday, April 29th**, and you will be notified by email.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

These are informational meetings for parents and guardians, and you must attend one before tryouts.

Monday, April 11th @ 5:30 pm

Tuesday, April 19th @ 5:30 pm

TRYOUT DATES

Monday, April 25th

Ages 11-16 from 5:30-7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 26th

Ages 5-10 from 5:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 27th

Level 6 ages 17 & up from 7:30-9:00 pm

FIRST PRACTICES

All practices will begin the week of

May 2nd

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All-star competitive cheerleading requires a substantial financial commitment, and it is very important you read and understand all obligations. We have put together the following costs based off of years of experience. We want to do everything we can to make these financial obligations work with your budget. If you have further questions, please contact Candace, our Gym Manager, before you submit your packet at candace@txdynasty.com.

TUITION POLICIES

- * Payments are due the 1st of the month. If payment is not received by the 10th, a late charge of \$25 will be added to your account.
- * All members must provide correct and complete credit or debit card information. This information is used either as a primary source of payment or a back up if you choose to pay by cash or check by the 1st of each month.
- * If you tryout after the original tryout dates, all past expenses excluding the monthly training portion of tuition will be due upon registration.
- * All tuition and fees must be current before an athlete may practice, compete, or collect any clothing, uniform or other items.
- * Texas Dynasty reserves the right to adjust any price stated in this packet due to unforeseen price increases. We will notify you if this occurs.
- * NO refunds will be given for ANY reason.
- * In the instance that an athlete quits or gets dismissed from the team, a \$200 termination fee will be processed immediately. In addition, any account balance will be due.

FAMILY DISCOUNTS & ADDITIONAL CLASS PRICING

- * Tuition for additional athletes in the same immediate family participating in any program is 50% off tuition.
- * Athletes participating on a 2nd cheer team will incur a \$25 monthly tuition increase and are responsible for 2nd team expenses (see tuition costs on page 4).
- * In addition to team practices, each team will have a designated 1 hour tumbling class. The monthly tuition for this class is FREE.
- * Any other additional classes will be at the rate of \$25 a month per class per athlete.
- * 5 year "Loyal Royal" discount - Receive a 20% discount on the monthly tuition portion of tuition when your child has cheered for Texas Dynasty for 5 full consecutive seasons without interruption. Each child is considered separately.

POST SEASON COMPETITIONS

The coaches will discuss the possibilities and reserve the final decision as to whether or not a team will be attending any post season competition. Additional fees will be incurred.

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TUITION COSTS

You may pay monthly tuition by one of two ways. One option is full payment for the year which includes a 10% discount given on the training portion of tuition, and the other is a 12 month all-inclusive plan. Both options do not include the tryout fee, gym registration fee, family lodging costs, transportation, meals, uniform, makeup, hair bow, shoes, or spectator entry fees for family. These options are defined below. Throughout the year we will also have fundraising opportunities to help offset your costs.

Option 1 Pay In Full

\$3,006
(Due May 1st)

OR

Option 2 Monthly All-Inclusive

\$150 down (Due May 1st)
+
\$250 per month
(May 2016 - April 2017)

Items below are INCLUDED in either of the above listed payment options.

Monthly Training (May 2016 - April 2017)
One Free Tumbling Class Per Week
Practice Wear
USASF Membership Fee
Choreography & Music
Competition Fees
Coaches Fees
Banquet

Items below are NOT included in either of the above listed payment options, but they are mandatory expenses for the year. Every athlete's needs may be different so for convenience, the items below have been separated from the monthly tuition costs.

Additional Expenses	Amount	Due Date
Tryout Fee	\$25	With Packet
Registration Fee (new members)	\$35	With Packet
Registration Fee (current members)	\$35	On Anniversary Date
Shoes	\$85 (approx.)	June 1, 2016
Uniform	\$400 (approx.)	July 1, 2016
Bow & Makeup	\$65	August 1, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

Please check all of these dates carefully. All events and competitions are mandatory.

May 2nd-6th - First week of practice

May 30th - Memorial Day (gym closed)

June 13th-17th - Skill/Choreography Camp

July 4th - Independence Day (gym closed)

July 18th-22nd - Skill/Choreography Camp

August 8th-12th - Skill/Choreography Camp

September 5th - Labor Day (gym closed)

November 23rd-25th - Thanksgiving (gym closed)

Dec. 23rd-Jan. 1st - Christmas & New Year's break (gym closed)

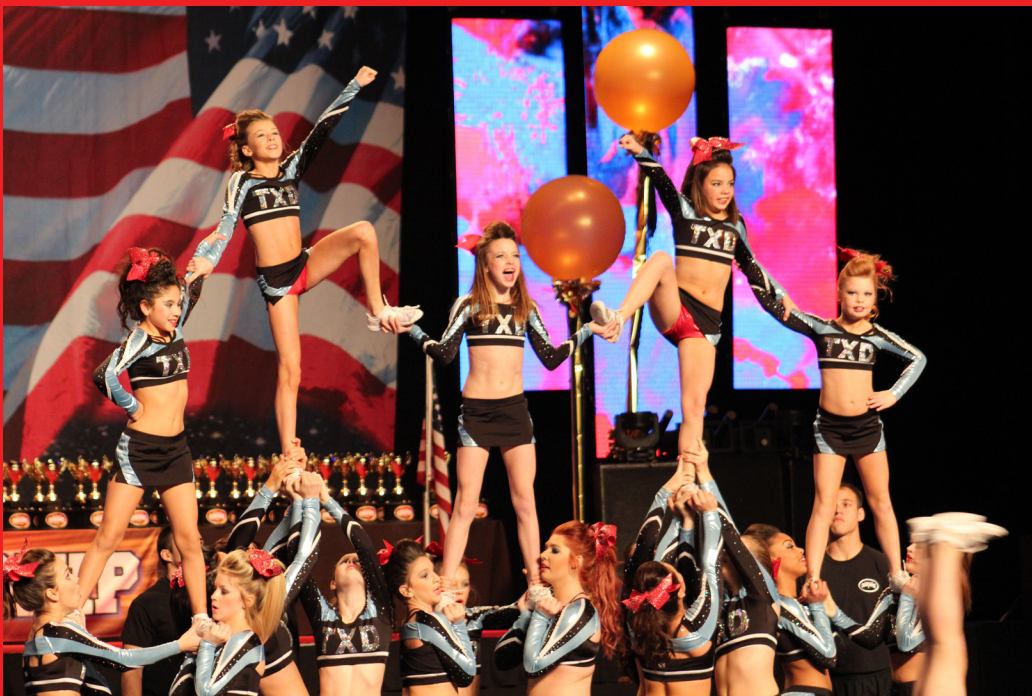
January 3rd - Practice resumes

March 6th-10th - Spring Break (gym closed)

TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE

We will attend 6-7 competitions on selected weekends during the months of **December 2016-April 2017**. We will have a finalized schedule as soon as possible, and all competitions are mandatory.

The coaches will discuss the possibilities and reserve the final decision as to whether or not a team will be attending any post season competition. Additional fees will be incurred.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE POLICY

Attendance at practice is essential to the success of the squads. Every team member has a specified function, and one absence could disrupt the effectiveness of practice. Below are a few guidelines regarding Texas Dynasty's attendance and absence policy.

1. All practices, camps, events, exhibitions, competitions, and any other functions of Texas Dynasty are mandatory.
2. Competitions are held on Saturdays, Sundays, and sometimes Fridays and Mondays which means your child may have to miss all or part of school. Any athlete with a regularly scheduled Saturday or Sunday activity that can not be missed should reconsider participating in our program.
3. The following are excused absences for practice:
 - Family emergency or death in the family
 - School function that results in a grade.
 - Illness is only excused with a note from the athlete's doctor. If your child has a non-contagious illness, he/she is still required to be at practice.
4. The following are examples of unexcused absences:
 - Birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, family celebrations, etc.
 - Activities including but not limited to: soccer, tee ball, softball, piano, band, dance, etc. If a conflict with outside sports or activities arises, the athlete must choose before the season begins.
5. In the case that your athlete will be absent from any Texas Dynasty practice or event, an absence request form must be turned in to the front office at least two weeks prior with proper documentation (i.e. doctor's or teacher's notes) stating the reason for the absence.
6. In the case of an emergency absence, please contact the front office.
7. Excessive unexcused or excused absences will result in the athlete being pulled from any upcoming performance or competition at the discretion of the coaching staff. If the problem persists, we may also elect to suspend the athlete to an alternate position or remove the athlete from the Texas Dynasty program.

SUMMER

During the months of June-August we will not have regularly scheduled practices during the week. However, we will continue to have weekly tumbling and specialty classes. There will also be 3 skill/choreography camps (one in each summer month). Only approved absences given on the Tryout Form (page 11) will be excused. Please see below for camp dates.

June 13th-17th
July 18th-22nd
August 8th-12th

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TEAM PLACEMENT

Teams will be announced by email on Friday, April 29th. Please make sure your email addresses are current and written legibly on your registration form. Please no calls or emails to the gym regarding your child's placement before teams are announced.

The coaching staff goes through extensive discussions and deliberations to create the best combination of athletes and teams. Please keep in mind that team placement is not based solely on tumbling skills.

Ability, previous season's attendance, work ethic, past or present injuries, performance, maturity, and conflicts will be used in determining each athlete's placement. Factors such as friends, previous year's placement, and siblings will not be considered in the placement process. Each athlete trying out will be placed on a team in which the Texas Dynasty staff feels she/he will be most successful.

With many years of experience, the Texas Dynasty coaching staff is very confident in decisions made in team selections. We will make every effort to maintain our original team rosters. However, in the event we feel an athlete would better serve on another team, Texas Dynasty holds the right to make changes to the rosters for any reason at any time during the season.

PRACTICE ATTIRE

Practice clothes fitting will be shortly after tryouts. Every all star will be given practice clothes and will be required to wear the assigned outfit to every practice. For safety, athletes will also need to wear cheer shoes and have their hair pulled back at all times. In the event you need an article of clothing for any reason, you will be required to purchase a new one.

INJURY

Unfortunately, injuries can occur in this sport. In the event that an injury happens, the athlete is still expected to attend practice and every other commitment to the program including competitions. All injuries must be documented with a doctor's note. The athlete will be expected to participate unless a doctor's note is provided or if the coach feels it is necessary for the athlete to sit out. The athlete will not be able to return to the squad until he/she has healed 100% and can perform the necessary skills in the routine. If an injury occurs, there is a possibility the athlete's spot in the routine could be changed.

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COMMUNICATION & PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We would not have the amount of success we have today if it were not for the dedicated and supportive parents. We want every parent to feel comfortable and informed about his/her child, therefore; we make every effort to keep the lines of communication open. It is the parents' responsibility to know what is going on with the program at all times. E-mail is our primary source of communication so please make sure to check it daily. Other methods of communication include GroupMe texting and parent meetings.

Please follow these procedures for communication unless there is an emergency that requires immediate attention. Interruptions during practice are unacceptable and can distract the athletes from concentrating on the task at hand. No parents, family members, or friends are allowed in the gym for any reason unless enrolled in a class.

Competition season is one of the most fun times during the year. We will be attending several different company's events. These companies have information on their websites about their competitions, and will have staff present at each of their events. Do not call the companies or approach competition staff and officials. The Texas Dynasty staff will have all information needed, and we will share it as soon as possible.

As a parent you will not agree with every decision we make. The staff and owners make decisions for the interest of the entire team and program. All rules and regulations will be strictly enforced. You must be willing to trust in the program and the staff. We hope our philosophies and past accomplishments will give you confidence while being a part of the Texas Dynasty "Royal Family."

VIEWING ROOM

A viewing room is provided to watch your child's practice. Although viewing is allowed, the viewing room is not a place for gossip, doubting the coaches' abilities, or coaching your athlete. These examples create a negative atmosphere and is not acceptable. If you have a concern about YOUR child, please notify one of the coaches.

Please remember the all stars are not the only individuals in the gym during practice times. There are prospective all stars and recreational class parents in the viewing room as well. We would like the atmosphere in the viewing room to be positive for everyone. Remember, you as a parent reflect Texas Dynasty at all times, and we want to make this experience fun and positive for all athletes and parents. Parents are NOT allowed in the gym for any reason unless participating in a preschool Baby Bouncer (parent participated) class. Please adhere to posted gym rules in the viewing room.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION*ctd.*

GENERAL GYM RULES

1. Only cheerleaders and coaches are allowed in the gym. All parents and siblings must remain in the viewing room at all times.
2. No food, drink, or gum is allowed in the gym area during practice.
3. No cell phones will be allowed in the gym area.
4. No playing on the equipment before or after practice/class.
5. For safety, fingernails should be kept short.
6. Team members are expected to arrive on time for practice and in the proper attire with hair pulled back away from the face.
7. For the safety of the athlete and the other squad members, all jewelry must be taken off prior to the beginning of practice. This includes all body jewelry.
8. All athletes are expected to behave in a respectful manner and uphold Texas Dynasty's rules and policies at all times. Unsatisfactory acts during practice may result in his/her removal from practice and/or the program.
9. There is absolutely no unsupervised spotting in the gym or at an event we are taking part in. This includes cheerleaders spotting each other and parents spotting their children.
10. All posted rules in and around the gym must be followed at all times.

COMPETITION RULES

1. For safety, fingernails should be kept short, and no polish is allowed at competitions.
2. No gum, food, or drinks in the warm-up area or on the competition floor.
3. Hair must be worn exactly as instructed.
4. Make-up should be worn and applied exactly as instructed. Only make-up given by Texas Dynasty can be worn.
5. All cheerleaders must be in full uniform at awards. No pants, jackets, or flip-flops are allowed. Every cheerleader should look exactly the way he/she performed.
6. Sportsmanship is key! All athletes and parents should be respectful to the competition staff, other athletes, coaches, and parents from other gyms.
7. Itineraries will be given out prior to the competition. Everyone is expected to adhere to the competition itinerary given by Texas Dynasty. Please pay close attention to the arrival times, and either arrive with enough time to get ready or arrive with everything already done. If scheduling permits, each team will be assigned other Texas Dynasty teams to cheer for at competitions. We would love to have everyone there all day, but at the very least you are required to watch your assigned teams. A bigger cheering section helps the teams perform better!

REFERRAL PROGRAM

Here's how it works. For each qualifying full season referral, you will receive 1 entry towards free tuition (\$1,440 value) for the 2016-2017 season. The more referrals you bring, the more opportunities you have to win. The winning entry will be drawn on April 29th.

- * Referrals are per new family and not per new member.
- * Both the Referring Member and New Member must sign the Referral Program Form.
- * The New Member must participate the entire competitive season, and if at any time the New Member quits or gets dismissed from the program, the Referring Member's tuition will resume.
- * Both the Referring Member and New Member must be current with all financial obligations.
- * The New Member cannot be a current competitive athlete in any program at Texas Dynasty.
- * The New Member can participate in only one referral program agreement.
- * The New Member is not a sibling of an existing member.
- * New Members are also eligible to participate in the Referral Program once registered.

New Member

_____	_____	_____
Athlete Name	Parent Signature	Date

Referring Member

_____	_____	_____
Athlete Name	Parent Signature	Date

By signing this referral form, both the New Member and Referring Member agree to take part in Texas Dynasty's Referral Program and accept the terms and conditions described above. Both parties understand that all terms and conditions must be met in order for the Referring Member person to be eligible for entry into the free tuition raffle (\$1,440 value).

TRYOUT FORM

Athlete Name

Birthday

1. How did you hear about us (check one):

☐ CURRENT ALL-STAR ☐ CURRENT CLASS MEMBER

☐ FRIEND ☐ FACEBOOK ☐ TWITTER ☐ INSTAGRAM

☐ CALLED ☐ WEBSITE ☐ HOORAY MAGAZINE

☐ OTHER _____

2. List any conflicting dates or vacations. Note, these are the only excused absences from summer skill/choreography camps once approved.

3. Would you be interested in double teaming?

YES NO

4. Are you willing to cheer for any Texas Dynasty team regardless of level?

YES NO

If NO, please circle the level(s) you are only interested in and why (on back)?

1 2 3 4 5 6

* NOTE: Listing one specific level will NOT increase your chances of making that particular level. It may eliminate you from being considered for other teams. Please be honest and sincere with your answers. Use the back of this form for any additional comments.

TRYOUT CHECKLIST

☐ Register or update your account on Parent Portal.

☐ Copy of Birth Certificate

☐ \$25 Tryout Fee

☐ Tryout Form

☐ Referral Form

☐ Terms & Conditions

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please read and initial beside each item. Then sign at the bottom.

_____I understand that I am entering into the Texas Dynasty program of my own free will, and I have thoroughly read and understand the Texas Dynasty tryout packet.

_____I understand that this is a one year financial commitment. I also understand that if I fail to honor my one year commitment, no refund for any reason will be given to me.

_____I understand that my child has been placed on a team, but can be moved to any other team at any time for any reason at the coaching staff's discretion.

_____In the event that my child quits or gets dismissed from a team, a \$200 cancellation fee will be processed immediately. I also understand any outstanding balances must be paid in full.

_____I understand that I pay for a skill progression process of competitive cheerleading and not for special treatment or squad placement.

_____I understand communication between cheer companies and Texas Dynasty will only be conducted by the Texas Dynasty staff. I will not call cheer companies or approach the company's staff/judges at any time for any reason. I understand that I will receive any relevant information from Texas Dynasty.

_____I understand my child needs to arrive on time and not leave early for any scheduled practices, competitions, or mandatory events.

_____I understand an excused absence is limited to mandatory school functions that result in a grade, death in the family or contagious illness. All Texas Dynasty events including competitions and exhibitions are mandatory for all team members. Missing practice for any other reason other than the three listed previously will also result in an UNEXCUSED absence. Excessive unexcused or excused absences will result in the athlete being pulled from any upcoming performance or competition at the discretion of the coaching staff. If the problem persists, we may also elect to suspend the athlete to an alternate position or remove the athlete from the Texas Dynasty Cheer program.

_____I understand my child must wear the proper practice attire to every scheduled practice. In the event I need an article of clothing for any reason, I understand I must purchase a replacement.

_____I understand I will need to get permission from Texas Dynasty before using the Texas Dynasty logo, name, my child's uniform or any likeness associated with Texas Dynasty for apparel, school plays, talent shows, or any other purpose.

I, _____ (guardian's printed name), understand, accept and agree to all of the terms and conditions within the Texas Dynasty Tryout Packet.

Guardian Signature

Date