



TEXAS DYNASTY

2015 - 2016
ALL-STAR PREP
TRYOUT PACKET

"THE PRIDE RUNS IN THE FAMILY"

WELCOME TO TEXAS DYNASTY

Thank you for choosing Texas Dynasty as your premier all-star cheerleading program. Texas Dynasty is embarking upon its 9th competitive season, and we are very excited. Texas Dynasty has become one of the top cheerleading training centers around. Our program has accumulated hundreds of National, State, and Regional titles, and we know we will continue our success this season. 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 only rock I know
that stays steady, the
only institution I know
that works is the family."
~ Lee Lacocca



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"A good coach will make the athletes see what they can be rather than what they are."

~ Ara Parashegian



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

Unlike our All-Star Competitive tryouts, our All-Star Prep cheerleaders will only be required to register for the program. From there we will create our teams.

REGISTRATION DATES

October 19th - 30th

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Visit our website at www.txdynasty.com and click on the "Register Now" button to create an account (new members) or to update your account (current members).
2. Locate All Star Prep and fill out all necessary registration forms.
3. Practices are every Wednesday from 6-8 pm beginning November 1st. See you there!

PRACTICE ATTIRE

GIRLS:

- Black athletic top with appropriate fit
- Sports Bra
- Red athletic shorts at a tactful length
- Hair in ponytail and pulled back from face
- Athletic shoes

BOYS:

- Black athletic top with appropriate fit
- Red athletic shorts
- Athletic shoes

REFERRAL PROGRAM

As with every business, word of mouth is the best form of advertising, and we are very honored when someone refers a friend or family member to our program. We want to reward you for your patronage, and as our way of thanking you, Texas Dynasty offers a **\$25 tuition discount** for each athlete referral! The best part of the referral program is there is no limit to the number of referrals you can bring to the program. Discounts will be given after the first month of tuition is paid from your referral.

"Ask not what your teammates can do for you.
Ask what you can do for your teammates." ~ Magic Johnson

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All-Star Prep cheerleading requires a financial commitment, and it is very important you read and understand all obligations. We at Texas Dynasty want to do our best to make this as affordable as possible. Tuition options are outlined below.

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 as a backup if you choose to pay by check.
- * If an athlete joins after the original registration dates, all travel payments prior to registration will be due. Altered payment plans can be arranged.
- * All tuition and fees must be current before an athlete may compete, practice, or collect any clothing/uniform or other items.
- * Texas Dynasty reserves the right to adjust any price stated in this packet due to any unforeseen price increases. We will notify you if this occurs.
- * **NO refunds will be given for ANY reason.**
- * **A 30 day written notice is needed if dropping from the program. A full month's tuition payment will be due after receiving the notice.**

FAMILY DISCOUNTS & ADDITIONAL CLASS PRICING

- * Tuition for additional athletes in the same immediate family participating in any program excluding All-Star Prep is at the second child rate for tuition.
- * Athletes participating in both the All-Star Prep and All-Star Competitive programs will be required to uphold time and financial commitments for each program.
- * In addition to team practices, you may choose to take an additional tumbling class at the 2nd child recreational class discount rate (\$47/month).

“Our nation's children are our greatest asset and our most precious treasure.”

~ Christopher Dodd

TUITION COSTS

Tuition consists of two monthly costs. One is for training and the other is for travel fees. They are two separate amounts, but are paid inclusively as a convenience to you.

Travel fees include athlete competition entry fees, coaches' fees, music, choreography, practice clothes and banquet. It does not include lodging costs, transportation, meals, uniform, make-up, hair bow, shoes or spectator entry fees for family.

You may pay monthly tuition by one of two ways. One option is full payment for the year, and the other is a monthly all-inclusive plan. These options are defined below. Both options include a **\$150 down payment due November 1st**.

OPTION 1

Full payment for the year. This includes a 10% discount on the training portion of tuition.

Item	Amount
Tuition & Travel	\$130/month
Down Payment	\$150 due NOV 1st

Total = \$930

*Paid in full(-\$36) = **\$894**

OPTION 2

Monthly all-inclusive payment plan.

November 1 - April 30

Item	Amount
Tuition & Travel	\$130/month
Down Payment	\$150 due NOV 1st

Total = **\$930**

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

MANDATORY PURCHASES

These are estimated prices and may change.

Item	Amount
Uniform	\$225 Due Dec. 15th
Shoes	\$75
Make-Up	\$25
Competition Bow	\$26

* Other optional purchases will become available throughout the season.

UNIFORM

Uniform fittings will be done **before your uniform payment is due**. The uniform must be paid in full at the time of the fitting. All checks will be made payable to Texas Dynasty. All uniform costs and additional purchases are non refundable. Uniforms that are not paid, will not be ordered. Parents are required to attend the uniform fitting and sign a confirmation of your athlete's order. Texas Dynasty will not be responsible for uniforms that do not fit upon arrival.

PRACTICE AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES

“Practice doesn’t make perfect. Perfect practice makes perfect.”

~ Vince Lombardi

PRACTICE

All practices are mandatory. Once teams are formed, you will receive the practice schedule.

Practices may be changed and/or added throughout the season at any time. If practice is altered, you will be notified of any changes.

Please understand we are building championship teams. If any team member disrespects their team,

coaches, or facility by continuous tardiness, lack of desire, or commitment, the Texas Dynasty staff reserves the right to implement disciplinary actions.

PRACTICE ATTIRE

Every all star will be given practice clothes and will be required to wear the assigned outfit to every practice. Athletes will also need to wear cheer shoes and have their hair pulled back at all times for safety. In the event you lose an article of clothing, you will be required to purchase a new one from the front office.

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 through one of the lines of communication.

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.

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE POLICY

We understand there are circumstances that may be unavoidable, but keep in mind this is a TEAM sport that is unlike any other because there are no back-ups or a “second string.” 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, events, exhibitions, competitions, and any functions of Texas Dynasty are mandatory.
2. There will be a mandatory choreography camp for each All-Star Prep team, and everyone will be required to be in attendance. There are absolutely **NO ABSENCES** at choreography camp. Dates will be determined after registration so please plan accordingly.

3. The following are excused absences from Texas Dynasty activities:
 - **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. There will only be 3 unexcused absences allowed throughout the season.
6. 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 with proper documentation (i.e. doctor's or teacher's notes) stating the reason for the absence.
7. In the case of an emergency absence, please contact the front office.
8. 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.

INJURY

Unfortunately, injuries can occur in this sport. In the event that an injury happens, the all-star is still expected to attend practice and every other commitment to the program including competitions. The cheerleader 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 cheerleader's spot in the routine could be changed.

"The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital."

~ Joe Paterno

IMPORTANT DATES

The following dates are holidays, gym closings, and important dates that occur during the season. We will not have practices during gym closings.

EVENTS & GYM CLOSINGS

November 25th-27th - Thanksgiving (gym closed)

December 21st-January 3rd - Christmas & New Year's break (gym closed)

January 4th - Spring practice resumes

March 7th-11th - Spring Break (gym closed)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

March 20th - NCA Nationals - College Park Center in Arlington, TX

April 8th - Cheer Power Nationals - Curtis Culwell Center in Garland, TX

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. Several methods we use to communicate important information are:

- * **e-mail**
- * **text**
- * **notes/handouts**
- * **website**
- * **team meeting (P.A.C. meeting)**

If for any reason you need to contact one of the Texas Dynasty coaches, please use one of the following methods:

- * **e-mail**
- * **text**
- * **phone call (Call the front desk and leave a message. Cell phone numbers are used for emergency purposes only)**

"Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to."

~ Henry Van Dyke

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 parent, family members, or friends are allowed in the gym for any reason unless enrolled in a class. If your child is hurt, we will notify you if needed.

The gym is a place for coaches and students only. It is a liability if a parent goes out into the gym because of the risk of someone (including the parent) getting injured. Throughout the year, there will be times when we allow the parents to come in and watch the routines.

Parents are not allowed to spot anyone including their own child(ren) on Texas Dynasty property. It is also unsafe to do so at home. There is also absolutely no unsupervised tumbling allowed in the gym without a coach present.

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.

Competition season is one of the most fun times during the year. Every competition we attend is hosted and run by several different companies. These companies have information on their websites about their competitions, and will have staff present at each of their events. Please refrain from calling the companies or approaching 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."

GENERAL GYM RULES

1. Only cheerleaders and coaches are allowed in the practice areas. All parents and siblings must remain in the viewing room.
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.
5. Fingernails should be kept short for safety reasons.
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. The dismissal or addition of a team member to our program is solely the staff's decision.

COMPETITION RULES

1. No fingernail 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. All athletes and parents should be respectful to the competition staff and 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!

All of the athletes and parents are a direct reflection of Texas Dynasty and should conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Disrespectful or abusive behavior, dishonesty, or any form of negative behavior are grounds for immediate removal from the Texas Dynasty program.

Here is the Texas Dynasty cheer. It is used in all routines and should be yelled with great pride. We look forward to a very successful year!

TEXAS DYNASTY. WE WEAR THE CROWN. BLACK, RED, BLUE....BOW DOWN!



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ALL-STAR PREP

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US: ☐ CURRENT ALL-STAR ☐ CURRENT REC. CLASS MEMBER

☐ FRIEND ☐ FACEBOOK ☐ TWITTER ☐ INSTAGRAM

☐ CALLED ☐ WEBSITE ☐ HOORAY MAGAZINE

☐ OTHER _____

REFERRED BY (if applicable): _____

* The "referred by" line helps us issue the recruiting incentive. Make sure to fill this in if you were recruited by a friend or family member. If it is not filled in, we won't be able to give credit.

"The Six W's: Work
will win when
wishing won't."
~ Todd Blackledge

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read and initial beside each item. It is important you fully understand the time and financial commitment you are making.

- _____ 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 6 month financial commitment. I also understand that if I fail to honor my 6 month 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.
- _____ 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 exhibitions and competitions 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. If an article of clothing is lost, 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.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

