



Tryout Dates: March 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd

Practices: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will learn the tryout routine during these times. We will also be going over technique such as turns, leaps, jumps and kicks. Please try to attend each day!

(Conflicts - see Coach Henry during practice times)

Final Tryout: Thursday 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. (depending on try-out numbers and callbacks)

Location:

Monday and Tuesday in Wicall Gym

Wednesday and Thursday in Thiel Gym

Gadets General Information

Performances: The number of games for both seasons is determined by the Athletic Director. There is a try-out basis for all performances in order to make sure that all Gadets know the routines before performing.

Football Season: This season includes performing pregame and halftime at all home football games. We also perform during the Homecoming assembly and march in the Labor Day, Homecoming and Christmas parades (weather permitting).

Basketball/Competitive Season: This season includes performing during pregame and halftime of boys and girls conference basketball games. We may be attending competitions based on the competitive dance schedule with most competitions being in January. Gadets also perform during the Swirl assembly and possibly march during the Christmas parade.

Practices: Practices are held at Galesburg High School. The summer schedule is typically Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 7-9am. This schedule is dependent on the camp schedule and could be more often. Practices during the school year are tentatively scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school. I will provide all squad members with a copy of the practice and performance schedule as soon as it's available to avoid conflicts with jobs or family events. (See attached Demerit Sheet regarding excused absences.) If a practice is missed it is strongly recommended that you meet with someone outside of practice to learn what was missed. Our season is quite strenuous and it is difficult to catch up once you have fallen behind. It is extremely difficult to pull someone away from the group to try and get them caught up and sometimes it **cannot** be done.

Academics/Policies: School is expected to be the **Number One** priority of a Gadet. Gadets are held under the umbrella of the Athletics Department. Grades of all student athletes are monitored weekly. If you are on the G.H.S. ineligibility list for **four** consecutive weeks, you will be **terminated** from the squad. As with all student athletes, Gadets will adhere to all school policies and codes of conduct set forth by the school board. Please familiarize yourself with these policies located in the student handbook.

Sports Physical: All student athletes are **required** to have a sports physical prior to participation in sports; this goes for all Gadet Squad members as well. The school will be holding a Sports Physical Night in June 2018 at G.H.S. More information to come as soon as it is available. All squad members are required to be at this or turn in a copy of a sports physical obtained from their own doctor at the first practice of the season.

Demerits: The captains and I will keep a running record of any tardies, absences, or other problems we may have during the course of our season. Please refer to the “Gadet Demerit System” attached.

Uniforms: The school provides uniforms with the exception of the shoes, warm-ups and camp/practice uniforms. These items are purchased through a uniform company and are yours to keep. **We purchase jazz shoes at about \$35, tennis shoe cost will vary and the warm-ups cost approximately \$95.** We usually purchase t-shirts and shorts for camp as well and I will let you know the price for these. For example, last year we went with a camp pack that included 3 outfits for \$140 and added another shirt for \$20.

Camp: We have narrowed it down to two different camps to attend. They are both traditional camps at Illinois State University. One is from July 9th – 12th or July 13th – 16th. These camps will cost \$376 per person. We will determine the camp based on availability and conflicts. Camp is **strongly** recommended, as this is where we will learn the majority of the routines we will be performing during the school year and this is used as a great team bonding activity. **A \$100 nonrefundable deposit will be due by May 1, 2018. Making this deposit will show intent on attending camp. Fundraising is an option to offset the cost.**

Fundraising: Fundraising is a necessary activity. Monies raised will be used for (including but not limited to) uniforms, camp, music and choreography. Fundraisers will be determined at a later date with the help of the girls and are subject to the guidelines of the Board Policies. We will have 4 committees designed to come up with fundraising ideas and implement them from start to finish in order to incorporate everyone in the process.

Gadet Demerit System

Demerits are given for:

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| 1 | Not dressing properly for practice | 5 | Unexcused absence from a fundraiser |
| 5 | *Not dressing properly for performance or parade | 10 | Unexcused absence from a performance |
| 1 | Cell Phone use during practice | 2 | Being disrespectful to other squad members |
| 2 | *Unexcused tardy to practice or performance | 3 | **Being disrespectful to the Gadet Coach or any other Coach or Assistant |
| 5 | Unexcused absence from practice | | |

All social media interactions, personal or related to the team, must abide by the Student Code of Conduct.

*If you are late to a performance/parade or are not dressed properly you may be benched for that performance automatically.

**Disrespect includes, but is not limited to, improper attitude, tone of voice, language or gestures unbecoming a Gadet.

Example of excused absences: Absence from school, doctor appointment, death in family, however please try and schedule all doctor appointments around practice and performance times. You are given a schedule well in advance to work around. Work is not an excused absence as you have a schedule and should be able to work around it. Please remember that it is very difficult to catch up once you fall behind. If you are at school, you are expected to be at practice.

Consequences of Demerits:

After every 5 accumulated demerits you will be benched for a performance. You will be expected to be at all performances even if you are benched.

After 25 accumulated demerits you will be terminated from the squad.

I have read and understand the demerit system as it is set out above. I will do my best to comply and not earn any demerits so that I may fulfill all obligations to my teammates throughout our season.

Gadet Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child is interested in trying out for the *Gadet Dance Squad*. She/He has attended the first day of try-outs and I want both you and your child to be aware of the expectations of being a *Gadet*. Attached to this letter is some basic information that you and your child need to read through together before they decide to try out for the squad. Being a *Gadet* is a big responsibility for the student and in some cases the parents with academic, time and financial obligations. Please read through the attached information and sign the permission slip below. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Keisa Henry
Galesburg *Gadet* Coach

We have read through the *Gadets General Information* packet and we understand all of the academic, time and financial obligations of being a *Gadet*. We understand and agree to abide by the *Demerit System* set forth, along with all school policies and codes of conduct currently in place. We agree to allow our child to try out for the *Gadet Dance Squad* and should she/he make the team, we agree to fulfill all obligations for the season.

Student Signature: _____

Print Student Name: _____ Try-Out # _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Work Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____