Highlander Girls Dance Team
DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS
Saturday, October 14th 9:00am-1:00pm
Johnson Family Practice Center, Physical Education & Dance Building
Bring your application, medical release form and $10 tryout fee.

The Highlander Girls Dance Team is the official recognized Dance Team for the university. The team performs and travels to support the Highlanders Athletic Department throughout the season. Returning members must audition each year and are not guaranteed a spot on the team. We hold high standards for our dancers: excellent technique, flexibility and tricks including turns and leaps. The Highlander Girls learn several routines to music by the Highlander Band and recorded music for basketball half time and media time-out performances. Squad members must also be familiar with cheerleading arm motions and be able to work with pom poms.

PRACTICES:
Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:00am-8:00am. Dancers are required to work out an additional two times a week with cardio and strength training. Extra practices will be called if necessary

PERFORMANCES:
The Highlander Girls Dance Team performs at athletic, campus, alumni, media and community service events throughout the year: • all home and select away men’s and
women’s basketball games • select women’s and select men’s athletic events and games • various campus events including: class appearances, grand openings, recognition ceremonies, etc. • various alumni events including: seasonal kick-offs, dinners, scholarship presentations, etc. • community service events including: performances at local middle and high schools

What to Expect on Audition Day:
Dancers will arrive stretched and ready to learn audition material. Dancers are taught the Fight Song and Performance Routine. Fight Song involves turns, kicks and straight-arm motions. Performance Routine incorporates jazz and hip-hop. If the candidate makes it to the final round, the candidate will be asked to perform eight 8-counts of their own choreography. This is the candidate’s opportunity to demonstrate skills and personality that are not presented in the Fight Song or Performance Routine.

Audition Attire:

FEMALES: UCR Colors (blue, gold, white, grey and black are acceptable) spandex shorts (similar to Nike pros) sport bra in order to see body lines and positioning jazz shoes hair should be down and styled stage/game-ready/TV-ready make-up no jewelry or body piercings no visible tattoos no ribbons/bows no food or gum overall clean, mature and collegiate presentation.
MALES: warm up type bottoms or shorts polo shirt or tight fitting top dark tights or socks (for pants) athletic shoes or jazz shoes no facial hair short, clean hair cut no jewelry or body piercings no visible tattoos no food or gum overall clean, mature and collegiate presentation.