UCR CHEER SQUAD AUDITIONS

The UC Riverside Cheer Squad is the officially recognized cheer squad for the university. The team performs and travels to support the UC Riverside Athletic Department throughout the season. Returning members must audition each year and are not guaranteed a spot on the team.

Composition and Techniques

Stunting Squad members are encouraged to perform stunts including the basics: extensions, liberties and other body positions, specialty cradles, etc. The squad builds pyramids and executes baskets including toe touch, back tuck, etc. Tumbling Squad members are expected to work towards standing back tucks, standing back handsprings and tumbling passes including back handsprings, tucks, lay-outs and full-twisting layouts. Motion Technique and Dance Squad members perform with at games and events with the UCR Band and recorded music. Females perform dance routines and males are more focused on arm motions.

Time Commitments FITTINGS AND TEAM MEETING

• Wednesday, May 31st at 6:00 PM in the practice gym.
• 1st deposit is due. ($350 for all members) Checks can be made payable to “Regents UC”.
• The first team meeting will include review of the 2017-2018 By Laws and Expectations.
• Our uniform representative will be there to conduct fittings.

SUMMER

• The team will be traveling to Las Vegas for USA/NCA camp August 3-5.
• The team will have scheduled practices prior to camp, which will be determined by their coach.

PRACTICES Once classes begin for fall quarter, practices will be on Mondays-Wednesday from 5:30 AM-7:30 AM. Cheerleaders are required to work out an additional two times a week with cardio and strength training.

PERFORMANCES The Cheer 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
Financial Commitments

• The Spirit Squad is a volunteer and self-funded program. Spirit Squad members are responsible to pay for the following: uniforms, warm-ups, dance gear, coaching fees and choreography/camp. The total approximate costs:

$1300.00 for new female members $850 for returning female members $1100.00 for new male members (Total breakdowns will be given at first meeting)

• Payments will be divided in four (May 31st, June 21st, July 19th, August 16th). This will guarantee camp registration, all uniforms and gear to arrive in a timely manner.

• Checks can be made payable to “Regents UC” and note your name, as well as “Spirit Squad”. They may also be mailed to Darron Pinkney, 900 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92521.

• There will be no refunds

What to Expect on Audition Day: Cheerleaders arrive stretched and ready to learn audition material. Cheerleaders are taught the Fight Song and Performance Routine. Fight Song involves cheerleading and straight-arm motions. Performance Routine incorporates stunts, cheer dance, jump sequence and possibly standing tumbling. Cheerleaders will also be divided in stunt groups and can showcase individual tumbling skills.

What to Wear for Audition Day

FEMALES: UCR Colors (blue, gold, white, grey and black are acceptable), spandex shorts (similar to Nike pros). Be prepared to remove shirt with sport bra worn underneath, in order to see body lines and positioning, athletic shoes hair should be up 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 facial hair short and neat, clean hair cut no jewelry or body piercings, no visible tattoos no food or gum overall clean, mature and collegiate presentation