

# *Stallionette Tryout Packet*

## *2009-2010*



**PARENT MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**  
**SHS Library**

Dear Candidates and Parents:

Shepton High School appreciates your interest in trying out for the Stallionette drill team. Please refer to the P.I.S.D Guidelines packet and read letter D under the "Selection Process." Also, please notice that the "Selection Process" is determined by 100% judges' scores. Each candidate will have two opportunities to tryout in front of the judges. In the event the candidate elects to tryout both audition dates, the higher of the judges' scores will be used to determine ranking. The MAXIMUM number of candidates that can be taken is 55.

We would also like to point out that the parents/guardians of the candidates making the drill team will be expected to provide payment of **approximately \$634**. This district approved amount will cover the following items:

- 2 pairs of dance pants\*
- 4 practice tops
- 2 pairs of dance shoes (tan and black)\*
- Warm-up jacket & pants
- Boots\*
- Field hat
- Hat cover\*
- 2 sports bras\*
- 2 pairs of tights\*
- Shoulder bag
- Poncho\*
- Performance top
- Team jacket

\*Indicates items your daughter will be able to use in Royales at Plano West if in good condition.

Your daughter may choose to order some extra items, including: an extra pair of dance shoes, tights, sports bras, etc. The district-approved amount of \$634 does not include the cost of camp fees (\$150.00) or extras your daughter might order. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, a down payment of **\$200** (this is a portion of the \$634) is due so we can receive our order before line camp. Also, a check for **\$150.00** will be collected April 29<sup>th</sup> at the parent meeting to cover line camp costs. If you need to work out a payment plan, contact the director prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**You should have the following documents in this packet:**

Items in bold and underlined need to be returned to the front office by 4:30 Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**Items from P.I.S.D Drill Team Packet that must be returned:**

1. Student Code of Conduct Form
2. Medical History Form
3. Physical Examination

Please note that incomplete, unsigned or late application packets will not be accepted and you will be ineligible for tryouts. Return all forms listed above along with the forms from the PISD tryout packet to the front office by 4:30pm on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please staple or paper clip all papers together. Keep the rest of the packets for your reference.

We look forward to meeting and working with all of you. I will answer any questions at the parent meeting on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the SHS Library. If you have any questions before the parent meeting, you may contact me anytime at [rachel.fulton@pisd.edu](mailto:rachel.fulton@pisd.edu).

Feel free to check out the Stallionette website at [www.stettes.org](http://www.stettes.org). Thank you for your interest in the Stallionette drill team.

Rachel Fulton  
Director

Sarah Cagle  
Asst. Director

Alan Waligura  
Asst. Principal

Burt Smith  
Principal

## *Stallionette Audition Information*

### Workshop and Audition Dates:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| • Friday, February 27 <sup>th</sup> | 4:30pm      | Forms due to SHS front office |
| • Friday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>     | 4:30-6:30pm | Workshop I in SHS gym         |
| • Monday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 4:30-6:30pm | Workshop II in SHS gym        |
| • Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>   | 4:30-6:30pm | Workshop III in SHS gym       |
| • Wednesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> | 5:00-8:00pm | Audition I in SHS gym         |
| • Thursday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 5:00-8:00pm | Audition II in SHS gym        |
| • Friday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>    | 4:30pm      | Team results posted online    |

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. You must be an enrolled sophomore student at Shepton High School for the 2009-2010 school year to attend the workshops and auditions for drill team.
2. All candidates are eligible to attend the three workshops and both tryouts regardless of academic standing.
3. Vacancies occurring after tryouts and prior to the beginning of the next school year may be filled, at the discretion of the campus principal and instructor, until the opening date of school, utilizing the next highest ranked student.

### Workshops:

1. Only those freshmen students auditioning for drill team will be admitted to the workshops. All practice sessions are closed to the public.
2. Workshops will begin promptly at 4:30pm so be on time.
3. Dance shoes (preferably jazz shoes) must be worn at all times.
4. Hair must be in a ponytail and out of face.
5. No gum is allowed.
6. All jewelry must be removed before the workshops begin.
7. Food and drinks are not allowed in the gym. Water bottles with a lid are allowed.

### Auditions:

1. Only those freshmen students auditioning for drill team will be allowed into the gym area, along with Stallionette members whom are assisting with the audition process.
2. All candidates will have an individual number and a group number assigned to them. Each group will consist of 3-4 dancers. Judges know the candidates only by number.
3. Candidates should wear appropriate drill team make-up: brown, smoky gray or plum eye shadow, blush, red lipstick, and black mascara.
4. Hair must be in a ponytail and out of face.
5. No gum is allowed.
6. Food and drinks are not allowed in the gym. Water bottles with a lid are allowed.
7. Candidates must wear the following items for auditions:
  - Black, sleeveless leotard
  - Black jazz pants
  - Black socks (optional)
  - Black jazz shoes (any style)
  - No jewelry
  - **No writing/text may appear on tryout clothing**

# Officer Tryout Information

Packets will be available on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Packets are due by 4:30pm on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to Mrs. Fulton in E201.

## Criteria for tryouts:

- ✓ Notebook - the officer packet will describe this in further detail
- ✓ Perform:
  - Solo - you must choreograph this routine on your OWN! It needs to be approximately 1-1 ½ minutes. Pick your own music.
  - Quick choreography - this will be taught on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and determines how quickly you learn dances
  - Jazz routine from line tryouts
  - Kick series
  - Splits/jump splits
- ✓ Teaching - on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> you will teach 3-4 eight counts to the other officer candidates. The directors will evaluate you.
- ✓ Interview with judges
- ✓ Teacher Evaluations – will be emailed to teachers
- ✓ Team vote – March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 in cafeteria

## Mandatory Candidate/Parent Meeting: Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the SHS library

- ✓ Discuss officer auditions
- ✓ Answer any questions concerning tryouts

## Officer Teaching: Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30pm-7:30pm in the Shepton small gym

- ✓ Teach other officer candidates 3-4 eight counts

## Officer Candidate - Quick Choreography: Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:45-5:30 in the Shepton small gym

- ✓ Learn quick choreography - you will learn a dance that will be approximately 4-6 eight counts
- ✓ You will perform the quick choreography at tryouts in front of the judges. This helps the judges determine how quickly you learn routines.

## Officer Auditions: Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:45pm- 9:00pm in Shepton small gym

- ✓ The auditions are closed to the public
- ✓ Wear the same attire from line tryouts
- ✓ Have your music ready and labeled with your name and tryout number
- ✓ The judges will choose three lieutenants, one - 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant and one captain.
- ✓ PARENTS, FRIENDS, FAMILY and STALLIONETTES are only allowed to watch the announcements of the officers.
- ✓ We will announce the five officers at the conclusion of tryouts on Friday. Announcements will be at approximately 9:30pm. The candidates can call family and friends with an estimated time.

## Officer Camp (officers only):

- ✓ ADTS officer camp will be July 6-8 at Moody Gardens in Galveston. We will have a practice July 1<sup>st</sup> to prepare our home routine dance. This practice will be held in the Shepton gym from 1-4.
- ✓ Camp is **MANDATORY!**
- ✓ Camp cost is approx. \$350.00. I will let you know a definite amount ASAP.

## Spring Show:

- ✓ The five officers will perform the tryout routine in our spring show on April 24-25 at 7:30pm
- ✓ The officers will have practices to prepare for spring show. Practices will be scheduled according to each new officer's schedule at that time.
- ✓ Required to attend spring show dress rehearsals on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 6:30pm.

**This schedule is tentative and subject to change.  
If changes are needed, you will be notified in advance.**

# *Social Officer Information*

A social officer needs to be outgoing and enthusiastic about drill team/dance and always have a positive attitude towards Stallionettes and Shepton High School. She is a role model and is there for motivational support to other team members. Dance techniques is important for any member of Stallionettes, but will not be taken into consideration for social officer positions.

Packets will be available on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Packets/materials are due by 4:30pm on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to Mrs. Fulton in E201.

## **Social Officer Responsibilities for 2009-2010 Year:**

- ✓ Teacher Appreciation (includes custodians, principals and secretaries)
- ✓ Assist with registration in August
- ✓ Assist with open house
- ✓ Community service projects for team (1 per semester)
- ✓ Holiday celebrations
- ✓ Mother/daughter brunch
- ✓ Teambuilding activities once a month
- ✓ Stallionette board

\*These are just a few and other opportunities may arise throughout the year.

## **Application Requirements:**

- ✓ Notebook - the social officer packet will describe this in further detail
- ✓ Interview with the directors
- ✓ Teacher evaluations – will be emailed to teachers
- ✓ Team vote – April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 in cafeteria

\*The directors will make the final decision on social officers and their positions. Social officers will be announced on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 in the cafeteria. Announcements are open to the public.

## **Social Officer Workshop:**

- ✓ We will have a workshop on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00-2:00 and it is MANDATORY!
- ✓ Approximate cost will be \$50-\$100 to cover supplies for upcoming year
- ✓ We will plan for line camp and the upcoming year

## *Tentative Schedule*

Here is a **tentative** schedule for the SHS Stallionette drill team. All members need to make arrangements to attend **ALL** practices and meetings below. Unfortunately, work schedules, dance classes, play rehearsals, family functions, etc. **DO NOT** excuse you from your Stallionette commitments. Once you make the team, you need to arrange your schedule so that you can fulfill **ALL** your Stallionette duties. The consequences for missing practices are stated in the constitution.

### Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

- **4:30-4:45:** Squad members ONLY mandatory meeting in cafeteria
  - Stettes need to wear a camisole or tank to the fitting and preferably shorts or dance pants
  - You will be fitted for practice attire and boots
  - You will vote for officers
  - Receive Stette Sis information
- **4:45-5:00:** Parent meeting in cafeteria to explain fitting procedures. If parents can't attend, the directors can assist your daughter.
- **5:00-6:00:** Fitting for practice attire, warm-ups, etc. in gym
  - We invite you to assist your daughter in her fitting
  - **At this time your first payment of \$200 is due. The remaining balance is due in May. The check needs to be made out to SHEPTON. Please include student's name and school ID # on the memo line.**

### Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

- **6:00:** Parent meeting in the Shepton library
  - Discuss and explain booster club committees. You will sign up for committees at the meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - **A check for the amount of \$150 is due to pay for line camp. The check needs to be made out to SHEPTON. Please include student's name and school ID # on the memo line.**

### Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

- **4:30-6:00:** Stallionettes meet in the cafeteria with Ms. Cagle
  - Discuss camp details
  - Field uniform and hat fitting
- **5:00-6:00:** Parent meeting in Shepton library with Mrs. Fulton
  - Sign up for committees
  - Pay any remaining balances
  - Discuss camp details

### Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

- **4:30:** Stettes ONLY meet in the small gym
  - Pick up yard signs and decals
  - Stette Sis revealed

### Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

- **8:30-4:30:** ADTS Jazz Camp at SHS gym
  - Fundraiser for team
  - \$50 for Stallionettes
  - Attendance optional: earn up to three merits for attending. Great opportunity to build team camaraderie!

### *Line Camp Information*

- July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Thursday) from 8:00am-4:00pm (lunch provided)
- July 17<sup>th</sup> (Friday) from 8:00-12:00/Show-off at 1:00
- There will be a pool party on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00
- We have a private camp at Shepton and it is **mandatory**. The team will learn all football and pep rally routines. If a member misses any part of line camp, she will be required to attend the first game but will not be allowed to perform. See the Stallionette constitution regarding unexcused absences.
- Summer school is not an excused absence.

### *Summer Practice Information*

- August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Friday) from 9:00am-4:00pm (lunch not provided)
- This is a week for reviewing all routines learned at line camp and to learn the strut-out, fight song and stand routines.
- These practices are mandatory. If a member misses any part of line camp, she will be required to attend the first game but will not be allowed to perform. See the Stallionette constitution regarding unexcused absences.
- Summer school is not an excused absence.

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# *Stallionette Drill Team Constitution*

## I. NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

The name of this organization shall be the Stallionettes. Membership in this organization is restricted to sophomores attending Shepton High School.

## II. PURPOSE

The Stallionettes will function as a support organization representing Shepton High School. The Stallionettes will provide entertainment at football games, basketball games, pep rallies and spring show.

## III. MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the Shepton Stallionettes, are an organization aiming towards success in our daily lives as well as in performing, as individuals and as a team. We assume the responsibility as Stallionettes to remain respectful to others and to ourselves in everything that we do. We understand that we are held to a higher standard as role models in the community and our school. We are united in striving for common goals; achieving academic excellence, promoting school spirit and leading by example."

Natalie Foster  
Captain 2004-2005

## IV. CODE OF ETHICS

Being on drill team is a privilege, not a right. As a result Shepton Stallionette members will take pride in themselves and in the Stallionette organization as they are held to a higher standard. They will conduct themselves in a ladylike manner and will maintain the highest moral and ethical standards at *all times*. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Not using or being in possession of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs of any type.
2. No use of profane language.
3. No visible body piercings (other than ears) or tattoos.
4. No public display of affection at school, practices, performances or while in any Stallionette uniform.
5. Not allowing anyone else (who is not a member of the Stallionettes) to wear any part of the Stallionette uniform, including the hat, warm up suit, jacket, or t-shirts, etc.
6. MySpace/Facebook, etc. warning. Stallionette members should be extra cautious and aware of the fact that these types of web pages and the postings they contain are in public view. All Stallionette members are reminded to maintain high ethical and moral standards when posting and that others can easily post such things as pictures of Stallionette members on their own pages, which can result in negative attention upon the team. All Stallionette members are reminded to avoid situations which could lead to this type of situation where embarrassment to themselves, their parents and the team as a whole is the end result.

## V. GUIDELINES

### A. Attendance

- a. All members are expected to attend summer camp and summer practices. They are an important building block of a successful year. Any member who has an unexcused absence, will be expected to attend the first game, but will not be permitted to dance during half time. The member will be responsible for learning any choreography and material taught on their own time. Special practices will not be scheduled for those who miss. If a member misses due to illness, a doctor's note must be presented in order to be considered an excused absence.
- b. All practices and performances are mandatory. Schedules will be announced as far in advance as possible.
- c. It is the student's responsibility to avoid scheduling work, going out of town, medical appointments, private lessons (piano, dance, driver education courses, etc.), commitments to clubs and other organizations, and any other conflicts with time periods involving drill team activities. These activities will be considered **unexcused** absences and subject to demerits.
- d. If a drill team activity conflicts with another school-related activity, then the director and the other teacher(s) involved should be notified in writing as far in advance as possible. The director and the other teacher(s) will confer

and work out the best solution to the problem. Under no circumstances is the member to do as she pleases and then use the conflict as an excuse.

- e. An excused absence from a practice or performance is one that would be accepted by the attendance office such as: 1) an illness that is excused by a doctor's note. 2) an illness that results in a student checking out of school through the school clinic. 3) an all-day absence due to illness. 5) a death in the family. 6) a religious holiday. All other absences are considered unexcused and will be subject to demerits according to the demerit/merit system.
- f. Special problems or situations that might require an absence should be requested in writing two weeks in advance. ***A two week notice does not guarantee approval, but is required before approval may be considered.***
- g. Make-up tests and tutorials should be scheduled before school or during lunch. It is the student's responsibility to arrange time with their teacher. If nothing can be worked out, please consult the directors at least 24 hours prior to the tutorial session. Not all requests will be granted.
- h. If a member is going to be absent, she must call or email the director. If a member fails to call or e-mail, she risks receiving an unexcused absence. The message must be received in advance of the absence.
- i. Members are expected to be in attendance for the entire event/performance/practice except in case of an emergency.
- j. A member must be present at school on the day of a performance in order to perform.
- k. If a member must leave early from a scheduled practice, one day advanced notice is required. *However, if the reason is considered 'unexcused,' demerits will be received.*
- l. Members who miss three consecutive days of practice, will be pulled from the next scheduled performance.
- m. If a member continues to miss consecutive practices, she will continue to be pulled from performances.
- n. If a member misses two or more practices within five school days of a performance, she will be pulled from the next scheduled performance.
- o. Throughout the year various routines will be taught. Members must be present when a routine is taught. NO EXCEPTIONS...not even with a doctor's note.
- p. The day returning from the Holiday/Winter break begins a new attendance policy for competition and spring show:
  - i. If a member misses a rehearsal of the same dance four times, she will be cut from the dance...*even with a doctor's note.*
  - ii. The week before spring show will require every member to attend the rehearsals. The director will not know the rehearsal schedule until the week before, therefore it will not be possible to know in advance which routines require more work (and therefore which students will be more heavily involved.) Traditionally, all girls have always been heavily involved that particular week.
  - iii. All members **must** attend the two Saturday rehearsals the month of spring show. **NO EXCUSES!**
  - iv. All members **must** attend both dress rehearsals the week of show.
  - v. Any **OFFICER** that misses practice for **ANY** reason (even with a doctor's note) four times for **ANY** dance/**ANY** rehearsal will be cut from a dance of director's choice.
  - vi. The previously listed elements of the attendance policy in the constitution are unchanged for the Spring Semester.
  - vii. No scheduling tutorials after school.
  - viii. No scheduling doctor's appointments during drill team/after school, etc.
  - ix. Please note – demerits for unexcused absences will *still* be given.

## B. Practices

- a. The drill team will meet during 7<sup>th</sup> period everyday unless dismissed by the director.
- b. Practices will be conducted by the directors and assisted by the officers.
- c. Proper attire must be worn at all times.
- d. Cell phones may **not** be turned on/used during drill team practices or events (excluding bus rides), unless otherwise given permission by director.
- e. Members should not be in the director's office or the storage closets unless invited or sent in by the director for a specific purpose.
- f. If a member is injured and needs to sit out during practice, a doctor note is required. Otherwise, your daughter is expected to practice unless there is a visible injury.

### C. Performances

- a. The Stallionettes will perform at special activities such at the Plano Holiday Parade (December), competition (March), spring show (April/May) and other venues approved by the director. Additional performances may be added to the list if necessary.
- b. Members are expected to travel to and from all drill team events with the team. However, in exceptional cases, a member may leave a drill team function with her parent/guardian if a note is provided before the event and has the approval of the director.
- c. During football and basketball games, talking is allowed in the stands, but turning around in the stands will not be permitted. Members are not allowed to talk with family members or friends while in stand formation during football games or basketball games. The third quarter has been designated for families to come down and take a quick picture and hold a quick conversation. If an emergency arises, you must clear it with the director.
- d. Eating and drinking during a game is not permitted, unless otherwise approved by the director(s). Each member may bring a bottle of water to the game in her drill team bag. However, each member will be given a bottle of water during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of each game.
- e. The use of cell phones or any other electronic devices is strictly prohibited in the stands. They will be taken up and demerits assessed.
- f. If one of the following actions should occur at any given time during the year, then the drill team member will NOT be eligible to participate in the team's next performance.
  - i. Receiving 5 or more demerits in one week
  - ii. Arriving late to a performance
  - iii. An unexcused absence for practice
  - iv. An unexcused absence for a performance
- g. Everything needed for a performance will be carried in the drill team bag.
- h. Members who are wearing unacceptable or incomplete performance attire will not be allowed to perform.
- i. All officers will lead their squad into the stands or performance area in an appropriate manner designated by the director(s).
- j. Officers and social officers will sit in front of their stand lines during both football and basketball games and maintain proper behavior for her stand line.
- k. Members must use the restroom before leaving the school for a performance. Members will be allowed to leave the stands to use the restroom during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter only. Emergencies must be approved by the director.
- l. During a football or basketball game, members must keep lines straight with bags and poms lined up as directed by the directors.

### D. Performance Tryouts

- a. Tryouts will be held for any upcoming performance.
- b. Tryouts may be defined as a formal auditioning process or general observation of the members by the director(s) and/or choreographers.
- c. Each member is required to participate in tryouts. Provisions for auditions may be made for excused absences on the day of the formal auditions.
- d. If a member is in question as to why she did not make a dance, she may conference with the director(s) during a planned conference period. All the final decisions will be left up to the discretion of the director(s).

### E. Uniforms and Appearance

- a. Field uniforms, costumes, poms, props, etc. are property of Shepton High School.
- b. Uniforms and costumes are to be worn to official functions only. The uniform cannot be worn to public places unless with prior approval from the director(s).
- c. Uniforms must be kept clean at all times. They should be neatly pressed and not in need of mending. Each member is responsible for knowing the care instructions of her uniform.
- d. No alterations are to be made without written consent from the director.
- e. Proper performance make-up will be worn for all performances.
- f. Nail polish and any type of jewelry will not be permitted while in uniform.
- g. Absolutely no gum chewing or eating will be permitted while in uniform.
- h. The director should be contacted immediately if uniform is damaged. This includes broken zippers, fraying fringe, etc.

- i. At the end of the school year, all school issued uniforms must be laundered and returned on a hanger. Parents are financially responsible for any damages to school issued uniforms and equipment.

#### **F. Expenses**

- a. Each member is responsible for paying for practice uniforms, shoes and any other apparel the group may need to purchase. Any necessary travel expenses are also the responsibility of the member.
- b. The field uniform will be furnished by P.I.S.D. Each member is responsible for the maintenance of these uniforms and any school issued costume. Any missing or damaged pieces will be paid for by the member to whom the uniform/costume is issued.
- c. In an effort to keep costs to a minimum, the director(s) and Booster Club will plan fundraising events during the year. These events will benefit the entire team.
- d. Each member is expected to remit payment for balances according to the due dates given in advance. If payment is not received by the designated due date, the items purchased will not be passed out until that payment is received.

#### **G. Grades/Academic Eligibility**

- a. A member must meet all grade requirements as outlined by the State Board of Education, Texas Education Agency, UIL and state law.
- b. Any members receiving a grade lower than a 70 during a six week period will be ineligible and will be placed on probation. The member must participate in practice, but may not perform with the team or attend performances or other scheduled activities with the team.
- c. Any member who is placed on grade probation will become an alternate for any routine that she has been placed in. Once the member regains her eligibility she may re-audition for the routine but not guaranteed the same spot.
- d. Ineligible members may not wear anything related to the organization during the ineligible period. This includes Stette jacket, t-shirts, uniform, etc.
- e. For each demerit received within a six weeks period, one point is deducted from that current six weeks grade. Demerits do not start over each six weeks period. Demerits start over each semester.
- f. If an officer fails, she will be removed from her position. Replacing her position will be left up to the discretion of the directors.
- g. If a Stallionette fails two consecutive six weeks, she may be dismissed from the team at the director's discretion.

#### **H. Probation and Suspension**

- a. A member receiving 15 demerits will be placed on probation.
- b. If a Stallionette is placed on probation for any reason, other than grades, it will be for two weeks. The member must participate in practice, but may not perform with the team or attend performances or other scheduled activities with the team. If she fails to attend practices it will result in continuing the probationary status.
- c. The Stallionette may not wear anything related to the organization during the probation period. This includes Stette jacket, t-shirts, uniform, etc.
- d. While on probation, if another offense occurs, it may be grounds for dismissal from the team.
- e. Should a member receive 3 probations, she will be dismissed from the team.
- f. All members must abide by the P.I.S.D. dress code. Failure to do so may result in probation.
- g. A member will be placed on probation or suspended according to the guidelines of the demerit/merit system.
- h. The following situations are possible grounds for immediate probation or dismissal from the team. The director will determine the consequence on an individual basis.
  - 1. Receiving 15 demerits
  - 2. ISS/SSR for entire day
  - 3. Saturday School (tardies or discipline)
  - 4. Insubordination
  - 5. Office referral
  - 6. Academic dishonesty
  - 7. Excessive behavior problems in school
  - 8. Truancy
  - 9. Forgery
  - 10. Excessive absences and tardies in drill team
  - 11. Smoking
  - 12. Hazing

13. Alcohol or drug use
14. Inappropriate conduct in or out of school
15. Continuous failing of classes

## I. Leadership Positions

IT IS AT THE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION TO DETERMINE RANKS AND NUMBERS FOR ANY OFFICER POSITION. OTHER POSSIBLE RANKS FOR OFFICERS CAN INCLUDE LIEUTENANT CAPTAIN, CO-CAPTAIN AND SPECIFICALLY RANKED LIEUTENANTS (IE: 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, ETC.).

### Stallionette Drill Team Officers

- a. The Stallionettes will have team officers that will be expected to assist the directors in teaching, cleaning and choreographing routines, leading practice and organizing events.
- b. The ranks will be as follows: Captain, First Lieutenant and Lieutenant (s). The director may amend these rankings as desired.
- c. If an officer fails, she will be removed from her position. Replacing her position will be left up to the discretion of the directors.
- d. All rules and regulations apply to the officers.
- e. Should an officer fail to follow-through with her assigned duties or should her attitude be questioned, she will be dismissed from her position.
- f. Should an officer exceed 5 or more demerits, she will be removed from her position. Officers are responsible for providing an excellent example for the team.
- g. Occasionally, the officers will be given the opportunity to perform as an officer group. These performances will be designated by the director and should not be assumed by the officers. Each year is different and the opportunities can vary from year to year.
- h. The officers will be chosen on a designated date set by the director. Three to five qualified judges will reside over the audition.
- i. The decision of the judges is final. The following components will factor into the judges process: original solo routine, quick choreography, jazz and kick routine, image presence, splits, jump splits and interview.

### Stallionette Drill Team Social Officers

- a. The social officers are in charge of social activities for the team such as team building activities, teacher appreciation and other duties the director may assign.
- b. Social Officer ranks will be as follows: President, Vice President, Chaplain and Social Chair. The director may amend these rankings as desired.
- c. All rules and regulations apply to the social officers.
- d. Should a social officer fail to follow-through with her assigned duties or should her attitude be questioned, she will be dismissed from her position.
- e. Should a social officer exceed 8 or more demerits, she will be removed from her position. Social officers are responsible for providing an excellent example for the team.
- f. Occasionally, the social officers will be given the opportunity to perform as a group. These performances will be designated by the director and should not be assumed by the social officers. Each year is different and the opportunities can vary from year to year.
- g. The social officers will be selected by the directors based on the following:
  - a. Notebook
  - b. Interview with directors
  - c. Teacher evaluations
  - d. Team vote

## J. Director Communication

- a. Parents and/or Stallionettes should address their concerns with the directors before contacting a school administrator. Just as with any class, the teacher should be contacted first and allowed to address the issue. If the concern is not addressed to the satisfaction of the student or parent, then contacting an administrator is encouraged.
- b. Concerns may be addressed with the director Monday–Friday during her assigned conference hour. Other arrangements will be made if this time is not convenient for any student or parent.

- c. Please contact the director through school email or school telephone only. You may leave a message for the director 24 hours a day via her voice mail at 469-752-7734 or via email at [rachel.fulton@pisd.edu](mailto:rachel.fulton@pisd.edu). The director will make every effort to return your call by the following school day.
- d. If a concern arises when school is not in session (summer/holidays), parents may contact the Stallionette Booster Club President or leave a message on the director's voice mail or email. The director will return the call as soon as possible; however accessibility to the director will be limited during these times.
- e. If a member has a concern after school/practice hours, then she should contact her officer.
- f. If there is a change in directors, the new director has the authority to make changes necessary to run the drill team effectively. However, members and parents will be notified in advance.

## *g. Stallionette Demerit/Merit System*

In order to be and productive a successful team, it is necessary that each team member be responsible to a discipline system and code of conduct. The following is code of behaviors that each dance team member is expected to observe throughout the year as a Stallionette. The purpose of this system is intended to enhance our organization and its members.

### **Merit System Guidelines:**

- Members will have the opportunity to decrease the number of demerits acquired by receiving merits. The merit system is designed to reward members for positive behavior.
- So that the merit system is not abused, merits will delete demerits if the merits have been earned and recorded prior to the demerits being issued or if the merits are earned within one week (7 days) of the demerit being earned. If a member does not earn enough merits within the given time frame, the demerit will become permanent. Merits may be obtained during the summer months but may not exceed 25. A maximum of 10 merits may be earned for a single event. If a member should have questions, they should see director(s) prior to the event in question.
- Five (5) merits will delete 1 demerit. Once merits have been used, they will be deleted.
- Some demerits will not be removed by the merit system. These demerits will be considered permanent and will be noted as permanent on the list of demerits.

### **Demerit System Guidelines:**

- Each drill team member will be allowed to accumulate a total of 24 demerits. If a member receives 25 demerits, she will be removed from the team for the remainder of the year; at which point she will be required to turn in her uniform and get a schedule change.
- Some demerits are considered permanent and cannot be removed
- Once a drill team member has received 15, she will be placed on probation for two weeks
- An officer will be demoted from her position upon the accumulation of 5 demerits and her parent guardian will be notified of the demotion.
- A social officer will be demoted from her position upon the accumulation of 8 demerits and her parent guardian will be notified of the demotion.
- Demerits will be issued by the directors. The officers will issue demerits only with the instruction or approval of the directors. If a member has a question about a demerit, she must set up a conference with the directors within two school days of receiving the demerit to discuss the demerit given.
- When a member receives a demerit, she will receive notification of the demerit and must sign for the demerit. Signing or not signing the demerit sheet has no effect on the receipt of the demerit.
- The demerit system will be enforced at all times.

## *Stallionette Merit System*

The following is a list of activities for which merits may be received and the number of merits available for each activity.

<u>Activity:</u>	<u># of Merits:</u>
Non required service to school (signed note from teacher, sponsor, etc.)	1
*Service cannot be for a student aide class and cannot be used toward another activity – i.e. student council; furthermore merits cannot be issued for service performed during school hours.	
Earning an A or B on a report card	1 per grade
Tutoring another student (not required from a teacher/sponsor)	1 per hour
Service to community (signed note required from service director(s) – max of 10 per activity)	1 per hour of service
Stette of the Week	1 per time
Service in another school organization (one time only)	1 per organization
Attending a <u>non-required</u> school event (signed note from attending principal)	1 per event
Dance workshops (not regular classes)	1 per time

\*\*\*The director(s) shall have the authority to give merits for activities which have not been included. The number of merits will reflect the activity.

## *Stallionette Merit Documentation Form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Turned in: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities	Number of Hours/Name of Event or Organization	Signature of School Employee
Non-required service to school. Service cannot be earned during a student aide or study hall class and cannot be used towards another activity.		
Tutoring another student. Cannot be during class.		
Service in another school organization (one time only). Sponsors should sign and put what organization this is for.		
Attending a non required school performance or activity.		

Outside Activities	Number of Hours/Name of Event or Organization	Signature and Contact Information
Community service		

## *Stallionette Demerit System*

The following is a list of offenses and the number of demerits received for each offense.

### Permanent Demerits - may not be removed by merits:

<u>Offense:</u>	<u># of Demerits:</u>
Leaving practice without permission	5
Unexcused absence from practice	5
Skipping class	5
Disrespect to the directors, officers, social officers or other school employee	10
Office referral	15 (probation)
ISS	15 (probation)
SSR for entire day	15 (probation)
Excessive behavior problems in school	15 (probation)
Excessive absences and tardies in drill team	15 (probation)
Smoking/alcohol or drug use	15 (probation)
Hazing	15 (probation)
Insubordination	15 (probation)
Truancy	15 (probation)
Forgery	15 (probation)
Saturday school	15 (probation)
Inappropriate conduct in or out of school	15 (probation)
Academic dishonesty	15 (probation)
Suspension from school	immediate dismissal

### Demerits that may be removed by merits:

<u>Offense:</u>	<u># of Demerits:</u>
Failure to wear correct practice attire (Including improper jewelry, hair, gum or shoes: each will be counted separately)	1
Not having props/poms	1
Not being notified in advance of an absence	1
Chewing gum in practice	1
Late to practice	1
Late to roll call	1
Leaving trash in improper place	1
Not meeting a deadline	1/day
Talking on sidelines while waiting to perform	1
Talking after being asked to be quiet	1
Missing a piece of uniform for a performance	1 per piece
Talking to anyone other than a Stette during a game w/out permission	1
Failure to sit or stand where directed at a performance	1
Eating during a game w/out permission	1
Late to a performance	2
Using profanity at any time	3
Detentions	3
Public Display of Affection <small>Defined as ANY physical contact (other than hand holding or a hug) with the opposite sex at any P.I.S.D function or location</small>	5
Wearing incorrect uniform or costume	5
Deliberate disrespect of a reasonable request made by an officer or director	5
Unladylike conduct - director's discretion <small>Behavior unbecoming of any young woman striving to exemplify the standards and ideals of the Stallionettes</small>	5-10

\*\*\*The director(s) shall have the authority to give demerits for offenses which have not been listed. The number of demerits given will directly reflect the severity of the offense.

## *Stallionette Demerit/Merit Compliance Form*

I am aware that as a member of the Shepton Stallionette drill team, my daughter \_\_\_\_\_, will be required to adhere to a demerit/merit system. I have read and understand the demerit/merit system and realize that upon the accumulation of her 25<sup>th</sup> demerit, my daughter will be removed from the drill team for the remainder of the year and no refunds for fundraisers, supplies, etc. will be given. I further understand that if my daughter is an officer or social officer of the Stallionettes, she will be demoted from her office upon the accumulation of either her 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> demerit depending on her rank.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Stallionette Drill Team Application

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NICKNAME (NAME YOU GO BY): \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID: \_\_\_\_\_

FRESHMAN DRILL TEAM CLASS PERIOD (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, and ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S CELL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

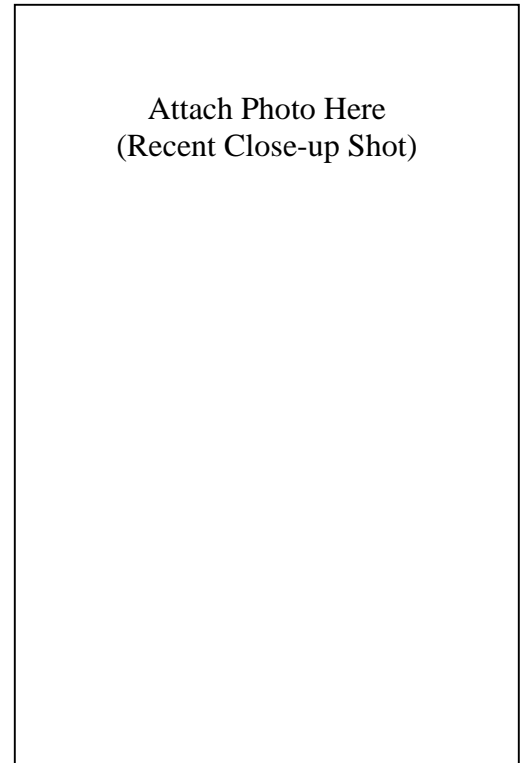
FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S CELL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO SHOULD EMAILS AND PHONE CALLS GO TO? \_\_\_\_\_



\*\*\*Use black or blue ink and write legibly\*\*\*

# Stallionette Audition Signature Page

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for her to audition for the Stallionette drill team. I have read the P.I.S.D. Guidelines and the Stallionette drill team constitution. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by these documents. I understand and agree to the consequences for breaking these rules and regulations. Furthermore, I understand that, if selected for the team, I will be required to pay for practice clothing, shoes and game day attire. A reasonable **estimate** of these expenditures is \$634.00 (excluding camp). I further understand that this is an extracurricular activity and that attendance at all practices, games and special functions are requirements of team membership. Finally, I understand the audition process. I agree and understand that the decision of the judges is final and that the directors do not have a point value for the audition.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am choosing to audition for the Stallionettes. I have read the P.I.S.D. Guidelines and the Stallionette drill team constitution and agree to abide by all rules and regulations. I also understand and agree to the consequences for breaking these rules and regulations. If I am selected to the drill team, I understand that I am expected to uphold the standards set by the team and by P.I.S.D. Should I fail to meet these standards, I will be subject to disciplinary action. Finally, I understand the audition process. I agree and understand that the decision of the judges is final and that the directors do not have a point value for the audition.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Stallionette Medical Release Form

Student's legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that my daughter is free of any health related concerns that might impede her from participating in the Stallionette drill team tryouts and fulfilling the requirements of a Stallionette drill team member. She is currently free of physician care and any physical concerns have been listed below.

I authorize Rachel Fulton and Sarah Cagle, drill team directors at Shepton High School, to contact directly the person named on this document, and do authorize the named physicians to render such treatment as may be deemed necessary in an emergency, for the sake of the said child. In the event physicians or other persons named on this form, or parents cannot be contacted, the above named school official is hereby authorized to take whatever action is deemed necessary in their judgment, for the health of the aforesaid child. I will not hold the aforesaid school official or the Plano Independent School District financially responsible for emergency care and or transportation of the said child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants' Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_ Participants Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ *Please attach a copy medical insurance card for records.*

Address of Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Party Responsible for Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

List brief medical history and recurring health problems such as asthma, allergies, epilepsy, etc.:

\_\_\_\_\_  
List any physical concerns so that the director may be aware of any injuries such as ACL, ankles, joints, etc. This information will only be used to monitor student's progress during tryouts. It will **not** be used to gain judging points for the student during tryouts. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate and medications or drugs to which the child is allergic: \_\_\_\_\_

List all regular medications the child is taking: \_\_\_\_\_

List one additional contact in the event you are not available should an emergency arise:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**2009-2010 Plano Independent School District  
Publications, Video, Internet Consent and Release Agreement**

Students who attend school in the Plano Independent School District are occasionally asked to be a part of school and/or District publicity, publications and/or public relations activities. In order to guarantee student privacy and ensure your agreement for your student to participate, the District asks that you and the student sign and return this form to the school for each of your children.

The form referenced below indicates approval for the student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements or portraits (video or still) to appear in school publicity or District publications, videos or on the District's website. For example, pictures and articles about school activities may appear in local newspapers or district publications. These pictures and articles may or may not personally identify the student. The pictures and/or videos may be used by the district in subsequent years.

**AGREEMENT**

**Student and Parent/Guardian release to Plano ISD the student's name, picture art, written work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (video or still) and consent to their use by PISD.**

Plano ISD agrees that the student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (video or still) shall only be used for public relations, public information, school or district promotion, publicity and instruction.

Student and Parent/Guardian understand and agree that:

- No monetary consideration shall be paid;
- Consent and release have been given without coercion or duress;
- This agreement is binding upon heirs and/or future legal representatives;
- The photo, video or student statements may be used in subsequent years.

If the Student and Parent/Guardian wish to rescind this agreement they may do so at any time with written notice.

Effective Date of Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Students Signature)

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

*Pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 26.009(b)(2)  
PISD has no control of media use of pictures/statements which are taken without permission.*

PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Release of Liability for Student Participation in School-Sponsored Trip(s)  
Via Alternative Transportation

Name of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level/Group Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Activities — Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Return: \_\_\_\_\_

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

TRAVEL RELEASE

I desire that my son/daughter be allowed to participate in the activities and travel to and from the activities of the group listed above. Although school transportation may be provided to and from the activities, I desire that my son/daughter be allowed to participate in and travel to and/or from the activities via an alternative mode of transportation. This alternative mode is strictly limited to travel to and/or from the activity with my son/daughter's parent or legal guardian. Plano Independent School District will not allow any other alternative mode of transportation.

I fully understand and my son/daughter fully understands that transportation to and from the events attended by the group listed could create risk to the health or safety of my son/daughter. I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident that may occur to my son/daughter while traveling to or from the activities in transportation not provided by the District. In consideration of Plano Independent School District allowing my child to participate in the activities of the above-referenced group and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, I hereby release and waive all claims that I or my son/daughter may have against the Plano Independent School District, its Board of Trustees, employees, agents, and representatives resulting, in whole or part, from my son/daughter traveling to and from the events attended by the group listed above while traveling in transportation not provided by the District. The release and waiver shall be binding on my heirs, legatees, administrators, and assigns.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if 18 or more years of age)

Sponsor/Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** Student Medical/Emergency Information Card must be on file in the school office.

