

## **2012 Tabor College Cheer and Mascot Tryouts**

Tryouts for the 2012-2013 Tabor College Cheer Team and Mascots will be held on April 14, 2012. Below is general information as it applies to tryouts for Tabor College. If you have any questions about this please contact Coach Jeremy at [jeremyn@tabor.edu](mailto:jeremyn@tabor.edu) or at 620-877-0515.

Tryouts: April 14, 2012 11 a.m.

Clinic Dates: April 12-13, 2012 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Location: Tabor College Campus Recreation Center

### **Open Gym Practices**

MWF 4-6 p.m. during the month of April leading up to tryouts (March dates TBD)

If interested in participating in open gyms please contact Coach Jeremy at 620-877-0515 before coming.

### **What is Coach Jeremy looking for in an athlete?**

I am looking for athletes that show talent, spirit and a good attitude. Need to be able to take correction and work to apply the critic to perfect their technique. I want athletes that will learn from me and are coachable; I want to help in the transforming and growing of their skills. Want athletes that are eager to learn new things and try different skills. Having passion for what we do as cheerleaders is a desirable attribute.

## **Cheer Tryout Requirements**

### **Tryout Material will include:**

A Tryout Cheer  
Tabor College's fight song  
Dance (females only)  
Jump showcase  
Tumbling showcase  
Stunting showcase

\*The cheer, dance and fight song will be posted to YouTube one month before tryouts for recruits to learn before hand.

### **Stunting**

Females: show proficient knowledge of stunting technique. Showing stunting ability from basing to flying, it is optimal that female cheerleaders have a well-rounded education in group stunting being able to fly and base.

Males: show proficient knowledge of stunting technique in a group setting as well as individually (co-ed stunting). Males must be able to show strength in being able to hold a cheerleader in the air with a group as well as in a co-ed stunt. This tests your technique, timing, and ability to work with a group to achieve a common goal.

### **Motions**

Females: Must show ability with motions. Motions are a required part of game day presence as well as a competition requirement for females. At games many chants and cheers are performed as well as band dances that incorporate motions. We are looking for sharp motions with good placement.

Males: Must show basic ability with motions and motion placement. This skill will only be used for competition for males.

### **Jumps**

Females: Must show ability with jumps and jump technique. Jumps are a required part of game day presence as well as a competition requirement for females. Jumps females perform are the toe touch, pike, front hurdler and side hurdler.

Males: Must show basic ability with jumps and jump technique. The jumps males perform will be a toe touch, pike and front hurdler. This skill will only be used for competition for males.

## **Tumbling**

Tumbling is an optional, but preferred, category. Must be willing to work towards gaining tumbling experience with Coach Jeremy who is a trained tumbling instructor.

## **Tryout Attire**

Females: Softee Shorts or equivalent athletic shorts. Windbreaker material shorts are not allowed. A plain T-shirt and a hair ribbon.

Males: Gym shorts and a plain t-shirt

## **Cheer Video Tryouts**

If you are unable to come to tryouts on April 14th, you may submit a video tryout. A video submission must include:

- A cheer that includes a toe touch
- (4) 8-counts of a dance
- Your top stunts:
  - Minimum of 2, maximum of 6.
  - Must include at least one extended stunt and 2 different dismounts
  - Show both group stunting and co-ed stunting (if applicable)
- Jumps: Showcase the toe touch, front hurdler, and pike jump.
- Your top 2 running tumbling passes
- Your top 2 standing tumbling passes
- Include section where you introduce yourself and tell me a little about yourself and why you would like to cheer for Tabor College.

Video Tryouts are due by April 14th unless otherwise approved by Coach Jeremy.

Please mail to:

Attn: Jeremy Nigh  
Tabor College  
400 S Jefferson  
Hillsboro, KS 67063

## **Mascot Requirements**

At Tabor College we currently have two mascots: The Bluejay and the Lady Jay. Scholarships are available for individuals that would like to be a mascot for Tabor College. Currently we are looking for 4 mascot positions:

### Duties for mascots at Tabor College

- 1) Attending assigned sporting events
- 2) Attending assigned non-athletic events such as: alumni gatherings, public events in Hillsboro and other school related functions.
- 3) Attending a once-a-week Mascot practice session with Coach Jeremy to work on Mascot-related skills and business
- 4) A Mascot is always in character whenever attending an event. 'Revealing' your identity during events to Tabor students, faculty, staff, or children is strictly prohibited. This destroys the illusion of the mascot.

## **Mascot Tryout Requirements**

For tryouts, Mascots will have prepared a mascot skit that will be performed to music for a panel of judges. Mascot skits will be performed in the Bluejay or Lady Jay suit at tryouts.

### Skits requirements

- Maximum of 2 minutes.
- Use of at least 3 different music tracks.
- Include voiceovers of the "story" of the skit.
- Use of props.
- Content is original.
- "What you do" is up to what you can create.
- Skit content must be appropriate for Tabor College standards.
- No use of offensive gestures, music or content will be allowed.

\*Videos of examples of mascot skit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMAevSZXmxs>

**Mascot Video Tryouts**

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