El Camino High School
WILDCAT SONGLEADER DANCE TEAM AUDITIONS
2014-2015 Information Packet

The Wildcat Songleaders Dance Team is a program that allows dancers at El Camino High School to competitively dance for their high school and earn a varsity letter. Additionally, the team will perform at select sporting and community events. Mandatory practices will be held twice a week, but additional rehearsals may be required. The team will be supported by team fundraisers and personal donation. Participating in fundraising, or contributing through personal donations, is not required, but is highly encouraged.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DANCERS WHO:

- Are students currently residing in Oceanside Unified School District boundaries or have a current Inter District Transfer.
- Have good grades and consistently attend all classes.
- Possess a strong worth ethic and a positive attitude.
- Are organized, responsible, and respectful.
- Have strong technical skills.
- Behave outside of the classroom in a manner that is conducive to establishing a positive and classy team reputation.
- Are coachable and will do what they are asked to do to the best of their ability.

PRE-AUDITION PARENT MEETING
Parents/guardians of all dancers auditioning for the team are encouraged to attend a pre-audition meeting on Tuesday, May 6th at 5:30pm in Room B-201 (park in upper parking lot for easy access) at El Camino High School.

DESIRED TECHNICAL SKILLS

- splits
- pirouettes
- leg hold
- strong leaps
- turns in second
- toe touches

AUDITION DATES

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AUDITION PROCEDURE

- Thoroughly read the audition packet and review the criteria and skills.
- Discuss the commitment with your parents/guardians.
- Submit three teacher recommendation forms to current teachers.
- Submit application to Mrs. Daniels in Room B-201 or to the front desk of El Camino High School.
- Be on time to the Dance Room and appropriately dressed for the clinic and audition.

CLINIC/AUDITION ATTIRE

- Black dance attire.
  Example: Black tights, black fitted shorts, and a plain camisole tank or leotard.
- Jazz shoes, preferably black.
- Hair parted on left side and slicked back in a bun.
- No embellishments on your attire or jewelry.
- Performance make up suggested for final day of auditions

AUDITION PROCESS

Monday & Wednesday in the Dance Room

- Check in at 2:45pm
- Warm up and stretch
- Learn routine / Skills test

Friday in the Dance Room

- No spectators will be allowed to watch the auditions.
- There is no official end time. Dancers will call when they are finished.
- Dancers will be asked to perform the routine in front of the judges. Some dancers may be asked to perform once, while others might be asked to perform multiple times. The audition will be conducted at the judges' discretion with the sole intent of selecting the best fit dancers for the team.

RESULTS

- The 2014-2015 team rosters will be posted on www.WildCatSong.com by Saturday, May 17th. Dancers will receive information on how to look up the list.
- If you qualify for the team, during the summer you will be encouraged to attend an “at-home” camp from July 14-16.
- ALL JUDGES’ DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
- Please direct any questions to coach@WildCatSong.com.
2014-2015 Wildcat Songleaders Dance Team

CONTRACT OVERVIEW

Complete contract will be provided for all new team members

CALENDAR AND SCHEDULING

ALL EVENTS WILL BE LISTED ON WWW.WILDCATSONG.COM

- A two-week notice will be given for all mandatory events. The season will begin in June 2014 and end in March 2015.
- Notify the coach by writing a note, calling or sending an e-mail immediately if there is a conflict.
- Missing practice without an excused reason and notification may result in suspension from performing. Please communicate.
- Time management, planning, and prioritizing family, school, dance, and other activities is a must to be a part of the dance team. Please be aware that “I didn’t know” or “I didn’t hear” are not valid forms of excuses. All dancers will be responsible for knowing when practices and performances are.

ATTENDANCE AND GRADES

- Dancers are expected to attend school regularly.
- Missing school the day after an event will jeopardize future trips.
- Any one of a dancer’s teachers may choose not to allow a dancer to miss class for an extracurricular performance. Request to leave class early or arrive late due to a performance may also be rejected due to poor attendance and/or grades.
- All dancers must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average. Failure to do so may result in suspension or expulsion from the team.

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR

- Dancers are to represent themselves, their school and community with pride and appropriate behavior at all times.
- Dancers will also abide by team, school, and district guidelines and policies.
- Public displays of affection in team spiritwear are not appropriate and will not be accepted.
- Any student engaging in activities inside AND outside of the school day that have negative impact on the team or its image (i.e. consumption of alcohol, using drugs, promiscuous behavior, etc.) will be disciplined, possibly resulting in suspension and/or removal from the team. This includes, but is not limited to, all forms of social media such as Facebook, SnapChat, Twitter, and ask.fm.

TEAM BEHAVIOR

- Dancers are expected to work together to reach team goals. Dancers will face disciplinary action if they engage in gossip that has a negative impact on the team.
- Dancers are required to use constructive confrontation skills to work out problems.
- Dancers are expected to contribute to the team in a positive manner.

Consequences for not following team, school, or district policies and guidelines may include: not performing, extra time spent performing team duties, student conference, parent conference, contractual agreements, and suspension or removal from the team. These consequences will be given at the coaches’ discretion.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT

- Whenever possible, parents should encourage dancers to work out problems or concerns directly with the coach or other team members involved.
- Parents are encouraged to call and email the coach to address concerns about their dancer or a team situation that involves their dancer. Most problems are easily solved through improved communication.
ECHS SONGL LEADER DANCE TEAM APPLICATION
Return this sheet, signed, to Mrs. Daniels in room B-201,
or to the ECHS front desk by 2:30 pm on Friday, May 9, 2014.

What school do you currently attend? ____________________________________________

In what grade level will you be next year? _______________________________________

PLEASE LIST:
Current/Past Injuries: _________________________________________________________

Dance Experience: ____________________________________________________________

Current Studio and Number of Hours per Week: _________________________________

Why do you want to be a part of this team? Attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.

___________________________________________________________________________

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I have read the information in this packet thoroughly and agree to do my best as a member of the ECHS Wildcat Songleaders Team. I also realize that Mrs. Daniels will be checking my grades and attendance. I understand that all judges’ decisions are finals and are not subject to review.

Student Name (Please Print) ___________________________ Student Signature ________

I have read this packet thoroughly and fully understand the commitment that my dancer and family are undertaking. I give my child permission to audition for the ECHS Wildcat Songleaders and will support his/her participation. I realize that Mrs. Daniels will be checking my child’s attendance and grades. I understand that all judges’ decisions are finals and are not subject to review.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _______________ Date ________________

Name: _________________________________________________________________

Home Address: __________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _________________________________________________________

Home Phone #: ___________________________ Cell #: _______________________

E-mail address: _________________________________________________________

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _________________________________________________

Parent E-mail: ___________________________ Cell #: _______________________

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM
ECHS Wildcat Songleaders Dance Team Tryouts

Name of participant: ____________________________
Participant will be: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
Teacher name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________

Please rate the student from, 1 – 5, for the following characteristics. Please be as honest and helpful as possible – we are trying to find a group of dedicated and responsible young adults.

5 – Superior 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Poor

RESPECTFUL TO AUTHORITY
RESPECTFUL OF PEERS
PROMPTNESS/ATTENDANCE
RESPONSIBILITY/DEPENDABILITY
EFFORT/ATTENTIVE IN CLASS
LEADERSHIP

Would you recommend this applicant for the dance team? Yes No
Do you think they will be able to handle such a time consuming activity? Yes No
Do you think he/she would be a positive role model to ECHS students? Yes No

Comments:

Teacher Signature: ______________________________________

Please return the completed form to Mrs. Daniels’ box @ ECHS by Friday, May 9th, 2014.

Thank you,
Coach Natalie Daniels