Thank you for expressing interest in the UAH Cheerleading & Mascot Program. The following information packet contains:

1. Facts about UAH’s Cheerleading & Mascot Program
2. Tryout Requirements
3. Score Sheet
4. Clinic & Tryout Information

Please feel free to contact our coaching staff for questions at cheer@uah.edu

Best Wishes & Go Chargers!

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UAH Cheerleading & Mascot Quick Facts:

- **Division:** Small Co-ed (10 – 16 Members)
- **Mascot:** Charger Blue
- **Colors:** Blue & White
- **Earn** Scholarships
- **Cheer** all Hockey and Men's & Women's Home Basketball games (Tournament travel as well)
- **Make appearances** at other athletic and University events
- **Participate** in Week of Welcome, Homecoming, Student Activities, & Recruitments Events
- **Compete Nationally** – Orlando, FL; Atlanta, GA; Myrtle Beach, SC

Requirements:

3. All first year and transfer students must have applied (admitted preferred) prior to the tryout date.
   Current UAH students must be registered for the fall semester prior to the tryout date.
4. A minimum of a 2.25 GPA is required.
5. Please see the score card for information regarding tryout expectations
6. A current physical from your physician stating you are cleared to participate. **DUE AFTER MAKING THE SQUAD**

Bring to Tryouts:

1. A current photo
2. Health Insurance Information (Copy of front and back of insurance card)
3. Driver’s License (copy of front and back of license)

**ATTIRE:**

**WOMEN:**
- Plain White Top (Tee or Tank),
- Blue Shorts
- Athletic Shoes
Hair is to be pulled back in a ponytail with a bow

**MEN:**
- Plain Black Shirt
- Blue Shorts
- Athletic Shoes

**MASCOTS:**
- Plain White Shirt
- Shorts (Any color except blue)
- Athletic shoes

Please **DO NOT** wear another university, all-star, or high school clothing during tryouts. You will be judged on appearance, so consider clothing that is appropriate.

Absolutely no jewelry!

**Summer Workouts**
Summer practices will be open gym until camp. All those in the area are encouraged to attend as many as possible. Those students selected from distance areas will be given a workout schedule to complete at your local gym.

**Mandatory Practices:**
Dates announced in May

**Associated Costs**
1. A $150 team deposit is due July 15, 2016. This deposit is refundable at the end of the season (April 2017) as long as all responsibilities have been fulfilled (as outlined in cheer contract which is provided once spot on the squad is secured) and all university items are returned.
2. Cheerleaders will be responsible for purchasing one pair of game day/competition shoes by October 15. These will be purchased through the University’s vendor and an appropriate discount will be applied if applicable.
3. Cheerleaders will purchase their own
   a. Game Day/Competition shoes (Will purchase by October 15 through University vendor. Appropriate discount will be given if applicable)
   b. White sleeves (worn under their cheer crop) – Women Only
   c. White undershirt – Men Only
   d. Black bloomers
   e. White Socks
4. Expenses including travel, competition fees, uniforms, & camp wear will be covered by the University.

**Stipends:**
When the budget allows, Cheerleaders and Mascots earn yearly stipends in the range of $300-$750. Awards are divided into two installments: October for the Fall semester and February for the Spring semester. The decision about stipends is made annually in August and is dependent on the fiscal year budget determined by the university.

**Academic Expectations:**
Cheerleaders & Mascots must be UAH students, maintain at least a 2.25 each semester, and be in good standing - academically and socially.
UAH Cheerleading Tryout Score Sheet

Interview [20 points] __________
Attitude (Commitment to team & university)
Overall Appeal (Appearance, Presentation, Delivery & Confidence)
Comments:

Chant/Cheer [15 points] __________
Overall Execution & Technique
Voice
Incorporated Element
Comments:

Fight Song [10 points] __________
Overall Execution & Technique
Enthusiasm
Incorporated Element
Comments:

Jumps [5 points] __________
Comments:

Tumbling [20 points] __________
Running Tumbling (10 Max) Select one:
- Round off Back Handspring
- Round off Back Handspring Back Tuck
- Optional Pass (2-trick max)

Standing Tumbling (10 Max) Select one:
- Back Handspring
- Back Tuck
Comments:
Stunting [30 points] _________

Select one:
All-Girl Base/Back-spot
Single-Base (GUYS ONLY)
Top

Perform each of the following:
Extension
Shoulder Stand
Optional [Open] Stunt

Comments:
Mascot Score Sheet

**Skit:** You will be asked to perform a rehearsed skit set to your selected music. This skit should be created to be performance appropriate for a basketball halftime setting. Skits should be a minimum of 1:00 minute and a maximum of 1:30. Please bring music on a CD labeled with your name.

Creativity [15 points] __________
Comments:

Fan Appeal & Interaction [30 points] __________
Comments:

Character Development [15 points] __________
Comments:

Prop Use [15 points] __________
Comments:

Interview [25 points] __________
Comments: