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Desert Hills High School

Tempest Line Drill Team

Audition Packet

You are auditioning to be a part of the Desert Hills High School Tempest Line Drill Team. Drill Team is a very big commitment and must come first before all other extra-curricular activities. (Other athletic teams, clubs, work, etc.), so please read through the information below and make sure you are 110% committed to fulfilling ALL requirements, and following ALL rules before you audition to be a member of Tempest Line.

**Tempest Line is a one-year commitment, so please plan on completing the full year if you are selected for the 2022-23 Tempest Line.*

Mission Statement:

Desert Hills Tempest Line Drill Team will strive to be an elite drill team in the state of Utah. A DHHS dancer will learn how to: work as a team, communicate with other dancers and coaches, stay committed to a goal(s), be positive, etc., and will strive to be an example to others in the Desert Hills HS community. The DHHS Drill Team will constantly strive to elevate their level of performance and raise the standard of excellency by continuous improvement, and learning. Dancers will achieve goals they never thought possible as a team and individually!

Team Goals

- We intend to be the 2023 4A State Champion Drill Team! We will work to perform at an advanced level and continually seek to improve both as a team and as individuals.
- Represent Desert Hills HS in a classy and professional manner. The Tempest Line will be a part of the school community and help build and support the rich traditions at Desert Hills High School.

- DHHS Drill Team members are required to be courteous, polite, friendly, and most importantly, respectful toward coaches, teachers, classmates, teammates, and other teams AT ALL TIMES!
- The DHHS Drill Team will perform as often as possible at appropriate school and community events. Dancers will support school teams.
- DHHS Drill Team will compete in 4 qualifying competitions (this includes Region 10 competition), quarter final, Semi-final and Final State Competition. Dancers will be expected to perform at a technically advanced level, and improve with each performance!
- The Tempest Line is a UHSAA Sport, and will have a Varsity squad. Auditions will be held for all competition routines. Dancers must complete all requirements consistently to earn a spot in any routine.
- DHHS Drill Team will participate in community and school service activities.

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TRYOUTS:

1. Tryouts for the DHHS Drill Team will consist of performing designated skills in front of a group of judges and coaches.
2. Tryouts will be held each year prior to the end of the school year, but may change at other times at the discretion of the coach.
3. The format of tryouts will be decided by the coaches, and will be held in a fair and open manner conducive to allowing each candidate to show her best abilities and potential.
4. You must be willing to attend all practices, competitions and performances, work hard, earn grades to maintain eligibility, and have a positive attitude at all times. ***Drill Team is a huge commitment; please consider all it takes to be a member of a full year team by reading the details below.***
5. ******2023 Technical requirements for tryouts~*** judges will determine a dancer's ability to complete technical elements by rating each dancer on a scale from fair to superior execution. It will be required for every member of the 2023 Tempest Line to complete (at a minimum):
 - a. Elite performance and showmanship
 - b. Right triple pirouette
 - c. Left double pirouette
 - d. Four right a la seconde turns, change spot 3 times
 - e. 2 left a la seconde turns
 - f. Military arms/angles correct angle/hand placement

- g.* Proper kick technique
- h.* Right/left splits~ not required to be flat at tryouts, but flat splits (right and left) will be required to be in the competition military routine.
- i.* Right aerial~ not required for tryouts, but will be required to be in our competition dance routine.
- j.* Right/left split leap, switch leap, and side leap.
- k.* Back walkover (required for dance routine)
- l.* All technical elements will be incorporated in a tryout dance, and military sequence. Keep in mind, judges are encouraged to look for potential at tryouts.
- m.* All tryout material will be taught at the tryout clinics.

TEAM RULES

1. As a member of the Desert Hills HS Tempest Line Drill Team you are representing the school, you will be expected to **always** use appropriate conduct both on and off the dance floor.
2. You are expected to have a **positive** attitude AT ALL TIMES!! No whining, pouting, rolling eyes, complaining, or gossiping will be allowed.
3. Dancers are expected to give 110% during practice, as well as performances. If you are unable to meet this requirement, **you could lose your spot in routines and/or on the team.**
4. As a member of the Tempest Line you will be expected to follow the Desert Hills HS Code of Conduct and also Utah High School Activities Association Rules for Eligibility. As with any other high school team, violation of the rules could result in suspension or dismissal from the team, and/or performances or competitions.
5. Those of you doing both drill and studio~ be sure you know that you CAN NOT compete with your studio during the drill team competition season Nov.1, 2021-Feb. 9, 2022. Performances are ok, competition NO.

GRADES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. A drill team candidate will be female and be a minimum of 14 years of age, and a maximum of 18 year of age. Girls must be in grades 9-12 of the current school year to participate on the DHHS Tempest Line. You are trying out to be a member of the 2021-22 Tempest Line.
2. Acceptance of a DDHS Tempest Line candidate shall be on the basis of ability, the coach's agreement, acceptance of T~Line team rules, and without prejudice of race creed or color.
3. A Tempest Line member must maintain a 3.0 grade point average quarterly and cumulative GPA to be a member of the Desert Hills High School Drill Team.

NO F's, I's or NG's each quarter.

4. **Tryout eligibility:** must have at least a 2.7 GPA for the previous three consecutive quarters, with no F's, I's or NG's; once selected, a 3.0 with NO F's, I's or NG's will be required to maintain eligibility.
5. If a DHHS Drill Team member becomes ineligible for any reason, they may not be allowed to participate as a Tempest Line member. If a drill team member is ineligible for two quarters, they may be dismissed from the drill team and/or lose spots in routines.
6. DHHS Tempest Line members will be required to print off their grades from Powerschool and have them reviewed by the coach to determine eligibility.

FUNDS AND FUNDRAISERS

1. Please see cost breakdown below.
2. Each member is asked to collect \$200 in sponsors.
3. DHHS Tempest Line members are required to attend and take part in fundraisers~ this is limited to our drill team competition, and the studio competitions we host. Other fundraisers may be offered, but not required.
4. We will have periodic payment due dates. Payment is expected in full on these dates. If payments are not current you may not be allowed to perform and/or compete until payment is received in full. ***All payments must be current in order to receive warm-ups, costumes, etc..***
5. You will be required to pay ALL fees whether you are in all routines or not.
6. All fundraising activities will be approved by the coach.
7. **NO REFUNDS!** If at any time during the school year you decide to quit, or are dismissed from the team you ***WILL NOT BE REFUNDED*** any money paid!! You will also be required to pay the remaining balance if at any time you are dismissed or decide to quit the team. Personalized, or personal items (shoes, tights, spanky's etc.) are non-returnable and must be paid in full.

Drill basic cost breakdown

1. The cost of the Tempest Line is \$1235 per member per year.
 - a. **Competition Fees \$700**
 - i. Includes: hair pieces/accessories, choreography, music fees, props, 1 pair black gore boots, 1 pair nude gore boots, 1 pair character shoes, 1 pair team/hip hop shoes, 1 body tight, garment bag, warm ups and competition entry fees.

- ii. Costumes to be worn for football and competition routines. All costumes are property of DHHS and must be returned in excellent condition.
- b. Spirit Pack \$100
 - i. Includes: Practice attire (4 tops, leggings), T-line school gear (2 tops)
- c. Camp/travel \$350 (Camp and travel)
 - i. Camp (Epic)
 - ii. 7 nights hotels for competitions
 - iii. Bus for competition travel
- d. Participation fee
 - i. \$85

Optional Items ~ Prices are estimates. Final prices will be set as we work through the purchasing process.

1. Duffel Bag (\$55)
2. T-Line Gear (school shirts/sweaters) \$25-50 per item.
3. Gore boots \$40 (First pair is included in required dues, extra pairs are available to purchase)
4. Body tights \$20 (extra pairs available for purchase).
5. Letterman sweaters \$200

Payment Schedule:

May 1: \$335 (Initial payment/competition fee)

June 1: \$300 (Epic Dance Camp/comp travel)

July 1: \$300 (Spirit pack/travel fee)

August 1: \$300 (competition fee)

*All payments must be up to date in order to receive any Tempest Line costumes or personal Tempest Line items.

ROUTINE TRYOUTS (CHALLENGES)

1. The DHHS Tempest Line is considered a UHSAA Sport. We will have a Varsity Squad for competition routines. Just because you make the team does not mean you will be in every (or any) routine(s).
2. We will challenge for **ALL** competition routines (Military, Dance and Show). Age DOES NOT matter, ANYONE is eligible to be in the competition routines.

3. Dancers will be required to consistently execute technical requirements in order to earn a spot in routines (3 football routines, 4 competition routines).
4. The coach reserves the right to hold a tryout before each performance to evaluate the readiness of each member. If a member is not performing the required technique they may not be allowed to perform the routine.
5. The coach reserves the right to hold challenges for football routines if it is determined ALL team members are not ready to perform with **NO** mistakes.

PRACTICE AND DANCE CAMPS

1. **Regular Practice Schedule**~ dancers will practice daily while school is in session. We will practice on A-days from 6:30am-9:00am, B-days after school ****the time fluctuates depending on gym and coach availability.** We try to stay near 4:30-7:30pm, when possible), every Wednesday night from 6:00-9:00pm and one Saturday each month from 8:00am-1:00pm.
 - a. Practice schedules may vary due to performances, competitions and gym availability.
 - b. Dancers will be required to attend all practices. Any missed practices may result in missing a performance. In order to perform dancers must attend all practices to ensure they know the routine details, even excused absences for legitimate reasons could result in the dancer not being able to perform at a particular event or number of events
2. **Summer Practice Schedule**~we will do endurance and technical training throughout April, May and June. A schedule of practice dates and times will be provided at least one month in advance. **You will be required to attend summer practices, so please schedule family vacations around the practice schedule, as much as possible.**
3. **Epic Dance Camp:** June 23-25 from 8:00am-6:00pm. Hillcrest Jr. High, Murray
 - a. Held at Hillcrest Jr. High School in Murray.
 - b. Will learn various camp routines that we use throughout the school year.
4. **Competition Choreography**
 - a. Pom ~
 - b. Dance ~
 - c. Military~
 - d. Show

- e. If you miss choreography you will be an alternate for that routine. We **WILL NOT** be resetting formations, if a spot opens alternates can audition.

Rules and Regulations

Tempest Line Constitution

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TEAM RULES

1. As a member of the Desert Hills HS Tempest Line Drill Team you are representing the school, you will be expected to **always** use appropriate conduct both on and off the dance floor.
2. We will follow all UHSAA policies and pairings, rules and safety regulations for the sport of Drill Team.
3. Drill team members will only compete with the Tempest Line during our competition season (November 1, 2022 through February 5, 2023). *THIS IS A UHSAA RULE.*
4. **POSITIVE ATTITUDE AT ALL TIMES!** You are expected to have a **positive** attitude **AT ALL TIMES!!** No whining, pouting, rolling eyes, complaining, or gossiping will be tolerated.
5. **NO NEGATIVE TALK!** About teammates, practice, or coaches!!
6. Dancers are expected to give 110% during practice, as well as performances. If you are unable to meet this requirement, **you could lose your spot in routines and/or on the team.**
7. As a member of the Tempest Line, you will be expected to follow the Desert Hills HS Code of Conduct and also Utah High School Activities Association Rules for Eligibility. As with any other high school team, violation of the rules could result in suspension or dismissal from the team, and/or performances or competitions.
8. Dancers will respect every member of this team and coaches at all times!
9. Dancers must know all choreography in order to have a spot in any routine; choreography will be expected to be learned and prepared by the next practice.

ABSENCES

1. You must contact the coach prior to an absence (two week minimum if you know about scheduled absences). **If you do not contact the coach, you may be suspended from the team indefinitely and/or you may lose your spot in competition and performance routine(s) indefinitely.**
2. An unexcused absence from a performance or practice may result in missed performances and/or dismissal or suspension from the team.

3. If a member misses a practice due to sickness before a performance, although excused, you may not be able to perform because you don't know changes/alterations to the routine(s).
4. Excused absences, for any reason, may result in missing a performance. You could also lose your spot indefinitely. We will avoid re-spacing, it's very time consuming.
5. ALL absences, excused or unexcused will receive demerit points for each practice missed.
6. Tempest Line members can participate in the Tennis, Soccer, Track/Field and Softball teams. Just know that if you miss drill team practice for other team practices you may lose your spot in the routines we are practicing, and/or performances we are preparing for. You will not be in every routine if you are missing practice to participate in another sport.
7. Late arrival to performances and practices is unfair to the rest of the team and could result in appropriate consequences at the discretion of the coach.
8. If a member is absent they are required to learn the material before the next practice on their own time. Failure to do so may result in losing your spot in any routine you are not prepared for.

PERFORMANCES

1. Be on time to all performances and report to designated warm up area on time during the game.
2. After performances you are encouraged to stay to the entire game/sporting event.
3. All Tempest Line members are required to attend and participate in Invitational/Qualifying competitions (4), quarter, semi and final State Competition (whether you are in all routines or not).
4. Bring all costumes, props, dance shoes, etc. necessary for performances. Forgetting any necessary items may result in missing the performance, and accrual of demerit points.
5. Hair and make-up will be done according to the team plan.
6. All Tempest Line members will wear warm-ups to all events, and are required to stay in their warm-ups (or matching attire) for the duration of the event. Failure to do so will result in a full demerit.
7. Go all out, do your best and HAVE FUN!!

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2. A Tempest Line member must maintain a 3.0 grade point average quarterly and cumulative GPA to be a member of the Desert Hills High School Drill Team.
3. DHHS Drill Team members cannot have one or more F's, I's or NG's each quarter, if a member has below 3.0 or one or more F's, NG's or I's at the end of the grading term they will be ineligible for the following quarter.
4. If a DHHS Drill Team member becomes ineligible she will be required to attend all practices, but will not be allowed to travel, or perform with the Tempest Line at any event. Dancer will not be allowed to participate in any part of competition (drill down and awards included).
5. If a drill team member is ineligible for two quarters, they may be dismissed from the team.

6. DHHS Tempest Line members will be required to print off their grades from Power School and have them reviewed by the coach to determine eligibility.

CONDUCT:

1. DHHS Tempest Line members are required to maintain and uphold the reputation of a Desert Hills Tempest Line member through their own conduct and team representation.
2. DHHS Drill Team members are required to be courteous, polite, friendly, and most importantly, respectful towards all teammates, and other squads and teams.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

1. It shall be DHHS Tempest Line Drill Team policy that disciplinary action will only be invoked as a last resort, and that every reasonable attempt will be made to avoid situations likely to lead to such action through team discussion and positive encouragement, by example, and by finding ways and means to correct negative trends.
2. A DHHS Tempest Line Drill Team member may be suspended from games/events for the following reasons: Unexcused absence, excessive absence or tardiness, failure to cooperate with coaches and/or other members of the team, using a cell phone during practice and/or performances, if grade point average falls below 3.0, an Incomplete, No Grade, F grade, or failure to abide by team rules and regulations. If suspended from a performance or competition, the team member is still required to attend all practices and events.
3. All team members are required to attend ALL classes on the day of a performance or event. All team members will be required to attend ALL classes the Friday before Saturday competitions or events. Failure to do so will result in suspension from performance and/or competition that day or following day (when competing on a Saturday).
4. A Drill Team member may be dismissed from the team for the following reasons: Excessive or irreconcilable disruptive influence on the team, conduct likely to bring the team reputation into disrepute (such as use of alcohol or drugs), any illegal activity, two quarters of academic ineligibility and as otherwise deemed necessary by coaches.
5. Coaches reserve the right to dismiss any girl not becoming of a DHHS Tempest Line Drill Team member. Drill Team members who engage in any illegal activity, legally charged or not, WILL BE DISMISSED WITHOUT WARNING! THE DESERT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CONSTITUTION IS THE WARNING.