

Cal Cheerleading Try-Outs 2012

General Information

Cal Cheerleading is a group of men and women who support Cal athletics through traditional collegiate cheerleading. Those performances span through Cal athletics, campus, alumni and community events.

Cal Cheerleading currently functions under the direction of an advisor and coach. Physical and medical support is available through Student Health Services.

All current squad members must audition for each successive year in which they wish to participate. A squad of no more than 12 members will be selected for each season.

There are no fees required to participate in Cal Cheerleading, however you will need to provide your own make-up, hair products, and under garments. Uniforms, travel and other approved budgetary items are covered by the Athletic Department.

Each member of the squad will receive 2 home football and men's basketball tickets. Tickets to other contests, i.e., bowl games, NCAA tournament and Pac-12 tournaments will be issued at the discretion of the Athletic Department. This is subject to change.

In order to try-out for the Cheerleading Squad you must fill out and bring with you all documents listed under Required Forms. This includes the Health History Form, Release Waiver, you will be required to carefully read and sign the Cal Cheerleading constitution, code of conduct and travel policies plus the points system which states guidelines for all members of the team.

Football Season

March to Victory, tailgate rallies and alumni events make up our pre-game events.

We participate on the sidelines throughout the entire game leading the crowd through stunts, tumbling and cheers. We perform along side the dance team & Cal Band during ½ time and perform to the band throughout the game.

Basketball Season

Pre-game events include attending Kids Day outside of Haas Pavilion. Perform routines choreographed to band music during time-outs of basketball games.

We participate on the sidelines throughout the entire game leading the crowd through stunts, tumbling and cheers. We perform along side the dance team & Cal Band during ½ time and dance to the band throughout the game.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities include (but are not limited to): all practices and conditioning during the year, summer practices, Friday noon rallies, football, volleyball, men's & women's basketball games,

alumni and community events, Cal Spirit events and fundraising. Some events can occur after the basketball season ends, which you will be required to attend.

You will be required to return to Berkeley **Monday, July 23rd** to begin practice for camp.

Try-Out Information

Required Forms Health History form for New Athletes
Release Waiver
2012-2013 Application w/photo
Transcripts (Graduating Seniors - bring your High School Transcripts)

Try-Outs Sunday, April 15th, 9am (registration begins at 8:30am) Haas Pavilion

Requirements You will perform the following during your try-out:
1. School Fight Song
2. 3 different cheers (we will give you 1 but you must know all 3)
3. Squad stunt sequence (this will be done in an open practice style)
4. Tumbling (not a requirement, but a plus)

Proper Attire **Ladies:** You may wear natural make up and your hair back, out of your face. Please wear solid colored t-shirts or sport tops with athletic shorts (no spandex), white socks and tennis shoes. No jewelry will be allowed during the try-out day.
Gentlemen: You must be clean-shaven and have trimmed hair. Please wear solid t-shirts, gym shorts, white athletic socks, and tennis shoes. No jewelry will be allowed during the try-out day.

What to bring 1. Completed application, waiver, Health History and transcript
2. Individual Photo
3. Food and water
4. Towel
5. Make-up and hairspray to touch up before try-outs begin
6. ***Please do not wear any jewelry***

Cal Cheerleading Schedule

Practices

Summer:	Monday through Friday:	2:00pm-4:00pm & 5:30pm-7:00pm
Fall:	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	5:00pm – 8:00pm
Spring:	Tuesday & Wednesday	5:00pm-8:00pm

Note: Times vary depending on availability of the facility. Do not plan a tight schedule around these dates & times.

Football Season

Rallies:	Friday's at noon for a half-hour on upper Sproul for all home football games. Call time: 11:30am Homecoming Rally – Friday evening prior to Homecoming game. Bonfire Rally – Friday evening prior to Big Game
Games:	Saturday arrive 3 hours prior to start of game. Perform at March to Victory and pre-game rally on upper Sproul, march with the Band to Memorial Stadium stopping at Maxwell Field to perform at FunZone.
Travel:	For away football games, you will leave Friday morning and return Saturday evening after the game.
Big Game Week:	Perform at several community and alumni events beginning on the previous Sunday through the following Sunday or Monday, if the Bears win.
Bowl Game:	Bowl games are usually held between December 26 th and January 1 st . All members are required to be available. <i>(NOTE: This is during the winter holiday, so you must be available to travel during that time)</i>

Volleyball

Games:	Cheer at home volleyball matches. Matches begin at 7:30pm.
Post Season:	Participation is mandatory if the Volleyball Team hosts the NCAA Playoffs at home or advances to the Final Four

Basketball

Games:	Pre-season games are played on various days of the week. Pac-12 games are played on Thursdays and Saturdays.
Travel:	Post-Season Pac-12 Tournament and NCAA/NIT Tournament in March. Men's & Women's Pac-12 Tournament is scheduled for the second week in March. It is located in Las Vegas for Men and Seattle for Women. <i>(NOTE: This is during the spring holiday, so you must be available to travel during that time)</i>

Winter Break & Spring Break

Cal Cheerleaders must be available during Winter Break and Spring Break for basketball games.

Other

Cal Cheerleaders must be available for numerous alumni, community, campus and fundraising events that occur sporadically throughout the year. Also, other public appearances are sometimes requested and each member is required to attend.

Please note that the schedules shown are estimates based upon previous year's schedules. The schedule may vary from year to year.