TRYOUTS

Power Dancer auditions are scheduled for 7-10 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 in the Student Union Faculty/Staff Dining Room.

During tryouts, applicants will be judged on dance technique, showmanship, energy, poise and personality. Candidates should possess confidence, determination, leadership skills and exhibit school spirit.

Please bring jazz shoes and tennis shoes, and wear black jazz pants or booty shorts/dance tights and a form-fitting top/crop top. Hair should be down and styled in a way that complements the applicant’s features. For makeup, candidates should select shades that complement their natural beauty. Please remember we are a performance group and dancers should wear makeup that can be seen from a distance. Other than small earrings, no jewelry is allowed at tryouts.

Tryouts will consist of freestyle (across the floor) and a taught jazz combination. The freestyle dance may be a blend of jazz/hip hop/pom that incorporates movements the applicant feels comfortable with technically. To prepare, we suggest working on technique and/or taking jazz and hip hop dance classes. To maintain flexibility and reduce muscle soreness, stretching is key.

Basic skills that will be included in the tryout routine:
- Double pirouettes
- Grand jetes
- Calypso (attitude jete)
- High kicks
- Pique, coupe, chaine turns

POWER DANCER APPLICATION

Apply by Wednesday, April 27 at utdallas.edu/powerdancers/apply.

PRACTICES

Power Dancers practice 7-10 hours per week during the regular academic year. Practices consist of technique training, learning choreography and rehearsing for performances. The team performs at all men’s and women’s home basketball games, at various University events, and in the community.

During the fall semester, practices are scheduled for 7:15-9:45 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. In addition, dancers will be expected to workout throughout the week. In the spring semester, additional rehearsal days will be added in order to prepare for nationals in Daytona, Florida.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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