



## **2014 Audition Packet April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

### **Packet Document Includes:**

- Registration and applicant requirements
- Audition process details
- Application
- Waiver
- Hotel Information
- Driving Instructions and parking Map

## **Audition Packet Checklist**

**Please include the following items to complete your registration**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed waiver and release form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Head shot (minimum size 5x7)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business Resume
- \_\_\_\_\_ Money order for \$25.00 (No Refunds)

*Please mail applications to:*

*Erin La Grassa*

*Cardinals Cheerleader Auditions*

*PO Box 888, Phoenix, Az. 85001-0888*

*Applications may also be dropped off at the clinics*

## **Dates and Information**

Preliminary Auditions:	April 12, 2014
Semi-Finals:	April 13, 2014
Finals:	April 14-16, 2014

Please read through the packet thoroughly and email questions to the Coach: Erin La Grassa at [Cheerinfo@cardinals.nfl.net](mailto:Cheerinfo@cardinals.nfl.net)

## **General Information**

- Auditions (Saturday and Sunday) will take place at the Arizona Biltmore Resort
  - Address: 2400 E Missouri Ave Phoenix, AZ 85016
  - Please report to the McArthur Ballroom (see parking map)
  - Registration begins on Saturday at noon.
- Finals (April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>) will take place at the Cardinals Training Facility at 8701 S. Hardy Drive in Tempe from 6:30-8:00pm
- The auditions are **CLOSED** to the public - this means your family & friends
- ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL
- What to Wear
  - Crop/half top
  - Shorts
  - Wear your hair and make-up in a fashion that compliments your features
  - Dance shoes or sneakers (please no platforms or heels)
  - It is recommended to wear an outfit that makes you stand out. Audition attire will be available for purchase at all clinics

## **Hotel Information and Directions:**

The Arizona Biltmore will be offering a discounted rate on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to all participants at the rate of \$202.00/night. You can book your room directly through the hotel by calling Peter at 602-954-2538; or via email at [Patrick.Pilcher@waldorfastoria.com](mailto:Patrick.Pilcher@waldorfastoria.com). Due to the late night and early morning schedule, staying at the hotel is recommended.

### **From Scottsdale:**

Take Scottsdale Road to Lincoln Drive - turn west  
Continue west on Lincoln to 24<sup>th</sup> Street - turn left on 24<sup>th</sup> Street (South)  
Take 24<sup>th</sup> Street to Arizona Biltmore Circle - turn left  
Parking Garage will be on the right hand side

### **From Tempe:**

Take 202 West to 51 North (aka - Squaw Peak Pkwy)  
Continue North on 51 to Highland Avenue - exit and turn right on Highland  
Take Highland to 24<sup>th</sup> Street - turn left on 24<sup>th</sup>  
Take 24<sup>th</sup> to Arizona Biltmore Circle - turn right  
Parking Garage will be on the right hand side

### **From the West:**

Take I-10 to 51 North.

Continue North on 51 to Highland Avenue - exit and turn right on Highland  
Take Highland to 24<sup>th</sup> Street - turn left on 24<sup>th</sup>  
Take 24<sup>th</sup> to Arizona Biltmore Circle - turn right  
Parking Garage will be on the right hand side

*Park in the southeast corner of the garage and exit on the south side; you'll  
proceed straight into the McArthur Ballroom.*

### **Registration Information (12:00 on Saturday):**

- **Pre-Registered** applicants (those who have turned in the application prior to March 30<sup>th</sup>) will receive the choice of contestant numbers.
- **Applicant's not pre-registered** need to bring a completed application packet to registration on the day of auditions. It is recommended that walk-ups arrive promptly at noon to ensure sufficient time to register.
  - Include cash or money order for the registration fee (\$25.00) payable to the Arizona Cardinals. Checks will not be accepted.
  - Include a non returnable recent photo with application (minimum size 5x7)
- Applicants must be 18 years of age as of May 1, 2014. All applicants must bring a valid government issued photo ID with them to the audition. Applicants who are not of age will need the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

### **Commitment Information**

Members of the 2014 Cheerleading team must meet the following requirements

- All applicants
  - Must have a full time job or be a full time student
  - Must be available for practices at the Cardinals training facility on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (6:30-9:00 p.m.).
  - Must be available to attend outside workouts 2-3 times a week
  - Must have a reliable source of transportation to all practices and events
  - Must be at least 18 years of age by May 1,2014
- Members of the 2014 cheerleading squad will be required to make a year long commitment and sign a contract committing time through to May 2015
- All 2014 members must be available for the following mandatory events
  - Draft day practice- April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup> (6:30-9:30pm)
  - Draft Day Performance- May 8, 9 or 10<sup>th</sup> - Time TBD
  - Mini Camp- May 16-18, 2014
  - Photo Shoot- May 31<sup>st</sup> all day and June 1<sup>st</sup> - All day (tentative)
  - Saturday Practice- June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Optional: All-Pro dance camp- June 28-June 29<sup>th</sup>

\*\* Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday practices will begin after mini camp

### **Audition Process**

#### **Saturday**

Saturday will consist of three phases in the audition process.

Registration- 12-1:00pm. Auditions will begin promptly at 1:00 pm

- Round One
  - All applicants will be taken through a warm-up and taught a basic across the floor combination.
  - The applicants will do the across the floor combination four at a time. Judges will be looking for basic dance technique and a physically fit physique. Upon completion of the combination applicants asked to proceed to the next round will be given a ticket. These candidates take the ticket to the registration table to receive an audition number for the next round.
- Round Two
  - The remaining applicants will learn a 6-8 count dance combination to be performed in groups of 3.
  - Judges will be looking for strong performance skills, dance ability, and overall appearance.
- Round Three
  - Applicants selected after round two will learn a one-minute dance routine that will be performed in front of the judges on Sunday. Participants who qualify for this round should expect to end the day around 7:00pm. However, many participants end up staying later to practice the routine.
  - The audition routine will include the following technical skills:
    - Kicks
    - Turns
    - Leaps

## **Sunday**

- Sunday will consist of business interviews and a final dance audition.
- 8:00-11:00 Dance Audition
    - Applicants will review the dance combination taught on Saturday.
    - The routine will be performed in groups of three for a panel judges. The panel of judges will include a combination of sponsors, employees of the Cardinals, dancers, and members of the community. Judges will be looking for knowledge of material, strong dance technique, performance skills, and overall appearance. Finalists will be selected upon completion of round three.
  - 12:00-3:00- Panel Interviews
    - Applicants will participate in a panel interview that will consist of approximately 8 applicants and 8 judges. Business attire is appropriate and applicants are asked to bring a copy of their business resume.
  - Finals Week (April 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>)
    - The schedule for finals will be as follows:
 

Monday (April 14 <sup>th</sup> )	Practice 6:30-8:00 pm
Tuesday (April 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Practice 6:30-8:00 pm
Wednesday (April 16 <sup>th</sup> )	Agility Testing 6:30 pm
    - \*\*Practices and testing will take place at the Cardinals training facility (8701 S Hardy Drive Tempe, AZ)

- Strength and endurance is an important part of the Cardinals cheerleader program. All applicants will be evaluated on the following skills as part of the agility testing:
  - 1 mile run
  - 100 sprint
  - 1 minute worth of push-ups
  - 1 minute worth of sit-ups
  - 1 plank hold
  - Right and Left Leg splits

**ARIZONA CARDINALS CHEERLEADER APPLICATION**

**(Please print or type answers)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Audition Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a High School Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a college graduate: \_\_\_\_\_ year: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree/ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any academic honors and extracurricular activities:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any prior Cheerleading/ Dance experience:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been a part of a professional dance/cheer team? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of team: \_\_\_\_\_ Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special talents (i.e. Singing, baton twirling) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any tattoos or body piercings? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to make modifications to your look and or lifestyle to maintain the proper image if the Arizona Cardinals Cheerleader? \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional References**- Please include at least one previous dance/cheer teacher (no relatives please)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the 2014 Arizona Cardinals cheerleader auditions? (circle one)

Website            News            Season ticket holder            High School coach

Flyer            Friend            other: \_\_\_\_\_

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF. I REALIZE THAT FALSIFICATION OF AN ANSWER TO ANY QUESTION ASKED ABOVE MAY RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF MY APPLICATION AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION, IF SELECTED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TEAM. I UNDERSTAND THAT REFERENCES, PREVIOUS DANCE DIRECTORS, AND EMPLOYERS MAY BE CONTACTED AS PART OF A BACKGROUND CHECK

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## WAIVER AND RELEASE

WHEREAS, I, \_\_\_\_\_, am about to participate in a tryout (the "Tryout") for a position as a cheerleader for the Arizona Cardinals football team at The Arizona Cardinals Training Facility in Tempe and /or the Arizona Biltmore resort during February, March, and April 2014, and whereas I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk, and responsibility; now therefore, in consideration of receiving permission from Arizona Cardinals Football Club LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, d/b/a/ Arizona Cardinals ("Cardinals"), to participate in the Tryout, I hereby release, waive, and discharge the National Football League (the "NFL"), the Cardinals, and the shareholders, owners, directors, officers, employees, agents, servants and affiliates of the NFL and the Cardinals from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me from any cause whatsoever while on the Tryout premises and/or during the Tryout.

I am duly aware of the risks and possibility of physical injury and damage to my person inherent in the Tryout, and I enter upon the Tryout premises knowing their present condition and knowing that physical injury and damage to my person may be occasioned by or may occur from many causes at the Tryout, including but not limited to my own physical defects (of which I may not be aware) and negligence of other Tryout candidates. I voluntarily hereby assume all risk of loss, danger, or injury, including death, from any cause whatsoever that may be sustained by me in, on, or upon the said premises, at and during the Tryout.

This Waiver and Release shall be binding upon my successors, assigns, distributees, heirs, next of kin, executors, and administrators.

In signing this Waiver and Release, I hereby acknowledge and represent:

- A. That I have read this Waiver and Release, understand it, and sign it voluntarily.
- B. That I am eighteen (18) years of age or over and have the legal capacity to execute this Waiver and Release and to make the representations, waivers, assumptions, and releases herein contained.
- C. I am not an agent, servant, or employee of the Cardinals.

I represent that I am in good health and sound physical condition, and that I have no physical defects, latent or patent, and I expressly waive any right I may have to a physical examination prior to, at, during, or following the Tryout.

I agree to pay all attorney's fees and costs incurred by any individual or entity covered by this Waiver and Release in enforcing this Waiver and Release against me. I further agree that this Waiver and Release shall be subject to, and interpreted according to, the laws of the State of Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Waiver and Release as of the date set forth below.

**CAUTION: READ BEFORE SIGNING. THIS IS A WAIVER AND RELEASE**

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Signature

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Print Name

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Date