Orange Pride Drill Team
Officer Tryout Packet
2021-2022

Below is information regarding Orange Pride Drill Team officer tryouts. All forms must be completed and deadlines met in order for your student to try out for an officer position.

Officer Packet Submission Due
April 5th by 4:00 p.m.

Officer Tryout Clinic
April 12-15 (4:00-5:00 p.m.)

Officer Tryouts
April 16th Following Team Tryouts

Included in the Packet:
Parent Letter
Officer Candidate Letter
Officer Requirements
Officer Essay Directions
Director's Evaluation Form (sample)
Score Sheet (sample)
Officer Application
Consent Form

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU READ THE INFORMATION CAREFULLY. ALL FORMS MUST BE INCLUDED AND COMPLETE AND DEADLINES MET IN ORDER FOR YOUR STUDENT TO TRYOUT FOR ORANGE PRIDE DRILL TEAM OFFICER.

Dear Officer Candidate Parents/Guardians,

It has been a great pleasure to work with your daughter this year. The girls were all called upon to excel many times this year and they exceeded my expectations. Now, it is time for yet another challenge. Much of the team's success next year will depend on the leadership and support of the officers and returning members of the team. Officers are selected on leadership and talent. Scores are based on the director's and judges' evaluations. As you know, there are only a few officer positions.

Prior to completing the officer packet, please take time to consider the commitment an Orange Pride Drill Team officer must make for her team. Additional time is required beyond team practice, the ability to work with and direct team members, work directly with officers and the director, maintain academics, be a campus role model, be able to handle stressful situations, and be willing to pay for any additional costs that reach beyond the scope of the team. Officer responsibilities should be taken seriously.

Take time to review the packet and complete all items that need to be submitted with the officer application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to the tryout process and a successful 2021-2022 school year.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,

Randie Wilson

Randie Wilson, Director

Dear Orange Pride Drill Team Officer Candidate,

I am so pleased that you have chosen to try out for Orange Pride Drill Team officer. I hope you have put a great deal of thought and consideration into your decision. The most important thing is that you have a positive attitude and are willing to do whatever it takes to make the Orange Pride Drill Team a success. You will have to be extremely mature and be able to handle the stress and pressures that come with this position. I will demand excellence and cooperation from each of you. Most of all, I will be there to assist you and support you. I wish you all the best of luck and know that I am already very proud of you.

Below are a few points I need you to review while looking over the information outlined in this packet. You need to be fully aware of tryouts and what being an officer fully entails.

1. Not all of you will make officer, and if you do, you may not receive the position you want. If this happens, I expect you to handle the situation in a mature manner.

2. If you do not make officer, I expect to see you as a team member.

3. Being an officer requires continual commitment. Your dedication is required throughout the school year. Expectations for you exceed those of the team.

4. I expect appropriate behavior in which you exhibit leadership, character, and integrity. Leadership includes taking the initiative and taking control in situations that may be difficult, in which you must set your personal feelings aside.

5. Decisions are made based on the needs of the team. As officers, you will work with me as a united front.

6. You will have to fulfill the obligations listed on the requirement page.

7. **WHAT TO WEAR FOR OFFICER TRYOUTS:**

Black Tank or Leotard
Black Tights
Black Jazz Pants
Black Jazz Shoes
Hair in high pony tail (no bangs or fly-aways)
Team makeup

Once again, I'm happy that you're trying out for officer. Set your goals high and do your absolute best. Please feel free to ask me questions.

Officer Requirements

Officer Tryouts

Eligibility

- ★ Overall "B" average
- ★ No major discipline problems or warnings within the team or the school
- ★ One (1) year member of Orange Pride Drill Team
- ★ The candidate may not try out for cheerleader during the same year, prior to trying out for drill team officer.
- ★ **An officer must be committed to the drill team. An officer may not be involved in other activities that causes them to miss once a week. An officer may miss 5 times throughout the year without a doctor's note.**

Tryout Requirements/Selection Criteria for Officers:

30% Mandatory Officer Tryout Dance
20% Director's Evaluation
15% Line Dance - Routine for team membership
10% Interview by Judges
10% Officer Essay
10% Grades
5% School Record Evaluation

Officers must score at least 80% of the possible points.

The following officer positions may be assigned:
Captain, Co-Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants

The officers are expected to perform their responsibilities at the highest level of leadership, citizenship and personal character. An officer should not expect to receive a warning or second chance for an infraction of any drill team rule. The officer may be relieved of her position.

The officer tryout results will be released after tryouts with the officers being installed at Awards Ceremony.

Nondiscrimination Statement

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Declaración de no discriminación

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Officer Candidate Essay

Follow Directions Carefully

ESSAYS: (short and to the point) Please type the question and answer on a separate sheet of paper. Please use 12 pt. (easy to read) font and double space.

1. Why do you want to be an officer?
2. What position are you striving for and why? Who, besides yourself, do you see in an officer role?
3. Why would Mrs. Wilson want you as an officer? How would you describe your relationship with your Director?
4. What is more important for an officer to have – leadership or dance ability? Why? Which is your stronger asset?
5. What contributions do you feel that you could make to the team, if you were selected as an officer? What contributions have you made to the team this year?
6. How important is attendance and punctuality for the team? Please consider the following in your answer: practices, performances, and the school day. How would you describe your own attendance and punctuality?
7. What were the biggest problems on the team this past year? Did you contribute to them? How did you help solve them? What are your suggestions for handling the problem/situation in the future?
8. How would you gain respect from your team if you were an officer? How would you handle a friend on the team not listening to you, if you were an officer?
9. What did the officer line do this year that you did not like? If you are selected as an officer, how would you have handled the situation?
10. What made you start dancing? How old were you?
11. What would you like to accomplish as an officer? What are some ideas you have for next year?
12. What are the advantages of having strong discipline on a team?
13. What can the Orange Pride Drill Team do as a team and as individuals to show pride and respect as young ladies?
14. What will your role be on the team if you are not chosen as an officer?
15. What are 3 songs we could use for warm-up? Include title and artist. 2 fast songs and 1 slow. Check lyrics for appropriateness.
16. What was your best experience this year as an OPDT member?

Essays will be scored on:

- Quality of answers
- All questions answered
- Correct grammar and spelling

Organization and honesty are important officer qualities. Essays are due no later than 4:00 pm, April 5th.

Director's Evaluation

(Based on the past year's cooperation and participation.)

Name _____

Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Attentiveness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Attitude/ Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Consistency/ Participation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Example Set	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Eligibility	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Loyalty	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Peer Respect	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Relationship with Director	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Skill Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

TOTAL SCORE _____

Officer Routine Scoresheet

Candidate Number _____

Circle skills that need continued work.

Appearance (10 points)

Grooming Poise / Composure _____ / 10

Memory (10 points) _____ / 10

Showmanship (20 points)

Emotion Projection Style Energy _____ / 20

Technique (20 points)

Completion of movement Posture / Alignment

Pointed Toes Timing _____ / 20

Kicks (10 points)

Height Form _____ / 10

Leaps (10 points)

Height Form _____ / 10

Turns (10 points)

Passe Pointed Toe Releve Arms Spotting _____ / 10

Splits (10 points)

_____ Right ____ Left _____ / 10

Judges Signature _____

Total Points _____ / 100

Officer Tryouts
Interview Score Sheet

Candidate Number _____

I. Eye Contact (10 points) _____

II. Sincerity (10 points) _____

III. Poise/Confidence/Assertiveness (20 points) _____

IV. Enthusiasm/Vocal Quality (20 points) _____

V. Quality of Answers (40 points) _____

TOTAL _____
(out of 100)

Judge's Signature _____

Orange Pride Drill Team Officer Application

You will fill out online.

Name _____

Age _____Birth date _____

Do your parents understand that you must attend summer officer camp, & team camp at your own cost?

_____

Do you understand that you must attend all practices and functions? _____

Do you understand that you'll be expected to arrive 15 minutes early and stay after for all events? Are you able to give this much of your time? _____

Did you miss any practices or functions this year? _____ How many times? _____

If yes, why? _____

Did you ever arrive late or leave early? _____ How many times? _____

If yes, why? _____

Have you ever been in ISS? _____ ASD? _____ DAEP? _____

Lunch detention? _____ Sat. detention? _____

How many times? _____ If yes, please explain? _____

_____

Have you ever been ineligible? _____ If so, how many times? _____

If so, please explain. _____

_____

List any awards, honors, etc. you have received in your school, community, church etc._____

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_____

List any other activities you are involved in. _____

_____

Will these interfere with your duties as an officer? If yes, how?

_____

I, _____, hereby pledge that the information in this application is true and correct. If chosen as an officer, I will do everything in my power to fulfill all the duties expected of me, and to support the Director and the principles of the Orange Pride Drill Team.

Applicant's Signature _____Date _____

Orange Pride Drill Team Consent Form

You will fill out online.

Officer Consent Form

I, _____
have read and fully understand the rules that will govern me during officer try-outs. I will abide by all of the rules during that try-out period. I also understand that the rules will govern me if I am selected as an officer and I will abide by them for the year that I am officer.

_____
Officer Candidate Signature

Parent Consent Form

I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand the rules, cost and time involved if my child is chosen to represent York Junior High School as an officer. I further understand that this is an extra-curricular activity and that attendance to all practices, games, and special functions is a requirement of the selected officers.

I hereby give my consent to my daughter, _____ to try out for officer and recognize her responsibilities and requirements as a leader of her school. I will support the decisions of the judges and the outcome of the tryouts.

_____
Parent Signature

_____
Date