

# Cal Dance Team Auditions 2008

## **General Information**

The Cal Dance Team is an organization of young women that uniquely combines elements of dance and songleading into dynamic performances for Cal athletics, alumni and community events.

The Cal Dance team currently functions under the direction of an advisor and coach. Physical and medical support is available through the Cal athletic department.

All current squad members must tryout for each successive year in which they wish to participate. A squad of no more than 25 members will be selected for each season.

## **Football Season**

Performs a more traditional songleading style of dance performed to band music.

Performs short game action cheers or chants lead by the Yell Leader but the squad itself does not lead cheers. The squad does not stunt; however, we welcome those who can tumble.

## **Basketball Season**

Performs routines choreographed to band music during time-outs of basketball games.

Performs halftime routines (of various styles) to taped music during basketball games.

## **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 carefully read and sign the Cal Dance Team constitution, code of conduct and travel policies, which states guidelines for all members of the team.

You will be required to return to Berkeley the last week of July or the first week of August to begin rehearsals.

## **Audition Information**

*General Meeting*      Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm in the Club Room at Haas Pavilion

*Auditions*              Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 11am (registration begins at 10:30pm) Newell Court, Haas Pavilion

*Mandatory Practices*      Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm-10:30pm Haas Pavilion  
Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm-10:30pm Haas Pavilion

- Dance Requirement* You must be able to perform the following:
1. Toe touch
  2. 3 different leaps (1 must be an a 'la seconde/Russian split leap)
  3. Triple pirouette landing in long 4<sup>th</sup> position
  4. Pique turns in a square
  5. 3 foutette' pirouettes, with the 4<sup>th</sup> being a double pirouette

*Proper Attire* We suggest dance pants, form fitting top that covers your stomach, dance shoes or sneakers. No t-shirts, baggy pants, or sweats will be acceptable. There are no body type requirements but because judges will be looking to evaluate body lines/motions, loose clothing is a hindrance and disadvantage.

*Proper Make-Up/  
Hair* Judges are expecting to see participants that are "uniform ready". Please wear your hair and make-up as you would for a performance. We want to see eyes and red lips. No pony tails or buns. Wear your hair half-up/half-down and out of your face.  
*Points will be deducted if proper attire, hair and make-up guidelines are not followed.*

- What to bring*
1. Completed application and transcript
  2. Photo
  3. Food and water
  4. Towel
  5. Make-up and hairspray to touch up throughout the day
  6. *Do not wear watches, rings or jewelry other than stud/post earrings.*

## Cal Dance Team Schedule

### Practices

Summer:	Monday through Thursday:	2:30pm-5:30pm & 7:30pm-10:00pm
Fall:	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	6:30pm – 10:00pm
Spring:	Tuesday & Wednesday	6:30pm-10:00pm

*Note: Times vary depending on the facility*

### 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 afternoon 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 <sup>th</sup> and January 1 <sup>st</sup> . All Dance Team members are required to attend.

### Volleyball

Games:	On dates selected by the Cal Band, perform at home volleyball matches, usually on Friday evenings. Matched 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-10 games are played on Thursdays and Saturdays. There is 1 men's and 1 women's tournament in December.
Travel:	Post-Season Pac-10 Tournament and NCAA/NIT Tournament in March. Women's Pac-10 Tournament is the first weekend in March and the Men's Tournament is the second weekend in March.

### Other

Cal Dance Team 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. Events and appearance requests may to past the basketball season, which you will be 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.**

