

April 1, 2008

Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed a desire to audition for the Lamar High School Rangerette Drill Team. As a member, s/he will have much hard work and many memorable experiences. If your child is selected, s/he must abide by strict rules and regulations. Those presented in this handbook are constructed to uphold fairness and consistency in all aspects of the Rangerettes. Each member must closely adhere to these rules. This handbook is devised for the protection of the entire organization; therefore, each child and parent/guardian is asked to read and discuss it fully and later keep it in a safe place for reference. This is the document upon which decisions are made, so please be familiar with the expectations of the members selected to the team. If you have any questions about our organization, please feel free to contact me at 713-522-5960 ext. 406.

Sincerely,

Sara Wilson
Rangerettes Director

\$ FUNDRAISING/TEAM EXPENSES \$

Dance/Drill Teams incur quite a few expenses throughout the year. These expenses include various supplies, props, costumes, choreography, contest entry fees, contest transportation, music editing, and so on. To pay for these necessary things, we do quite a bit of fundraising. Our fundraisers have included fall and spring clinics, throw blanket sales, string backpack sales, spring show program ads, and catalog sales---just to name a few. We also may receive donations or community sponsorships.

In order to make it fair throughout the team, each girl is asked to meet a “fair share” per semester. All of the year’s anticipated costs are added up, and then divided up among the number of girls that are on the team. That individual amount is then divided in half—one half per semester.

The girls do not have to fundraise, but they do have to meet their fair share in the fall in order to participate in competition and also their spring fair share to dance in our annual Spring Show. The fair share can be met through fundraising, finding sponsors or people to donate in the dancer’s name, or simply by paying it themselves (which is tax-deductible)

The anticipated fair share for the 2008-2009 team is approximately \$400 per semester. Once again, this is determined by the number of girls on the team. Also please keep in mind, the fair share covers the *team’s expenses for the year*.

If a Rangerette exceeds her fair share for the fall semester, the extra will go towards the spring semester fair share. If she exceeds her spring semester fair share, the extra will be applied towards her fair share for the following year.

RANGERETTE AUDITION CHECKLIST

- April 1- April 11 Audition packets available in N106.
 - April 2-April 16 Applications due to N106
 - April 14 MANDATORY parent information meeting
6:00 cafeteria
 - April 16 All necessary application information due to
Mrs. Wilson in N106 **no later than 4:00
pm!** (NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE
MADE!)
- What to turn in:**
- Application for membership
 - Constitution contract
 - Copy of most recent report card
 - Line member try out application
 - Merit/demerit contract
 - Merits pages (returning girls/RITS)
 - Parent medical approval form
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- April 21-23 Mandatory Try Out Clinic in gym 4:00-5:30
 - April 24 Try outs!!!!!!! 4:30 in gym!
 - April 25 New Rangerette Meeting 3:45 in N106

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE
LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
RANGERETTE DRILL TEAM**

I, _____, wish to apply for membership in the Rangerettes. I have read the audition handbook, and I understand the requirements of participation. I also understand the time, expenses, dedication, and discipline that it takes to be involved should I be selected as a member. I intend to devote the time needed to make the Rangerettes a success if I am chosen. I understand that my selection is contingent upon my ability to adhere to the district's grade point average requirement. I understand that the decision of the judges is final.

Dance Team Candidate Signature

I have read the Rangerette handbook and understand the time, financial support, devotion, and discipline that my daughter must have in order to try out and participate in the Rangerettes. I understand that the decision of the judges is final. I support my son/daughter in this endeavor and give him/her permission to audition for the Rangerettes.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name_____

Address:_____

City:_____ Zip code_____

Home phone_____ Email address_____

Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s)_____

Parent/Guardian Daytime phone_____ Evening phone_____

Are you employed?

of hours per week?

Would your job interfere with Rangerette practices and/or performances?

What other commitments do you have?

My interests are:

Why do you want to be a Rangerette?

What does it mean to be a Rangerette?

My child, _____, has my permission to try-out for the 2008-2009 Rangerette Drill Team. I am aware that my child will be instructed in the physical activity of dance for the duration of the try-out process on April 21-24, 2008. I realize that all instructors, Mrs. Wilson, Lamar High School, and Houston Independent School District can not be held liable for any injury sustained as a result of the physical activity instruction. I have read and understand the rules and by-laws outlined in the Lamar Rangerette Constitution. I understand that my minor child will be participating under his/her own authority.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Candidate Signature

Date

Dear Parents,

The first year of dance team is the most expensive year for any parent to incur, but it does become less expensive in the following years. Your daughter/son will need to order most of the items on the accompanying order form, but **WILL NOT RECEIVE THE ITEMS UNTIL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE FOR THAT ITEM.** Payments for items can begin immediately. \$150 is due by May 1st, so that I can start ordering items for your

daughter. You may pay more than \$150, if you would like. If there are financial difficulties, please feel free to contact me. Please do not count out the opportunity for your son/daughter to be a part of an excellent organization with high standards and morals.

In addition to ordering various items, your dancer will also attend a private camp here at Lamar to be held in late July or early August. The dates are not yet determined, but will be announced as soon as possible. Camp will cost approximately \$150 per dancer as noted on the order form. As soon as camp is booked, you will receive information. Please note that camp is **mandatory** for all Rangerettes. Camp gets the team ready for football season and pep rallies. Camp also provides an excellent bonding opportunity for the team members.

If your daughter is chosen for the Rangerettes, she will need to attend a very important meeting on April 25th at 3:45 in N106. This meeting is extremely important, and attendance is absolutely mandatory.

If your daughter is chosen for the team, she will need to see her counselor to be enrolled in the Rangerette class which meets during 8th period. The Rangerettes have morning practice every day at 7:30 am during football season, and on A days from 4-5:30. Also, the day before a game (Wednesday for Thursday games, and Thursday for other games) the team will practice with the band from 4:30-5:00. All of these practices are mandatory.

On the next page, you will see the Rangerette order form, so that you are aware of the upfront costs. Payment on these items may begin as soon as you would like. Please remember that payment on these items is non-refundable.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sara Wilson, Director
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Lamar Rangerette Drill Team

If you are ready to be a member of the award-winning Lamar Rangerettes, then come try out for your spot!

WHO: The Rangerette Drill Team is for students in grades 10-12 during the 2008-2009 school year, and are students at Lamar. You are not required to have a background in dance, but one is recommended. In order to try out, you will need:

- *a completed application with parent signatures (2 pages)
- * a copy of your most recent report card
- *signed constitution contract
- *signed merit/demerit contract
- *lots of energy, a big smile, and a love of dance

WHERE: The Rangerette Try Outs will be held in the school's gym.

WHEN: The workshop is on April 21-23 from 4:00-5:30 in the gym. Try outs will be held in the gym on April 24 at 4:30.

CANDIDATES MUST COME EVERY DAY, AND STAY THE ENTIRE TIME. IF A CANDIDATE MISSES A WORKSHOP DAY, SHE BECOMES INELIGIBLE TO TRY OUT. CANDIDATES MUST ALSO BE PRESENT IN ALL CLASSES ON THE DAY OF TRY OUTS. ANY ABSENCES ON THAT DAY RESULTS IN INELIGIBILITY.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 14 th	MANDATORY parent information meeting 6:00 in cafeteria. A parent/guardian must be Present in order for you to try out. (no exceptions Will be made)
April 16 th	Applications due to Mrs. Wilson in N106 by 4:00 (will not be accepted late)
April 21 st	try out clinic 4:00-5:30 in gym. Learn try out dance and kick series
April 22 nd	try out clinic 4:00-5:30 in gym. Review try out dance and kick series. Learn technical elements
April 23 rd	try out clinic 4:00-5:30 in gym. Review everything, mock try outs.
April 24 th	4:30 in gym--- TRY OUT DAY! Please do not leave until you are done and dismissed. Results will be posted immediately after judges have reached their decision.
April 25 th	MANDATORY 2008-2009 team meeting 3:45 in N106.

TRY-OUTS

The try out will essentially be run by the 2008-2009 Rangerette officers and/or the Director. They will teach part of a dance routine that will be less than one minute long. It will all be taught on the first day. Also on the first day, you will learn kick technique and a short kick series. On the second day, you will learn basic technical skills. These include: double pirouette, leap, axel, right and left split. On the third day, we will review the dance combination, kick series, and how the auditions will be run. Try outs on Thursday are closed. There will be a panel of judges, and each candidate will be evaluated by the judges. The candidates will wear a number for identification. The judges will mark in the categories of skill demonstration and routine evaluation. The

judges will be looking for potential, projection, memory, overall technique, appearance, and precision.

Each candidate should also have 3 Lamar faculty members submit evaluations. The faculty member should turn these directly into Mrs. Wilson's box. These will be used in choosing members for the 2008-2009 Rangerette team.

RESULTS

The new 2008-2009 Rangerette members will be posted immediately following the try out, outside the gym. Those who are chosen will have a meeting at 3:45 on Friday, April 25th in N106.

WHAT TO WEAR

Candidates will need to wear black pants, a black tank top or leotard, and jazz shoes or dance sneakers. Hair needs to be pulled back into a ponytail with all hair secure. Please pin and gel any fly-aways. No jewelry should be worn. Some make up should be worn. You want your face to look bright and awake. Remember, this is an audition so make sure you look your best!!!!!!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wilson at 713-522-5960 ext. 406.

RANGERETTE LINE TRY OUT SCORE SHEET

In each category, the judge should put 0, .5, or 1. A 0 indicates that the candidate currently does not demonstrate proficiency in that certain area. A .5 indicates that the candidate does not fully demonstrate proficiency in the area, but already possesses some ability. A 1 indicates that the candidate has wonderful demonstration in that category. In addition, the three faculty evaluations will be averaged in with the judges' scores. If there are 2 judges, the dancer must earn a total of 40 points to be selected. If there are 3 judges, the dancer must earn 48 total points to be selected.

Candidate # _____

Personal Appearance neatness, posture, poise, _____
Grooming

Flexibility right and left split _____

Double Pirouette correct technique, balance _____

Axel _____

Leap legs straight, height, pointed toes _____

Dance Combination coordination, placement, form, _____
Precision

Kick technique timing, overall technique _____

Memory _____

Rhythm/timing with music and group _____

Showmanship self-confidence, energy, focus _____
Facial expression

Total Score: _____

Comments:

Faculty Score #1 _____

Faculty Score #2 _____

Faculty Score #3 _____

FINAL SCORE _____

Judges Initials _____

Name _____

2008-2009 Rangerette Order Form

ITEM	AMOUNT	NEED TO ORDER?	SIZE	PAID	RECEIVED
Body tights (2)	38.00				
Jazz shoes	42.00				
Dance paws	20.00				
Field boots	70.00				
Black jazz pants	34.00				
Black clam diggers	19.00				
Silver top	34.00				
Blue/red top	37.00				
Red top	25.00				
Black racerback top	21.50				
Royal blue top	35.00				
Field bag	30.00				
Game Day Outfit	90.00				
Field leotard	41.00				
Field Skirt	35.00				
Team T Shirt	15.00				
Spring Show T shirt	15.00				
Sweatshirt	22.00				
Social Activity Dues	15.00				
Line Camp	150.00				
OPTIONAL ITEMS					
Black shrug	18.00				
Garment bag	28.50				
TOTAL DUE					

****Make up kits will be ordered separate from this form. They are mandatory. When kits are delivered, \$27 in cash is due. You will receive 1 week notice before the money is due.**

****Letter jackets will also be ordered separate from this form. These are not mandatory, but they are the only thing that may be worn at the cooler football games and at special events. More information will be sent home about these.**

Items will not be given out until payment for that item has been received. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Mrs. Wilson.

I understand that I must purchase all of the items listed above that are not optional. I understand that I must provide payment for these items in a timely manner. I understand that the Director does have the right to withhold any items until payment is given.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Rangerette

Date

Rangerette Line Try-Out Teacher Evaluation

Candidate Name _____

Teacher _____

*This is a confidential evaluation.

Please rate the student on a scale from 0-10 (10 being the highest) on the following elements:

1. Attendance/punctuality _____
 2. Respect for authority _____
 3. Respect for peers _____
 4. Effort/Quality of work _____
 5. Honesty and integrity _____
 6. Dependability/Responsibility _____
 7. Meets due dates/deadlines _____
 8. Work ethic _____
 9. Seeks help when needed _____
 10. Overall _____
- Total points= _____

Comments:

Teacher's Signature _____ Date: _____

Please return to Mrs. Wilson's box no later than 4:00 on April 21st. Thank you so much!
I appreciate your input!