Tryouts @ Matthew Knight Arena

Round 1: April 26th, 2018 (4:00pm-6:00pm) CLOSED TRYOUT
Round 2: April 26th, 2018 (6:00pm-10:30pm) CLOSED TRYOUT
Round 3: April 27th, 2018 (4:00pm – 9:00pm) CLOSED TRYOUT

Tryout Preparation:

It is highly encouraged, however not mandatory, for all applicants auditioning to attend at least 1, if not all college preparatory clinics. These are open to anyone from the ages of High School to College.

Date: January 28th, 2018 (Sunday)
Time: 9:00am-12:30pm
Where: Moshofsky Center

Date: February 25th, 2018 (Sunday)
Time: 9am-12:30pm
Where: Moshofsky Center

Date: April 8th, 2018 (Sunday)
Time: 9am-12:30pm
Where: Moshofsky Center

Date: April 22nd, 2018 (Sunday)
Time: 9am-12:30pm
Where: Moshofsky Center
Minimum Tryout Requirements:

- Must be admitted to the University of Oregon before auditions begin.
- High School Students 2.25 minimum accumulative G.P.A.
- College students 2.0 minimum accumulative G.P.A., Full Term (12 Credits)

Dancers:

- Excellent dance ability (jazz, hip-hop, funk)
- Excellent technical skills (leaps, turns)
- Toned muscular physique, proportioned height/weight
- Well groomed, good character
- Tumbling is not required, however encourage

Female Stunters:

- Toned muscular physique, proportioned height/weight
- Rhythm, dance ability
- Well groomed, good character
- Toss extension/lib/stretch/cupie
- Cheer motion technique
- Tumbling is not required, however encouraged

Male Stunters:

- Athletic ability and strength
- Athletic background
- Well groomed, good character
- Toss extension/lib/target

What Can I Expect?

Dancers:

Round #1 will start with technique work followed by choreography. There will be a cut made after round #1 and Semi-finalists will be announced.

Round #2 will start directly after announcement and Semi-finalists will be asked to perform a 1 min solo dance routine. Solos must be your own choreography to your own selection of music (on a CD). Please perform the style of dance that best reflects your abilities as a dancer.
Round #3 will be on day 2 and will start with interviews. You will be asked to arrive in “business casual” attire. You will rotate judges through the interview process. After your interview is completed you will need to change into your attire for your final audition.

**Stunters:**

Round #1 will start with stunting with various partners. You will be judged on technique and ability to stunt with various individuals. There will be a cut made after round #1 and Semi-finalists will be announced.

Round #2 will start directly after announcement and Female Semi-finalists will be asked to learn a short dance routine. You will be judged on technique and ability to retain choreography. Male semi-finalist will get a break during this time to rest up for Round #2. Directly after routine you will continue stunting. Cut will be made after Round #2.

Round #3 will be on day 2 and will start with interviews. You will be asked to arrive in “business casual” attire. You will rotate judges through the interview process. After your interview is completed you will need to change into your attire for your final audition. Female finalists will perform dance that was taught the night before then there will be a short break and you will begin stunting portion of final tryout.

**Incentives for Cheering at the University of Oregon:**

- Cheering for the Ducks at Autzen Stadium, Matthew Knight Arena, and PK Park
- Nike Apparel; game uniforms, warm-ups, athletic training gear, shoes, bags, jackets.
- Access to Academic Services at John E. Jaqua Services for Student Athletes Center: academic advisors, tutors, career counseling, computer centers, study hall.
• Access to Athletic Medicine Treatment Facility; trainers/doctors/surgeons  
• Access to Sports Nutritionist as well as nutrition bar for pre/post workout recovery  
• Access to Strength and Conditioning programs and coaches and world class facilities  
• Two home football tickets for family members (veteran cheerleaders receive all games, rookies receive 3 games of AD choice)  
• All travel paid, including daily per diem for travel party  
• Opportunities to network with community members and AD donors.  
• Possible travel opportunities to Post Season football and basketball games. (Championships, Bowl games, NCAAs)  
• Captains receive stipends (Maximum=$1,000 per term, Min=$500 per term)  

**Expectations:**  

• All squad members must attend all assigned athletic games (Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball)  
• All squad members are required to attend various appearances throughout the season.  
• All squad members must attend all scheduled practice  
• Coaches will select travel party for each away football game as well as possible Championship, bowl games, and tournaments.  
• Athletic Code of Conduct must be signed and followed.  
• Must maintain 2.0 accumulative GPA.  
• Must participate in fundraising and promotional opportunities  
• Community service is required

**Time Commitments**

**Summer:**  

• Female members must follow training protocol provided before reporting to training camp  
• Female members learn all material given to them via DVD  
• Squad reports for training camp early August
• Squad members must be living in Eugene by first day of training camp.
• Squad members must attend every practice scheduled prior to first football game

Fall:

• Squad members must attend all practices (3-4 days/week) as well as all strength and conditioning times (3 days/week)
• Squad members must attend all assigned home/away football, and volleyball games.
• Squad members must attend all assigned appearances.

Winter:

• Selected squad members must attend championship/bowl football games.
• Squad members must attend select Men’s and Women’s Basketball games.
• Local squad members (originally from Oregon), must cover all Winter Break games
• Squad members must attend all practices (2 days/week), and all strength and conditioning (3 days/week).

Spring

• Squad members must attend all preparatory tryout clinics
• Squad members must sign up for various appearances and events.
• Squad members must attend assigned baseball games
• Squad members must attend and participate in tryout process in April

FAQ

• Do you offer scholarships or out-of-state tuition waivers?
  At this time, we have limited scholarship opportunities. Captains receive a small stipend not exceeding $1,200 a term. Unfortunately, we do not provide out-of-state tuition waivers. However, University of Oregon has multiple scholarships, grants and loan opportunities through the Financial Aid office.
• Does the program compete at nationals?
  Historically, the Cheer Squad, Dance Team and Mascots have
successfully competed at USA College Nationals, however we no longer compete.

- **Can I tryout by video?**
  No you must be present at the tryout in order to be considered.

- **Do I need an invitation to attend auditions?**
  No.

- **Can I tryout for multiple squads?**
  No. You must specify either DANCE or STUNT. If the judges feel as though you might be better suited for different squad we will ask you to switch.

- **Is there a height and weight requirement?**
  No. We do not maintain a height and weight requirement. We do require that all potential members maintain the appropriate physique in order to participate in the required activity.

- **Do I need to have a physical completed by a physician?**
  No, you do not need to have a physical completed for the audition process. Should you be chosen for the squad, you will be required to have a physical completed by mid-August.

- **Do I need to tryout again if I’m a returning member?**
  Potential returning members must audition each year and are not guaranteed a spot on the team.

- **Are auditions open to the public?**
  No.

- **How many people tryout each year?**
  The number of individuals that tryout vary from year to year. On average we have:
  For Cheer Squad: Male 15-30, female 30-50; For Dance Team: 75-100

- **What is the difference between Oregon Cheer and Oregon CLUB Dance Team.**
  Oregon Cheerleading consists of both stuners and dancers; both groups cheer at all football, volleyball, and mens & women’s basketball and are and ATHLETICS based team. Oregon CLUB Dance Team is housed through club sports on campus and are a competition only team and do not cheer at Athletic events.