



Sterling Star Varsity Drill Team Tryouts - 32nd Line



*****3 Time Grand Champion Team*****

Dear Sterling Star Hopefuls and Parents,

We are excited that you are considering becoming a member of our organization! Drill team has many wonderful benefits including great high school memories, lasting friendships, and a sense of pride that comes from being a part of a team. Even if you are unsure of your decision, please attend the practices, ask questions, and see what Varsity Drill Team is all about!

In the upcoming year we will be working hard to grow as a team and experience new things. This summer, we will be attending line camp, where we will learn most of our football, contest, and pep rally routines. We perform at all home and away Varsity football games, at home basketball games, march in the Labor Day parade and the MLK Parade, and perform at various community events throughout the year. In the spring, we host our annual spring show. Being a part of this incredible team will provide wonderful opportunities.

Sterling Stars practice positivity and learning the true meaning and the incredible benefits of being involved in a group that gives back to our school and community. Being involved in other activities besides Sterling Stars is encouraged, as our goal is to support our school, faculty and students. We will work together to grow both as a group and as individuals.

There are no prerequisites for becoming a Sterling Star, such as being on the JV drill team or having previous dance experience. You just need a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and work hard. There is no set number that can be chosen to be on the team.

Please contact me with any additional questions you may have about tryouts or drill team. We look forward to seeing you!

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Tryout Meeting - Apr 11, 2022 at 7 pm in the NF cafeteria



Tryout Clinics will be held April 25 - 27 at Naaman Forest from 3-5:30 in the Big Gym

- You will learn a jazz combination and a kick combination. Attendance is not mandatory BUT if you do not attend and wish to audition, you will be responsible for learning the material on your own.



Sterling Star Tryouts for the 22-23 School Year will be held at Naaman Forest High School on Thursday April 27, 2022. Your arrival time and length of tryouts will be determined during clinics.



Candidates will wear all black - black leotard, or tank top, black dance pants, black sports bra, black socks, black jazz shoes, hair in a high bun (no wispsys) and audition makeup, including red lipstick.



Possible 100 points for candidates to earn, broken down as followed:

60 Points - Tryout Dance

30 points - Kick Routine

10 Points - Splits (Right Split or Right Jump Split/Left Split

*Call Backs are possible.

A judge's high and low scores will be dropped. The three remaining scores will be averaged.

A candidate must receive an average score of 70 or above to make the team.



Candidates to do list:

Join Our Canvas Page. All paperwork and information will be submitted through here as well as results of tryouts.

***Paperwork includes:**

Application: <https://forms.gle/BFqNbwikkoHXw6C5A>

Physical: <https://www.uil texas.org/files/athletics/PrePhysFormRvsd2.21.pdf>

Handbook:

Download the Band app - this provides up to minute messages as well as routine videos. You may also submit questions through this app. The code to join is 7232



Summer Dance Classes:

These are not required to be a member of the team but in order to be eligible to audition for Specialty groups (Silhouettes, Crew and Kick Company) a Sterling Star must take 6 hours of classes over the summer. These are offered as “pay as you go” and normally run no more than \$10 a class. There will be other opportunities to earn hours through squad practices during the summer. Here is a list of recommended studios, but not limited to these studios:

Talent N More - 1551 East Spring Valley Road, Richardson TX

Dance FX - 4125 Broadway Blvd #190 Garland TX 75043

XD2 - 1802 Pleasant Valley STE 330 Garland TX 75040



Sterling Stars Booster Club

All parents are encouraged to become involved and attend our booster club meetings. We meet regularly to discuss fundraisers, upcoming events, parent participation, etc. Booster club helps with fundraising to make things possible for all our team members. We need a lot of help to make this year a success for these ladies.



Commitment

Being chosen as a member of the “Pride of the Forest” is an honor. **You are expected to complete a full year if chosen. Sterling Stars is double blocked, you must have room in your schedule if chosen.** Members are held to a higher standard and expected to act in a way that contributes to the reputation of the team all year long, both at school and outside of school. Sterling Stars are expected to have a comprehensive knowledge of Varsity Drill Team Guidelines and the NFHS Code of Conduct. Your attendance is mandatory even if you are not performing, you support your team first.



Fundraising

Sterling Stars will have 2 opportunities to fundraise at school. These could be selling popcorn, chocolate, etc. Funds will be used as needed. Booster Club will also have several fundraisers including, but not limited to, a car wash, gift card sell, etc. In May we host the Dance Technique Company's year end recital. This is a 2-day event for each star as well as a parent or sibling. Dates will be given well in advance. This typically funds our next year and provides scholarships for our seniors.



We highly encourage anyone not chosen for this year's team to not give up! Please consider signing up for the JV Drill Team with Ms. Henderson, take a dance class offered at Naaman in the Fall and take studio classes. Any of these options can better prepare you for tryouts the following year.



Financial Commitments

Being a Sterling Star does have some financial responsibilities. However, we provide many opportunities to make this team as affordable as possible. **Please note, there are 4 payments due before the school year ends.**

1. Team Leader: DUE MAY 12th (cost will vary)

This is your practice clothes and pep dress, as well as some accessories (body tights, jazz shoes, ect) This may be paid by card, cash or money order. IT MUST BE PAID ON TIME TO ENSURE ARRIVAL FOR LINE CAMP.

2. Field Boots: DUE MAY 23rd (\$80)

These will be the boots you wear for football season on the field. It is recommended you have 2 pair, once for performance and one for practice.

3. Field Hats: DUE MAY 23rd (\$140)

This will be the hat the Star wears all year. They are solid sequins and custom made to fit each girl. Unless your Star becomes an officer, she will wear the same hat for her duration as a Star. For most members this will be a one time purchase.

4. Line Camp: DUE JULY TBD (\$140)

This will cover the cost of the facilities, choreography, props and other camp expenses. We will not be traveling this year so the cost is much lower than in the past. Cost is \$140 per girl and should be paid in cash or check. Camp dates are July 18th - 21st.

***Once these obligations have been met, there will be expenses in the Fall, mainly t - shirts (Hoco, Pink Out, ect. These are not required)



Spring Expenses

Specialty Groups: Kick Company, Silhouettes & Kick Company

These groups are elite groups within Stars that audition for and are chosen to be on. The only expense that might occur for these groups is dance shoes.

Ad Sales for Spring Show

All Stars are encouraged to sell ad space to help fund our Spring Show Program.

Spring Show Shirt (\$20)

All members purchase to wear during Show Season

Competition Shirt: (20)

All members purchase to wear for Competition

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Activity:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Information:</u>
Apr 1, 2022	Tryout packet is made public		Canvas. Paper copies can also be picked up in room 203	All paperwork must be submitted through Canvas
Apr 11, 2022	Tryout Meeting	7 pm	NF Cafeteria	Packet will be discussed, there will be a Q & A
April 25 - 27	Tryout Clinic	3:15 - 5:30 pm	Big Gym	All tryout material will be taught.
Apr 28, 2022	Tryouts	3:15 - TBD	Big Gym	Results will be posted on Canvas following tryouts
May 9-11	Practice	3:15 - 4:45	Studio	
May 12	Team Leader Fittings	3:15 - TBD	Studio	MONEY DUE THEN!
May 16 - 18	Practice	3:15 - 4:45	Studio	
May 20 - 21	DT Recital	ALL DAY	NF	Mandatory
July 18 - 21	Line Camp	8:30 - 4:30	NF	



Quick overview of events in a year:

Fall:

Football Season, musical auditions

Winter:

Specialty Group Auditions, Christmas recital, Competition Season auditions, basketball performances.

Spring:

Contest, Spring Show, School Musical, Officer tryouts, Line tryouts.



Uniform Cleaning

FIELD UNIFORMS: HAND WASH ONLY!!!! NO BLEACH!!! Gentle detergent, hand wash in the sink or bathtub. • Turn water on and add detergent (not too much!!!). Once you have enough water, put the piece of uniform in the water. Swish around... If you have stains or an area of the uniform that smells, wash that area well. • When you feel like it's clean, drain the water and then add fresh water to get all the detergent out. Swish it around and then drain the water. • Then lay flat to dry or you may hang them up in the shower. They will drip water. **DO NOT** put it in the dryer!!!!

PRACTICE WEAR: • Wash ALL practice clothes and warm-ups in cold water. Some items could bleed their color onto your other clothes, so make sure you wash them separately!! **NEVER** use bleach!! • Do not dry any of your practice clothes or t-shirts or warm-up in the dryer. It will shrink or fade or crack the print on your clothes!!! Lay flat or hang dry.