



TEXAS STATE FOREST FESTIVAL 2011 POM PON/DANCE TEAM COMPETITION

1. There is no charge to enter the competition. However, completion and return of the enclosed entry form is required. Please make sure that your Varsity, Jr. Varsity or Dance Studio squads are all aware of the competition. Deadline for entry is end of business, Thursday, September 15th.
2. There will be 5 categories of competition: Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Kick, and Pom-pon. There will be 3 age groups: High School, Jr. High/Middle School, and youth. The explanation of the categories of competition is as follows:

Jazz: Classic Jazz Technique; Must contain basic jazz choreography, with appropriate music. No more than 20% hip hop style. Judging will be based on style, appropriate technique; which includes turns, leaps, correct extension, completion of movements and overall choreography.

Lyrical: An emotive dance style which reflects the story line of a piece of music, or the mood or tone of the sound. Ballet technique may be included. No gymnastics tricks permitted. Judging will be based on the togetherness of the group, completion of movement, control, balance, isolations, and overall choreography.

Hip Hop: A trendy style of current dance form; street style original dance with isolations and abstract movements. Judging will be based on style, appropriate hip hop movements, and **appropriate** music.

Kick: Precision dance; must be a small or large group. No solos, duet, or trios. Must have no less than 75% kicks. Judging will be based on height of kicks, power of kicks, types of kicks, formations and overall difficulty.

Pom-Pon: Must incorporate pom-poms in dance or gymnastic style routine; should contain precision movements and must incorporate a pom 80% of the time. Judging will be based on pom-pon technique, dance steps, and overall choreography. Must be high energy!

3. Total performance time will be a maximum of three (3) minutes. Timing will start at the beginning of the music and end when the music has stopped.
4. Each entry must have their music on CD or cassette. Cassettes must be cued to the beginning of the competition music. A sound system will be provided.
5. The performance area will be 24 feet by 40 feet.
6. The use of props is allowed.
7. The basis for judging is as follows:

Appearance 10 points

- Costume
- Hair
- Make up

Showmanship 10 points

- Energy level
- Consistency

Technique 30 points

- Completion of movements
- Proper execution of steps and elements

Choreography 30 points

- Formation changes
- Smooth transition between movements
- Category appropriate

Difficulty 20 points

5 POINT PENALTIES WILL BE ISSUED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

FAILURE TO FINISH IN THE 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT
NOT HAVING MUSIC READY
QUESTIONABLE OR VULGAR DANCE MOVES

8. Registration will begin Wednesday, September 21st at 6pm. Registration will take place near the main arena of the Angelina County Exposition Center. Competition will begin at 7pm. Each squad will be given 2 minutes to warm up on the performance area (without music) and prior to competition.
9. Judges will be made up of choreographers and directors from East and Southeast Texas dance teams and studios.
10. Your dance uniform will be your pass into the Texas State Forest Festival. A complimentary pass is also offered to sponsors and coaches.

Circle Competition Division

Jazz	High School	Jr.Hi/Middle School	Youth
Lyrical	High School	Jr.Hi/Middle School	Youth
Hip Hop	High School	Jr.Hi/Middle School	Youth
Kick	High School	Jr.Hi/Middle School	Youth
Pom-pon	High School	Jr.Hi/Middle School	Youth

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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