Dear Prospective Showgirl,

Thank you for your interest in the Truman State University Showgirls!

For 2013, Truman’s dance squad will consist of 12-15 women. Our purpose is to encourage crowd participation and provide entertainment at athletic competitions, pep rallies, parades, and other campus and community events. The squad will perform at all home football games and home men’s and women’s basketball games.

Tryouts will be April 13-14, 2013 and those selected will be expected to participate for one calendar year. Any current or incoming student accepted to Truman for the 2013-2014 school year is eligible to try out. There is no weight requirement, but we prefer all applicants have some cheerleading, dance, or gymnastic experience.

Registration will begin at 12:00 pm on Saturday, April 13 and the clinic will begin at 12:30 pm sharp. Each applicant must bring a completed Tryout Information Form and a signed Tryout Informed Consent Form to registration. During the clinic on Saturday, participants will learn a 6-8 eight count routine comprised of pom/jazz/kick/hip-hop etc. and each prospective Showgirl is required to complete it with their own choreography. Dancers will also learn a 2-3 eight count sideline and the fight song. Additional time will be spent on technical skills and jumps.

Tryouts will be held Sunday morning, April 14, and each female applicant will be required to perform the routine, sideline, fight song, and technical skills. The clinic and tryout will be closed to the public, and attendance at both is mandatory for consideration (no video tryouts will be accepted).

The 2013 Truman Showgirls squad members will be announced Sunday afternoon immediately following tryouts. Those accepted are expected to stay for a brief squad meeting to be sized for uniforms and to review fees and expectations. The estimated cost for new squad members in 2013 is approximately $400 and will be due May 25, 2013. A breakdown of expected costs, estimated time commitment, and squad safety rules, will be provided to team members at the squad meeting on Sunday, April 14. Please also see links for judging criteria for tryouts at http://showgirls.truman.edu.

Again, we are very excited that you are interested in Truman State University Showgirls, and hope to see you in April! If you have any additional questions about our program, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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