Auditions for 2008 Tiger Dancers: April 25th at 4:00pm in the club gym at the Fike

What are the Tiger Dancers?

The Tiger Dancers are a visual ensemble of Tiger Band. Our purpose is to work with the band to create the desired visual effect and add to the visual appeal of the band by adding movement and dance. Our style of dance is primarily jazz. The focus of every performance is to represent ourselves, the band, and the university with class, dignity, and respect by performing a clean style of jazz dance.

When and where do the Tiger Dancers perform?

The Tiger Dancers perform anytime the full-band performs. This includes: pep rallies, parades, pre-game and half-time at all home games, half-time at 2-3 away games during the season, First Friday parade, Tigerama, bowl game, and other exhibitions. The Tiger Dancers are unique in that we perform to live music with many tempo and count changes, while moving positions on the field, and dancing on grass. All of this adds to our uniqueness and makes it fun!

Who is eligible to be a Tiger Dancer?

Any full-time Clemson student with a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater. Also, full-time students at Tri-county Technical College with a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater are eligible to be a Tiger Dancer if they are within 2 years of their high school graduation date and taking transfer classes. Girls will need to bring a copy of their unofficial transcript to auditions. Being a Tiger Dancer is demanding but academics are still first priority. It is important that anyone interested in being a Tiger Dancer is able to keep the minimum required credit hours and GPA to demonstrate their ability to balance academics and extracurricular activities.

What is expected of a Tiger Dancer?

All Tiger dancers are expected to attend practice with Tiger Band on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week from 4:00-6:00pm. We also practice on Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm for our sectional practice without the band.

Members of the Tiger Dancers must be able to learn quickly and retain extensive amounts of material, as we do several different complete shows per football season. Each half-time show has 3-4 songs. In addition to half-time responsibilities, we have a pre-game show that is performed at each home game. Pre-game includes dances to Tiger Fanfare, Soc it to 'em, Tiger Rag, Eye of the Tiger, Modified Soc it to 'em, and Short Rag. There will also be a traveling version of Tiger Rag that is used specifically for parades.
Girls who make the team come back about a week before school starts to attend a pre-season camp. Included in our pre-season camp will be pre-game material, half-time material, stand dances, and fundamentals of performing on a football field. The pre-season practices are held on the band practice field and at Fike.

What is game day like?

A typical home game day begins with a morning practice to practice our half-time and pre-game shows. We then all go to the Brooks Center to get ready for game day (change into uniforms, apply makeup, style hair, apply tiger paws, etc.) usually in an hour or less. We then meet and walk to the amphitheater and perform the "90 Minutes before Kick-off Pep Rally." After this, we set up our parade block and parade through campus (dancing the traveling version of Tiger Rag) and enter the football field from the west tunnel. We perform the pre-game show, watch the game for a little while, leave to stretch, perform the half-time show, and then watch the rest of the football game. We dance and cheer our team on from the stands whenever the band plays songs.

What is expected of me financially?

The band is very generous and purchases our uniforms for us. We have fundraisers each year that provide us with items such as matching t-shirts, Tiger Dancer duffel bags, and more. There are items that each girl is responsible for purchasing. These items typically include: warm-ups, First Friday parade outfit, dance sneakers/cheer shoes, jazz shoes, tights, and poms. The financial commitment on your part to get everything you will need is typically around $250-$300 for new girls and $150-$200 for returning girls (the main difference being the warm-up). Depending on how you take care of your shoes and tights, this amount can be more as you may need to purchase another pair of shoes or tights during the season. More details on the exact type of shoes, tights, etc. you will need to have will be sent to the selected girls over the summer. All items are yours to keep whether they are purchased by the band, with fundraising money, or on your own.

Tiger Dancer Try-out format:

Warm-up 4:00-4:30pm: The gym will be open for girls to stretch on their own. This is also a good time to warm-up leaps and turns so you can be comfortable with the floor.

Instruction Time (4:30am – approx. 1 hour): Girls will learn a 30-45 second dance to perform at auditions. They will also go over 3 “tricks” such as any type of leaps, turns, layouts, or splits that will be performed at auditions. Girls will also be shown how to chasse across the floor and jazz run back in order to demonstrate their ability to stay in step and on beat with the music.

Audition Time (5:30pm – until): Girls will draw numbers to determine their audition order. Girls will audition in groups of 3. Auditions will be broken down into 4 parts: 1. performance ability (routine) 2. technique (3 tricks) 3. timing (chasse and jazz run to
4. interview (short question and answer time between each judge and each girl).

*Girls will need to wear black shorts and a black tank top for try-outs. Girls will need to
wear performance hair and make-up (hair must be all the way down). Jazz shoes are
encouraged but cheer shoes or tennis shoes are fine also.

Dance Technique to practice that may be included in try-outs either as an individual
trick or in a routine:
- arabesque
- attitude
- attitude turn
- chaîne turns
- grand jeté (right and left)
- double pirouettes (right and left)
- pique turns
- renverse
- high kicks (kick line will be included in group routine)
- layouts
- splits (right, left, and center)
- heel stretches (both legs)
- bonus: fouettes

The demands and expectations of Tiger Dancers are high. The good news is that the
rewards are even greater! Being a Tiger Dancer is a life-changing experience that you
will never forget. It is amazing to be a part of the most exciting 25 seconds in college
football when our team is running down the hill and you’re dancing to Tiger Rag in front
of 80,000+ fans! Tiger dancers are also featured on their very own poster!
TIGER DANCER APPLICATION
Please download and complete the following form to bring with you to auditions along with your unofficial transcript. If you have trouble downloading this form, more are available in the band office:

Name:________________________________________________________Age:_______
Phone:_____________________________Email:_________________________________

Address:___________________________________________________________________

I am registered as a student for fall of 2008 at: ___Clemson ___Tri-county Tech

Classification for fall of 2008: ___freshman  ___sophomore  ___junior  ___senior

Current cumulative GPA: _________      Major: _____________________________

Organizations & activities:
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List three characteristics or qualities you have that would be an addition to the 2008 Tiger Dancers and Tiger Band (feel free to explain or elaborate):
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Please check all of the following that apply:

_____ I am available to attend practices M-W-F 4-6pm.

_____ I am available to attend practice on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:00pm.

_____ I am available the week before fall classes begin for the pre-season camp.