



2014
Saintsations
Audition Packet



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Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the Saintsations, the official cheerleading team for the NFL'S New Orleans Saints! The Saintsations are one of the premier dance teams in the NFL. Incorporating high-energy routines with professionalism, this elite group has earned the reputation of being one of the most versatile and entertaining squads in the league. Their annual New Orleans Saintsations Swimsuit Calendar, the "behind-the-scenes" television show, Sports Illustrated photo shoot have catapulted the team into regional celebrities.

In addition to performing at NFL Saints home football games, the Saintsations have traveled to Iraq and Afghanistan to visit our troops, and to Mexico City, China and London to promote the NFL. They have appeared on the ESPN Sportsnation, Fox Sports, the Travel Channel, the NFL Network, Celebrity Beach Bowl, the Dr. Phil show, Comic Relief Live Television Show and on National television commercials. They have also appeared in Sports Illustrated, Maxim magazine, FHM magazine, competed in the nationally televised NFL Cheerleading championship, appeared in events surrounding the NFL Super Bowl and competed against other NFL cheerleading teams at the Super Bowl Beach challenge. Additionally, the team supports community projects through the "Saintsations Inspiration Program." The primary focus of the 2014 program is to promote positive initiatives geared toward women and children.

In conjunction with the Royal Sonesta Hotel, the Saintsation's presenting sponsor, the Saintsations are proud to annually support the Royal Sonesta Spirit Award which provides a \$1,500.00 college scholarship award to a high school senior. In essence, this highly recognized and respected group of women serves as goodwill ambassadors for the NFL and the New Orleans Saints organization. Team members perform at many exciting events and make numerous personal appearances including modeling and public speaking throughout the world.

We are looking for dedicated young women who are physically fit, talented in dance/cheer, and are able to present themselves in a professional manner. Because the Saintsations are influential role models to the youth in our communities, we will select women that are committed to leading a healthy, productive lifestyle. Join us as we embark on an exhilarating season with the New Orleans Saints and the New Orleans Saintsations! The Saintsations will have a busy and exciting year! We look forward to seeing you at the preliminary auditions, and GOOD LUCK!



NEW ORLEANS SAINTSATIONS

The New Orleans Saints are proud to announce auditions for the 2014-15 New Orleans Saints Cheerleading Team, the Saintsations, will be held on Sunday, April 27th.

The Saintsations are comprised of two separate teams. According to team director Lesslee Fitzmorris, "Each team plays a vital role in our mission to provide the "best" cheerleading team that represents not only the Saints and but our community throughout the world. The popularity of the Saintsations, both locally and internationally, has made it necessary to expand the team to accommodate our growing fan base." Applicants may audition for one or both teams.

Appearance Performing Team:

The focus of the Saintsation Appearance Team will be community outreach, game day appearances, stadium performances and media relations.

Applicants should be able to possess public speaking skills and dance technique. Benefits of membership on this team include extensive community relations and marketing experience, media training and a shorter rehearsal schedule.

Field Performing Team:

The focus will be community appearances and on field performances.

Applicants should be able to possess extensive dance technique. Benefits of membership on this team include extensive dance training, community relations and a regimented rehearsal schedule.

Both teams will make community appearances on behalf of the New Orleans Saints. Both teams will be featured in the Saintsations "Making of the Calendar" Televised Show, featured in the team swimsuit calendar, team poster and internet.

The following Audition Packet information outlines the qualifications and auditions procedures for each team.

New Orleans Saintsations

General Audition Information

WHAT: Audition Workshop #1 (Optional)
WHEN: **Sunday, March 23, 2014 (2:00-4:00pm)**
WHERE: Tari's School of Dance
9166 Perkins Road
Baton Rouge, LA

AND/OR

WHAT: Audition Workshop #2 (Optional)
WHEN: **Thursday, April 10, 2014 (7:30-9:30pm)**
WHERE: Franco's Athletic Club
100 Bon Temps Roule, off of Hwy 22,
Mandeville, LA

WHAT: Preliminary Auditions (Performing Audition)
WHEN: Sunday, April 27, 2014 9:00am-til
WHERE: New Orleans Saints Practice Facility
5800 Airline Highway, Metairie, LA

WHAT: Semi Final Auditions (Interview) 6:30pm
WHEN: Monday, April 28, 2014 6:30-10:00pm
WHERE: Franco's Athletic Club, Mandeville, LA

WHAT: Final Audition, 6:30-9:45
WHEN: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 6:30-10:00pm
WHERE: Royal Sonesta Hotel, 300 Bourbon Street
New Orleans, LA

REQUIREMENTS:

- Candidates must be at 18 years of age on or by the date of preliminary auditions.
- Proof of age is required (please bring certified copy of birth certificate OR a Driver's license).
- Membership on the Saintsations team is for one (1) year. No preference is given to returning members. All returning Saintsations must re-audition annually.
- Please complete the Application Form, the Medical Release Form, and the Consent Form and bring with you to auditions or at the audition workshop.
- Those selected for the squad will be required to attend three mandatory weekend clinics on Sunday, May 4th, June 22nd and July 27th. As well as rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday May (the last two weeks.) Rehearsals beginning in August on Tuesday and Thursdays.
- There will be a mandatory first meeting on Thursday, May 1st and Sunday, May 4th and the calendar shoot and retreat scheduled sometime between May 27th-June 1st (TBD).
- N.F.L. cheerleaders do not attend away games, but are expected to perform at all home games at the Louisiana Superdome as well as any additional home pre-season or playoff games. Should the Saints play in the Super Bowl, the squad may make the trip. Travel out of New Orleans and appearances for corporate and charitable organizations are cast based on individual availability. All members of the Saintsations Team will need to provide their own transportation to all rehearsals and performances.

AUDITION PROCESS DESCRIPTION:

ALL STEPS OF THE AUDITION PROCESS ARE CLOSED

There are five steps to the audition process for membership on the New Orleans Saintsations Team.

STEP 1-Registration

Applicants must first complete the audition registration packet which consists of the following forms: Registration, waiver and consent forms. You may register online or download the packet at www.neworleanssaints.com or www.saintsations.net. If you download the packet, please email the completed version to saintsations2@gmail.com or mail it to PO BOX 1062 Mandeville, LA 70448. We suggest pre-registering.

Be sure to check off if you are auditioning for the Appearance Team, Field Team or both. If you audition for both, then the judges will determine which team you will be best suited for membership.

STEP 2-Audition Workshops

Sunday, March 23rd (2:00-4:00pm) AND/OR Thursday, April 10th (7:30-9:30)

There are two audition workshops scheduled. The same material will be taught at both locations. You may choose the date or location that is most convenient, you may go to both, or you may elect to skip the workshop entirely. The purpose of the optional workshop is to better prepare each participant for the audition process. Please note that attendance at this workshop is included in your registration process. Attendance at this workshop is **optional** and is not required. Participation in this workshop will have no effect on your selection to the team. However, a great deal of information will be shared as well as an improved understanding of what it takes to make the squad and what to look forward to if you do. You must be 18 years of age by the date of the workshop to attend. Please wear comfortable dance clothes with sneakers/dance shoes because you will also be learning a routine similar to that of the tryout routine.

STEP 3-Preliminaries

**Sunday, April 27th 9:00am-till
New Orleans Practice Facility
5800 Airline Highway
Metairie, LA**

There are three parts to preliminaries.

First, applicants will be required to complete the registration process, which includes registration paperwork, photograph, introduction, and personal information (height, weight, and measurements). There is a \$75.00 audition fee. This includes participation in one or both workshops. You may register online or in person at either workshop or on the first day of auditions, Sunday, April 27th.

Second, applicants will be evaluated on dance technique including kicks, leaps, and turns. There will be 30 seconds of free dance as well.

Third, a brief dance routine will be taught and performed in small groups before the judges. Applicants should come prepared to introduce themselves to the judges. Judges may require additional dance requirements.

Eliminations will be made at the end of each session. Others will advance to the semi-finals.

PRELIMINARY ATTIRE: Performers must wear a black solid two- piece ensemble (trunks or shorts only, no skirts or pants), flesh colored tights and dance shoes (jazz, character, ballet, etc.) Carmel's Dance Wear in Metairie is the official dance wear store of the Saintsations and is familiar with proper audition attire.

Only participants and audition staff will be allowed in the facility during the preliminary audition process.

STEP 4-Semi-Final Auditions

**Semi-Final Auditions: Monday, April 28, 6:30pm
Franco's Athletic Club, Mandeville, Louisiana**

The semi-final auditions will be the interview portion of the audition process. Professional interviews will be conducted with each participant in 15 minutes intervals. Business leaders from throughout the greater New Orleans region will conduct the interviews. Following the interviews, a test covering the NFL will be administered to each participant. Eliminations will be made after the semi-finals.

SEMI-FINAL ATTIRE: Professional/Business

STEP 5-Final Audition

**Tuesday, April 29, 6:30pm-9:45pm
Royal Sonesta Hotel New Orleans, Louisiana**

Participants will perform the audition routine in smaller groups before the judges. A black two-piece ensemble (trunks or hot shorts only, no skirts or pants), flesh colored tights and dance shoes should be worn. An audition top will be provided. Technical skills will be evaluated along with overall dance performance and speaking skills

**The 2014 New Orleans Saints Saintsations Team Roster
will be posted online at www.neworleanssaints.com
on April 30th!**

2014 NEW ORLEANS SAINTSATIONS AUDITION WORKSHOP

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the 2014 New Orleans Saintsations Squad!

The New Orleans Saintsations will host optional audition workshops in two locations. The same material will be taught at both workshops. You may attend either (or both) workshop(s). Your registration fee of \$75.00 covers the cost of participation in the clinics

Workshop #1

Tari's School of Dance
9166 Perkins Road,
Baton Rouge, LA
Sunday, March 23rd
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Workshop #2

Franco's Athletic Club
100 Bon Temps Roule
Mandeville, LA
Thursday, April 10th
7:30pm-9:30pm

The purpose of this workshop is to help participants become better prepared for the audition process. Please note that attendance at this clinic is included in your registration fee. Attendance is not required to audition and does not guarantee a position on the squad. However, a great deal of information will be shared as well as an in-depth understanding of what it takes to make the squad and what to look forward to as a member of the Saintsations!

This workshop is open to registered participants only. Guests will not be permitted inside the event facility. Upon your arrival, you will be required to sign a waiver prior to your participation in the workshop. After a brief registration process, a group warm-up will be conducted. Next, you will be taught dance combinations, which will be taught at a slightly slower pace than at try-outs. These combinations will be different from the routines you will learn at preliminary auditions; however they will familiarize you with the style and level of dance ability that is expected of squad members.

The next segment of the program will be a detailed discussion regarding the agenda for the audition days, judging criteria, proper attire, (what colors and cuts look best for the dance audition, resume and photo requirements, and most importantly, some tips on how to have an outstanding interview.

You will also be informed on what to expect should you be selected for the 2014 squad including information on rehearsals, personal appearances, photo shoots, game days, etc. The discussion will end with a question and answer segment. For the workshop, you should wear dance attire and sneakers/dance shoes. Be sure to bring plenty to drink and a snack. Additionally, it is also important to bring a notebook and pen to take notes during the discussion segment. The most important material you'll take home with you will be practical and valuable information on the audition process.



Frequently asked questions

Is there an age limit?

You must be 18 by the audition date. You must present a valid Driver's License.

How do I register?

You register by visiting our website at www.neworleanssaints.com or www.Saintsations.net and filling out the online registration form. You will also need a letter of recommendation, headshot, and one page describing why you want to be part of the New Orleans Saintsations. You may register and pay the registration fee on-line or you may bring the forms and cash with you to either audition workshop or on audition day, Sunday, April 27th. NO CHECKS accepted.

What do the judges look for at auditions?

We are looking for dedicated young women who are physically fit, talented in dance / cheer, lead a healthy, productive lifestyle, and are able to present themselves in a professional manner. You will be judged on appearance, dance ability, fitness, and interview skills.

Does my headshot need to be professionally taken?

The headshot is simply used to identify you at auditions. It will not be returned, so a recent snapshot will be fine. It is not necessary to have a professional photo taken.

How should I fix my hair and makeup?

Judges will see you close up at auditions. Hair and make-up should be "performance" ready. You should wear more makeup than on a normal day, but not too heavy. Hair can be worn in any style, as long as it doesn't interfere with your performances.

Are there any height or weight requirements?

We do not have specific height or weight requirements. However, you must be physically fit. Being a Saintsation requires a high level of athleticism.

What can I do to prepare for auditions?

Beginning now, you should brush up on dance and technique skills. Being physically fit is part of being a Saintsation; you should maintain a healthy lifestyle. We suggest working out with a trainer and enroll in a dance studio to understand terminology and required skills. The Audition Workshops are a great way to fully understand the audition process. You will learn requirements for being a member, opportunities that come along with the team, as well as part of the audition routine. Technical skills that may be incorporated into other choreography will also be reviewed.

What should I bring to auditions?

You should bring your completed application, headshot, resume', and essay, along with the registration fee. Your attire should flatter your figure and meet our guidelines. If you previously submitted information, you can substitute items at this time. You must wear a two-piece black outfit (brief or hot short bottoms). You may bring snacks and drinks since you will be at Preliminary auditions for a majority of the day. Tan jazz shoes should be worn. (You will NOT allowed to perform barefoot) Personal items such as curling irons and make-up are also suggested.

Are auditions open to the public?

No. Every segment of auditions is closed to outside guests.

When and where do the Saintsations rehearse?

Practices begin immediately after tryouts conclude. The team practices from 7-10 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the months of May (last two weeks), August-December. Field rehearsals on game days begin as early as 7 am. Rehearsals rotate at locations in Mandeville, Baton Rouge, Metairie and New Orleans. The Appearance Team will have a more limited rehearsal schedule.

Mandatory Attendance is required at the following:

First Meeting: Sunday, May 4, 2014

Training Day 1: Sunday, June 22, 2014

Training Day 3: Sunday, July 27, 2014

Team Retreat May 30-June 1

Calendar Shoot May 27-30 (Each participant will have assigned time/date within these dates)

Calendar Release Party: August 5, 2014 (Tentative)

Does the team travel to away football games?

Saintsations do not travel with the Saints to regular season or playoff away games. There are other travel opportunities during the year that may be mandatory.

Do I need to bring a prepared routine to auditions?

No, you do NOT need to prepare a routine for auditions. You will be taught the routines as part of the audition process.



2014 MEMBER APPLICATION

Please Select One or Both: Appearance/Stadium Team Field Performing Team Both

DATE _____

*PLEASE UPLOAD TWO PHOTOS
HEAD SHOT AND FULL LENGTH SHOT

NAME _____ DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HM. PHONE (_____) _____ WK. PHONE (_____) _____

CELL PHONE (_____) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DO YOU OWN A CAR OR HAVE TRANSPORTATION? YES NO

REHEARSALS ARE ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS as well as weekend clinics

IS THIS A PROBLEM? YES NO If Yes, Why?

DANCE/CHEER/GYMNASTICS EXPERIENCE (Please list all previous and current experience including choreography, positions held on past squads, etc.) Attach separate sheet if necessary. _____

SPECIAL TALENTS, i.e. sing, play musical instrument, etc.

HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF ANOTHER PROFESSIONAL CHEERLEADING TEAM? IF YES, WHICH ONE?

Will you attend one of the audition clinics? _____

If so, please indicate which one: _____ Mandeville (Thursday, April 10th 7:30-9:30)
_____ Baton Rouge (Sunday, March 23rd 2:00-4:00)

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____ DIPLOMA? _____

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM? YES _____ NO _____ HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TEAM? YES _____ NO _____

OTHER: _____

DATES PARTICIPATED: _____

DIRECTOR/COACH NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____
LIST HIGH SCHOOL HONORS, CLUBS ACTIVITIES (attach separate sheet if necessary) _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDED/ATTENDING : _____
COURSE OF STUDY _____
IF DEGREE RECEIVED, PLEASE LIST DEGREE _____

WERE YOU A MEMBER OF:
COLLEGE DANCE TEAM? YES _____ NO _____ COLLEGE CHEERLEADING TEAM? YES _____ NO _____
OTHER: _____
DATES PARTICIPATED: _____
DIRECTOR/COACH NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____
LIST COLLEGE HONORS, CLUBS, ACTIVITIES (attach separate sheet if necessary) _____

LIST PREVIOUS AND CURRENT WORK EXPERIENCE:

EMPLOYER	POSITION HELD	DATES EMPLOYED	REASON FOR LEAVING
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

LIST THREE REFERENCES AND THEIR PHONE NUMBERS. THESE REFERENCES WILL BE CONTACTED. NO family/friends. Business/Teacher/Professionals only please.
(Please include any former or current Saintsations):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

PLEASE INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I, _____, AUTHORIZE ST. ALL-STAR, LLC. TO CONDUCT A BACKGROUND SEARCH TO VERIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

(Signature of Applicant) _____

(Date) _____

ATTACH PAGE EXPLAINING WHY YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER



**2014 SAINTSATIONS DANCE TEAM AUDITION
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER, COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND
CONSENT TO RECEIVE ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TREATMENT**

FUNCTION **Saintsation 2014 Auditions**

DATE _____

This form must be completed by each participant and returned to St. All-Star, LLC before the applicant may attend or participate in the above captioned program/function. This form may be released to any third party in order that the applicant receives medical care in the event of illness or injury. This form must be completed in full and the consent form must be signed below. Please Print or Type.

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPOUSE NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPOUSE HOME PHONE (____) _____ CELL(____) _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN NAME _____ OFFICE PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ EMERGENCY PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ HOSPITAL _____

1. Date of last Tetanus Immunization or booster shot _____

2. Name of any medical condition for which participant is being treated at the present time _____

3. List all medications he or she is currently taking _____

4. List all medications participant is allergic to _____

5. List any restrictions of physical activity that apply to participant _____

6. Please detail any other medical information that you feel is important for the safety of participant _____

In consideration of St. All-Star, LLC (AS) the New Orleans Louisiana Saints, and the National Football League (NFL) allowing persons to participate in the above captioned activity, participant consents to and/or agrees to the following:

1. I do hereby, for my child, myself and any or either of our heirs, administrators, executors, guardians, representatives, next of kin, forever WAIVE, RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE St. All-Star, LLC, the New Orleans Louisiana Saints, Tari's School of Dance, Franco's Athletic Club, Royal Sonesta Hotel and the National Football League and/or their respective representatives, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors, assigns,

FORM CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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TREATMENT PAGE 2**

medical personnel and invitees (Releases) for any and all damage and any claim therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death, whether caused by the negligence of Releases or others, while I am in any way engaged in or associated with activities and events organized or sponsored by St. All-Star, LLC or the NFL or connected with the above captioned activity. I further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless "Releases" from damages arising from my participation or association with activities and events organized or sponsored by Releases.

2. MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT: I attest and verify that I am free from all illnesses, injuries or defects and is physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in all activities associated with the program or event noted above. My participation in activities and events organized or sponsored by St. All-Star, LLC or the NFL is voluntary. I consent to administration of first aid and other medical treatment to myself in the event of injury or illness and release and indemnify Releases from any and all liability or claims arising out of such treatment.

3. I hereby in perpetuity grant full permission to Releases, as described above, to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of activities of the above named program or event for any legitimate purpose. All photographs, resumes or other submissions taken by or given to AS shall be property of AS.

4. I understand the Release and Consent form as detailed in the Audition Packet. I agree with its principles and application. I fully support St. All-Star, LLC in the implementation of these policies and will reimburse AS for any costs incurred by AS in implementing these policies on my behalf.

5. AS cannot and shall not be responsible and/or liable for cancellation or any failure to provide services in connection therewith, if such failure is caused by Acts of God, including without limitation, the following: (i) restrictions upon travel, food, beverages, or supplies; (ii) travel delays; (iii) labor problems; and/or (iv) any other cause of whatever kind or nature which is beyond the control of St. All-Star, LLC. The undersigned specifically agrees to hold harmless the Releases including AS for any liability resulting from actions taken or failed to be taken by the undersigned before, during, or after the event.

I hereby state that I am authorized to make this decision. I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Releases, as described above, from any loss, liability, cost, claim or damages whatsoever that may be imposed upon said Releases because of any defect or lack of such authority to take the actions described herein on behalf of the undersigned participant. I have read and understand all of the above and voluntarily sign this document and further agree that no oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE _____
DATE SIGNED _____

****BRING COMPLETED FORMS TO PRELIMINARY AUDITIONS****



SAINTSATION RELEASE AND CONSENT FORM

The undersigned, individually and on behalf of all parties acting on her behalf (together, the "Participant"), hereby releases, indemnifies and holds harmless St. All-Star, LLC, the New Orleans Louisiana Saints, the National Football League, Tari's School of Dance, Royal Sonesta Hotel, Franco's Athletic Club and the officers, directors, owners, partners, members, employees, agents and affiliates of any of the above-named entities or their affiliates, and the sponsors, promoters and all other persons or entities associated with the 2014 Saintsations Auditions to be held April 27, 2014 – April 29, 2014, and any subsequent audition for the 2014 squad, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, demands, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, liability for personal injury, death, and property damages) which may be suffered or which may arise or which may be in any way connected with the New Orleans Saintsations auditions.

The Participant understands that the auditions involve a significant degree of physical activity. The Participant certifies that she is in good physical health and condition and is free from injury or disability which might impair her ability to participate without limitation in the dance auditions or as a Saintsations during the 2014 N.F.L. season.

The Participant certifies that she is at least eighteen years of age and that all information provided by the Participant on this audition form is true, correct and complete in all material respects. The Participant hereby authorizes St. All-Star, LLC to investigate and confirm with third parties the correctness of any information provided by the Participant.

The Participant hereby consents to the use of her likeness, name and voice by St. All-Star, LLC, the New Orleans Louisiana Saints and the Saintsations in connection with their informational, promotional and marketing activities, including, but not limited to, use in or on photographs, electronic video and web based data and audio recordings or on the Saintsations web site, without compensation to the Participant.

The Participant hereby confirms that she has read and has voluntarily signed this Release and Consent in consideration of the right to audition for the 2014 New Orleans Saintsations, and that she fully understands its provisions.

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness' Signature: _____

Witness' Name (printed): _____

*****PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE OR BRING COMPLETED FORMS TO
WORKSHOP*****

