

Sachse High School

JV Drill Team

Lariats

Line Member and Officer Tryout
Packet

2019-2020



Welcome to Sachse High School! I am so thrilled you are interested in becoming a member of the Lariats Drill Team at Sachse High School. Lariats will be a great opportunity for you to develop your dance skills, make new friends, display school spirit, prepare for varsity drill team, compete at regional and national competitions, and be a part of an award winning organization. I hope after reading all requirements and expectations that you will be a member of the Lariats for the 2019-2020 school year!

If you are planning to be a part of the Lariats, I expect you to hold high standards for yourself and show respect for your teammates, officers, and school staff at **all** times. I always expect the best out of my team. You will be expected to **always** represent this organization with your best manners and respect. Being a Lariat will be a great learning experience and fun for everyone, but does require a lot of dedication and hard work. To be a member of the Lariats, you DO NOT have to have any prior dance experience. We will teach you everything you need to know!! You DO have to be willing to work hard and have a positive attitude!

The following pages contain all information necessary to become acquainted with Lariats. If you are interested, please fill out the application and return at team fittings on May 7th. Please look over the preliminary calendar for future dates and meetings. May 7th at 6:30 pm will be the fitting day for practice wear, team shirts and team warm up. Paperwork and first payment will be due this day. Everyone **MUST** attend the fitting to participate in JV Drill Team. Please wear a sports bra and hot shorts with tights to fittings so that we can move through the line quickly. You can purchase hot shorts and tights at any dancewear store or online at discountdance.com or dancewearsolutions.com. An order form has been included giving a detailed list of what is required, approximate costs and due dates. If you are trying out for Officer, please be sure to get an officer packet and follow the dates listed for officer candidates.

Please attend the informational meeting on April 10th at 6:30 pm in the Sachse High School Cafeteria. I will be available to answer any concerns or questions you might have about the team and officer tryouts. Officer candidates and parents must attend the meeting and stay after the team meeting to receive information about Officer tryouts. If you have any additional concerns or questions after the meeting, please email me at afsharp@garlandisd.net

I look forward to meeting you and working with you next year! I know it will be a year to remember for you as a Lariat at Sachse High School.

Ashley Sharp
Sachse High School
Lariats Director
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Lariats Line Member

Checklist

The items listed below must be completed and returned in to be eligible to be a SHS Lariat.

In addition to the items below, it is mandatory that you attend the uniform fitting, summer practices and camps.

All forms are due at fittings on May 7th.

_____ Constitution Verification

_____ Application Packet

_____ Part I: Sachse High School Drill Team Application

_____ Part II: Health Form

_____ Part III: Permission For Medical Treatment (Notarized)

_____ Part IV: Parental Consent Form

_____ Part V: Lariats Application (With Photo)

_____ Directory Information

_____ Medical History Physical

_____ Important Information

Lariats Officer Candidate

Checklist

These items must be completed and returned in order to be a SHS Lariat.

All forms for Officer Hopefuls are due on the first day of the Officer Clinic - April 29th, 2019.

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_____ Application Packet

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_____ Part II: Health Form

_____ Part III: Permission For Medical Treatment (Notarized)

_____ Part IV: Parental Consent Form

_____ Part V: Lariats Application (With Photo)

_____ Part VI: Officer Removal

_____ Directory Information

_____ Medical History Physical

_____ Important Information

_____ At least 3 Teacher Recommendations

_____ Copy Of Grade Sheet from Last Six Weeks

_____ Notebook

*** This checklist is to assist you to ensure that all required items are turned in by the required date. This form does not have to be returned. ***

Important Dates and Information (officer dates in Yellow)

April 1st 8th GRADE ORIENTATION

- Come watch us perform and visit our table! (6:30 pm in the SHS cafeteria/auditorium)

April 10th LARIATS PREP CLINIC

- Clinic in the SHS gym from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm to see what Drill Team is about. Please wear all black with hair in a low ponytail, parted on the left side - no whispies.

APRIL 10th INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- Informational Meeting for the team at 6:30 pm and Officer Candidates and parents meeting to follow.

Officer Candidate Hopeful meeting is mandatory

April 29th **OFFICER TRYOUT CLINIC** 4:30 pm -7:00 pm

- Officer Information and Notebook due at the beginning of the Clinic

April 30th **OFFICER TRYOUT CLINIC** 4:30 pm -7:00 pm

- Director Interviews

May 1st **OFFICER MOCK TRYOUTS** (Open to the Public) 4:30 pm -7:30 pm

- Clinic will run from 4:30 pm -6:00 pm. Mocks will start at 6:30 pm - doors will open to parents at 6:15 pm.

May 2nd **OFFICER TRYOUTS**

- Arrive at 4:30 pm ready to go
- Judges will begin Tryouts at 5:00 pm until ????

MAY 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, and June 6th - **OFFICER PRACTICE** 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

MAY 7th **OFFICER PRACTICE WEAR FITTINGS** 6:00 pm

***Additional practices will be set after Tryouts.

MAY 9th PRACTICE WEAR FITTINGS

- SHS cafeteria- Officers and returning girls 6:00 pm; New team 6:30 pm
- All forms in this packet are DUE this day.
- Half of your payment is due today

JUNE 1ST CARWASH

JULY 17th Final Payments made- 6:30 pm- SHS Dance Room

JULY 29th - AUGUST 1ST LINE CAMP 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (Final payments due July 17th)

- Camp will be held at SHS in the cafeteria. This is MANDATORY for every Line Member and Officer. We will learn all of our field routines. If you are not present you will not participate during football season. Showoffs will be at 5:00 pm on August 1ST.

AUGUST 6TH AND 8TH PRACTICE 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

- Practice in the SHS cafeteria and SHS field

AUGUST 12TH FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2ND LABOR DAY PARADE - TBA

We will attend all in town JUNIOR VARSITY and SOME Friday night VARSITY games. These are mandatory!!!

Schedule TBA

***** The Lariats will need to be at all JV and Varsity games one hour prior to game time. *****

LINE MEMBER UNIFORM AND PRACTICE WEAR EXPENSE ESTIMATE

(PAYABLE TO LARIATS BOOSTER CLUB AT FITTING ON 5/22)

3 DANCE TOPS - \$66.00

WHITE FIELD SHOES - \$62.00

*** At least 1/2 payment due on May 7th ***

NAVY FIELD LEOTARD - \$30.00

TAN JAZZ SHOES - \$25.00

RHINESTONE EARRINGS - \$8.00

BLACK DANCE LEGGINGS - \$32.00

LARIAT BAG WITH NAME - \$35.00

2 PAIR OF TIGHTS - \$30.00

2 LARIATS GAME DAY SHIRTS - \$50.00

WARM UP PANT/JACKET WITH NAME - \$80.00

BLACK HOT SHORTS - \$15.00

BLACK SPORTS BRA - \$15.00 *Optional*

GLITTER LONG SLEEVE LARIATS SHIRT - \$40.00

LINE CAMP FEE - \$100.00

BOOSTER ACTIVITY FEE - \$100.00

COMPETITION: Contest fees will be in addition to the football season fees. We will hold tryouts during the Fall and prices will be announced in October.

Approximate due to Lariat Booster Club- \$673 *** At least half will be due on May 7th ***

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ONCE SIGNED UP FOR LARIATS.

All balances must be paid in full by July 17th.

OFFICER UNIFORM AND PRACTICE WEAR EXPENSE ESTIMATE

(PAYABLE TO LARIATS BOOSTER CLUB AT FITTINGS ON 5/7.

3 DANCE TOPS- \$66.00

BLACK HOT SHORTS- \$15.00

WHITE FIELD SHOES- \$62.00

At least 1/2 payment due on May 9th

WHITE FIELD LEOTARD- \$30.00

RHINESTONE EARRINGS- \$8.00

1/2 TAN JAZZ SHOES- \$25.00

BLACK LEGGINGS - \$32.00

BLACK SPORTS BRA-\$15.00* OPTIONAL

BAG WITH NAME AND RANK- \$35.00

2 PAIR OF TIGHTS-\$30.00

2 LARIATS GAME DAY SHIRTS - \$50.00

OFFICER SHIRT AND SWEATS WITH RANK- \$50.00

WARM UP PANT/JACKET WITH NAME AND RANK- \$80.00

LINE CAMP FEE- \$100.00

OFFICER CAMP FEE- \$350.00 **This is due at the fitting in addition to half of the payment** subject to change with the number of officers

BOOSTER ACTIVITY FEE- \$100.00

OFFICER BATON FEE- TBD

COMPETITION: Contest fees will be in addition to the football season fees. We will hold tryouts during the fall and prices will be announced in September.

Approximate due to Lariat Booster Club- \$1,023 ***At least half will be due on May 7th h***

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LINE CAMP: This is mandatory... if you do not attend Line Camp you will not perform during the football season. Camp is where the girls learn all the material for their performances. The summer practices are also mandatory. Please make sure you schedule your summer activities around these dates.

ABSENCES: The only excused absences are: personal illness, death in family, illness in family that requires out-of-town travel, funeral, mandatory court appearance, and religious holidays. It is very important that you understand if you miss any day the week of a game/performance you will be out for that performance/game, no matter if it is unexcused or excused.

PRACTICES: Lariat practices are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school. Please make arrangements now for any doctor and dentist appointments to be scheduled on days other than these, or after practices.

JV GAMES: Lariats perform at all in-district (Garland, Rowlett, and Sachse, etc.) JV games on Wednesday or Thursday nights.

VARSITY GAMES: The Lariats are required to attend some Varsity games. A schedule of required games will be given out at Line Camp. We participate in Pre-Game with Varsity Drill Team. Auditions for Pre-Game are held prior to each Varsity game we attend.

TRANSPORTATION: You are responsible for taking and picking up your Lariat from all games. We do not ride buses to any of the games. I will stay a maximum of 30 minutes after the game; any girls left past this time lose the right to perform at the next game.

ARRIVAL TIMES: The Lariats will arrive to each game 30 minutes to an hour before the game start time. Please make arrangements to be there on time. If you need to arrange for a ride, take care of that in advance. Lariats must be on time. As the Constitution states, an absence is recorded if the Drill Team member is 20 minutes late. You are counted tardy and will receive 1 demerit for being up until 20 minutes. After 20 minutes, it is then counted as an absence and 10 demerits will be given.

**** Please always refer to the GISD JV Drill Team Constitution if you have any questions or, I am always here to answer any questions or concerns. ****

OFFICER HOPEFUL INFORMATION

Officer Audition Information

Notebook Criteria - Due on April 29th

- Please place the notebook questions along with any pictures, resume, etc. that you want me to remember you by in a notebook. Feel free to be creative but please do not go overboard.
- This is a time to express your ideas along with letting me know your dance/drill team background.

Grades

- Please have a copy of your grades from the previous six weeks in the front pocket of your notebook. **You must be passing all classes to stay after school for the clinic.**

Teacher Recommendations

- You are required to get **THREE** teacher recommendations. You may use the attached form or your teacher can email me to obtain a form and return it to me via afsharp@garlandisd.net If you are turning in a form you received from your teacher, have your teacher place it in a sealed envelope and have him/her address it to me.

Tryout Wear

- Practice days you may wear any dance wear you choose (example: tanks, jazz pants, dance shorts **if you have tights on**, jazz shoes or foot paws).
- **NO** shorts unless you have **tights** underneath.
- Hair must be in a low slicked (gel and hairspray) back ponytail, parted on the left side - no whispies.

Tryout Day Outfit

- Black turtle neck long sleeve leotard (can be purchased at Special Effects, Sandys, Texas Motion Sports etc.)
- Black Hot Shorts - No logos.
- Jazz Shoes (no tennis shoes or sneakers) - You may wear tan half paws or tan or black jazz shoes.
- Tan tights - our team tights can be purchased at Special Effects in Rockwall - Body Wrappers - Jazzy Tan.
- Hair will be worn in a high sock bun. We will demonstrate how to use the sock bun during the clinic. You will need a sponge donut roller, bobby pins, hairnet and a lot of gel.
- Heavy makeup and Red Lipstick (Love That Red - by Revlon is our team color).
- No earrings or hairpieces are allowed.

Officer Candidate Audition Scale

10 points	Image/presence
20 points	Interview
20 points	Officer Strut
25 points	Jazz routine
2.5 points	Right leg splits
2.5 points	Left leg splits
10 points	Notebook (Director points)
10 points	Director Interview (Director points)
Total 100	Points per Girl

*** THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS SELECTED WILL BE BASED ON
SCORES AND DIRECTOR/ PRINCIPAL DISCRETION ***

Teacher Recommendations
Sachse High School
Lariats JV Drill Team

Teacher: _____

From: Ashley Sharp, Lariats Director

Please complete this form and seal it in an envelope addressed to me or email me at
afsharp@garlandisd.net to obtain a form. Thank you!

***All forms MUST be received by April 29th 2019**

Student Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Grade in your class: _____

1. Does this student stand out as a leader in your classroom?
2. How is this candidate's behavior in your classroom?
3. Would this Officer Candidate be a good role model for the team?
4. On a scale of 1-10 please rate this students ability to be a good leader: _____
* 1 being the lowest score and 10 being the highest score.
5. Please list any other information you feel will be useful.

*The information given will be kept confidential.

General Tryout Information

Tryouts are closed: parents, friends, or anyone not trying out are NOT allowed in the school during Tryouts.

If someone would like to watch they may come on Thursday to Mock Tryouts, which are open to everyone. Video devices are not allowed during Mock Tryouts.

Timeline for Officer Tryouts

Tryouts will begin at 5:00 pm.

Candidates will interview one at a time with the judges.

In groups of 2 or 3 the candidates will perform the Jazz routine.

In groups of 3 or 4 the candidates will perform the Strut routine as well as right and left splits.

Call backs for either routine may be required, per the judge's request.

Tryouts usually last approximately 2 hours depending on the number of candidates. I will send a "Remind 10"1 text out to parents who subscribe and let you know when we are close to being done so that you know when to head back up to the school.

To join the "Remind 101" group, text 81010 and in the message type @c7ddde.

After tryouts are over all candidates will remain inside the school until the judges are dismissed. Each girl will be given an envelope with a letter from the Director stating if they were selected as an Officer for the 2018-2019 year. They may open these envelopes anywhere they choose **outside** of the school. If a congratulations letter is received, the candidate is to return to the gym with their parents and friends for our traditional ceremony to say farewell to the old Officers and to induct in the new Officers by disclosing their rank.

LARIATS DRILL TEAM OFFICER CANDIDATE NOTEBOOK

***** The notebook will be graded according to neatness, organization, quality of answers, sincerity of answers, creativity, etc. Take your time and be clear without being wordy. Remember quality rather than quantity will make for a better notebook. The purpose of the notebook is to allow you to analyze and truly think about some of the important elements of being an Officer.

***** Provide a Title Page with your name and class. Secondly, provide a Table of Contents and have each section begin on a new page. Finally, be brief but thorough. Place your information in a white notebook, you may insert a page to slide into front cover, but do not get one professionally and do not cover the notebook with any material. Please have a copy of your grades from the previous six weeks in the front pocket of your notebook. You must be passing all classes to stay after school for the clinic.

Notebooks are due on Monday, April 30th. – NO LATE NOTEBOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

THE NOTEBOOK

A. SITUATIONS

Describe how you would handle each situation it and what you would do if:

1. Stand behavior at a football game is undisciplined.
2. The drill team is on the sidelines about to perform and some of your close friends continue talking and joking around.
3. The Officers start to argue in front of the team and the Director is in her office.
4. You were not respected by the other Officers and the Line.
5. The Director makes an unpopular decision that even you disagree with.
6. A Line Member has a very negative attitude.
7. You see a team member drinking at a party or some team members invite you to attend a party where you know there is going to be alcohol served.
8. Several girls continue talking and being disruptive while the Officers are teaching.
9. The music stops working in the middle of your performance, how would you handle this?
10. The Director is in a meeting before practice and the meeting runs over, how would you proceed without the director present?

B. QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe yourself?
2. Define "Leadership", giving at least five adjectives to describe a good leader.
3. Describe at least eight responsibilities of an Officer.
4. Who is your role model and why?
5. What does respect mean to you?
6. Define initiative and give examples of how an Officer can demonstrate initiative.
7. Where do you see yourself in five years?
8. If you do not make Officer, will you remain loyal to the team and maintain a good attitude throughout the year?
9. How would you encourage members to act like ladies and make good decisions?
10. What Officer rank do you envision yourself holding?
Captain
1st Lieutenant
Lieutenant
11. What are your 5 top priorities?
12. What are your future plans for dance?

C. ABOUT YOU

1. This is a section for you to tell me all about you.
2. Be creative but do not go overboard.