



GHS HoneyBears

Try-out Application

Practice dates: March 1-5 and March 8 & 9

Practice Times: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Try-out day: March 10, at 4 p.m. till finished

*** Completed application needs to be turned in no later than March 10

PARENT MEETING!! Wednesday, February 24 – in the GHS library @ 6:00 p.m. (will have the slide show on the GHS website)

Name _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Address _____

Phone # of parent/guardian _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency contact's phone # _____

Email address for the parent/guardian _____

Physician: _____ Phone# _____

Dentist: _____ Phone# _____

Is the student allergic to any medication, food, etc.? _____

Are they currently taking any medication that I need to know about? _____

Does the director have permission to give your child any nonprescription (OTC) medicine? Yes or No (EX. Advil, Tylenol, Motrin, Pepto, Tums, Midol, Benedryal, antibiotic cream, eye drops etc .) List any I SHOULD NOT _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

YOU may come and record any of the officers doing the routines after practice. You may NOT record anyone else while they are at practice. Practices are closed.

Don't forget about the Parent meeting!!

They must have all signed papers to me before they tryout. If I do not have them, they may NOT try out.

Important Dates

- Fitting and ordering leotards, etc. -AS SOON AS I CAN GET IT SCHEDULED
PLEASE BE READY FOR A MONEY DEPOSIT - more to come on this
- Spring show rehearsal - May 5 and 7 for new girls
- Spring show dress rehearsal - May 7
- Spring show - May 8
- Summer practice and camp - July 26- July30 (MANDATORY)
- Line camp is paid for by the district
- Meet the Bears - TBA (after school starts)

COVID PRECAUTIONS FOR HB PRACTICE!!

1. EACH student that is coming to practice **MUST** wear a mask!!!!
2. EACH student must bring their own water bottle and have it labeled.
3. THERE WILL BE NO SHARING OF WATER BOTTLES!!!
4. Each student's bags will be at least 4-5 ft. apart from each other.
5. There will be no props to share.
6. The students will be at least 6ft. apart when stretching and learning the dance.
7. There will be small groups when trying out so we can space them apart.
8. There will be hand sanitizer available to them.
9. While doing the high kick routine or combination, they will be required to wear their masks.



Application for Drill Team

I, _____, have read the following information and fully understand the expense, time and discipline that will be required of me should I be selected as a member of the HoneyBear drill team. I understand I must be of good health with no limitations concerning movement or participation in any HoneyBear activity. I also agree to participate in all fundraisers that the drill team will have. If I make drill team, I will adhere to the rules and the procedures of this organization as spelled out in their constitution and rules.

Candidate's signature _____
Date _____

My daughter/son, _____, has expressed a desire to tryout for the HoneyBear drill team. I have read the following information packet concerning tryout procedures and general information and the expenses. Understanding fully the expense, time, and discipline necessary to maintain the high standards of the HoneyBear drill team, I give my child permission to tryout. She will receive my support and approval in this endeavor.

Parent/Guardian signature _____
Date _____

IMPORTANT FORMS TO BE SIGNED AND TURNED IN!!!

We understand that school and/or personal insurance must cover our daughter/son. We give our permission for our child to receive medical attention in the event that we cannot be present or reached for any reason.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____

I, _____, have read all rules and regulations, which govern Gladewater High School HoneyBears. As a representative of my school, I understand and agree to abide by them if selected as a HoneyBear for the following school year.

_____ Date _____

Student

_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian

Parent Financial Agreement

As a parent, I understand that the expenses for being a HoneyBear are my child's and my responsibility. I will meet the due dates for the payments that the sponsor has set. I understand that my child will not participate if these responsibilities are not met.

_____ Parent Date _____

_____ Student

Media Agreement

There are several times during the school year when the news media or the school asks to interview and/or photograph many of our students. If you are willing for this to occur, please complete the form below.

I hereby give my permission to the school/news media to use my child's name, likeness, portrait, picture, photograph, film or videotape. It is my understanding the above mentioned will be used for public view.

_____ Parent Date _____

_____ Student



Medical Release Form ECP * PO Box 3481 Kilgore, TX 75663

This medical release form must be completely filled out by every participant (minor) attending an Encore Creative Productions camp. *Make copies as need as every minor must complete a separate form.*

Participant Name (First) _____ (Last) _____
Name of Parent or Guardian _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Parent or Guardian cell phone _____
Name of Physician _____ Physician phone number _____
Is participant allergic to any medication? _____
If yes, please list _____

Other Medical information that physician may need to know in case of emergency
Name of Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____
Phone number for insurance company _____

I, _____ the parent/guardian of _____ hereby grant permission for Encore Creative Productions to seek medical attention / treatment in case of illness or injury. I approve any attending physician to medically treat this child as deemed appropriate. I realize that any medical cost incurred due to illness/injury is our responsibility and not that of Encore Creative Productions.

Photo/Video Release Form

I grant to Encore Creative Productions, its representatives and employees the right to take photographs/video footage of me and my property in connection with dance camp. I authorize Encore Creative Productions, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that Encore Creative Productions, may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

High School _____ Address _____

Signature, parent or guardian (if under age 18) _____

I grant Encore Creative Productions the right to photograph/video my child during camp instruction and post on company website.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Gladewater ISD

Drug Testing Authorization

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Parent, Guardian Phone Number _____

I understand fully that my performance in extracurricular activities and the reputation of my team and school are dependant, in part, on my conduct as an individual. I recognize and understand that I could be asked to provide a urine sample for drug analysis. I consent to any such testing as part of the Gladewater ISD drug testing policy, which is under the guidance and direction of and independent testing entity. (T.H.E. Lab, Tyler Texas) I agree that I will not refuse to take any such test or otherwise dispute the right of Gladewater ISD to conduct any such Test(s) on Me. I have been given the right to ask questions about the drug testing policy and I fully understand its provisions.

Listed below are the prescription drugs and dosages my son /daughter takes on a permanent basis. I understand that, depending on the type of medication and circumstances, its use may be verified and discussed with the doctor that prescribed it. I give permission to the doctor(s) who have prescribed medication for the treatment of my son/daughter's medical condition to discuss this with Gladewater ISD. They may also verify the circumstance and discuss any effects that the medication may have on my son/daughter's test results or school performance.

Drug Name/ Dosage

Doctor/ Phone Number

Drug Name/ Dosage

Doctor/ Phone Number

My Son or Daughter **DOES TAKE** or **DOES NOT TAKE** any prescription medication on a regular basis. Please circle.

Student Signature

Date

Student ID number _____

Parent Signature

Date

Note: This document will be valid during your student's UIL extracurricular participation.

Gladewater High School HoneyBear Constitution

Purpose

The objectives of this organization shall be to entertain, to establish dignity in ourselves and our school, to promote school spirit, to foster good fellowship and unity among members, and to encourage high moral standards, responsibility, and self-discipline in every member.

Membership

Each member will give of his/her time to participate in the required activities throughout the year.

Each member will participate in all assigned fundraising activities to meet his/her financial obligations by a deadline set by the director.

The members and their parents shall be aware of the responsibilities and expenses of the individual groups stated in the tryout packet distributed to all prospective 8-11 grade members.

In order for a student to be eligible to try out for HoneyBears, the students and a parent/guardian must attend a scheduled orientation meeting or arrange for a meeting with the director at another time.

Organization

Membership on the line may vary. It will consist of students in grades 9 through 12. It will consist of five officers: Captain, 1st Lieutenant, and three lieutenants. The Line Sgt. will be the person with the next highest score and will step into an officer role if one quits, is removed, or becomes ineligible. The titles or number of the officers would only vary if deemed by the judges in the case of a tie.

Duties and Responsibilities

All members will attend athletic events, practices, activities, performances, and competitions designated by the director. Members must participate in projects to promote school spirit and assigned fund-raising activities. All Members MUST attend the camps designated by the director.

Attitudes and Teamwork

- Each member is to look and act in a positive manner, even when tired, sleepy, or "out-of-sorts".
- Each member will smile and look pleasant.
- Members of the team are to obey all commands given by the officers and to treat them with respect. Officers are to treat line members with respect.
- Officers will not give demerits nor make any decisions regarding discipline of the line members. They should assist everyone.
- Members are always expected to behave in a proper manner and be on their best behavior in and out of uniform.

Conflicts

A member may work if they can arrange hours that do not conflict with the drill team, especially summer and fall. **Work is not an excuse for missing any drill team activity.** Notice of summer practices will be given before school is out for the summer.

A member may take part in other activities related to school providing that any conflict with another activity can be worked out well in advance.

Uniforms and Practice Clothes

Uniform:

- Any damage due to poor care or loss of uniform will result in the member replacing the damaged or lost articles.
- Uniforms are to be worn only during drill team functions. No part of the dress uniform, warm-up suit, or hat may be worn by anyone who is not a member of the drill team.
- When leaving a performance in Gladewater, members must change out of their uniform.
- In uniform, a member's hair should promote uniformity and allow the hat to sit properly on the head. It should always be clean and properly styled. (EX. No long ponytail, braids, etc.)
- No jewelry, facial accessories or visible tattoos may be showing while in performance attire.
- Glasses are not to be worn during a performance or a parade. Director approval is required.

Practice clothes:

- Practice clothes will be chosen by the new officers and the director and will vary from year to year.
- An estimate of the expenses will be given prior to tryouts.
- Parents/Members are responsible for the expenses of all practice clothes and warm-ups.
- All items purchased through the drill team activity account will NOT be issued to members unless they are paid for.
- Failure to pay debts may remove a member or have them placed on the fine list until the payment is taken care of.

Practices, Meetings, and Camp

Summer Practices

- Practices will be held prior to camp date. Times and places are to be set by the director. Members need to remember this in the planning of vacations and work. Practices will be held prior to school opening and will be set by the director.
- No absences or tardies are excused unless approved by both the director and the principal. Two absences will remove a member from the first fall

performance (pep rally and game). Four absences will remove a member from the first two fall performances

- Four tardies may also remove a member from the first pep rally and football game.

Meetings

- Officers will promptly convey notices of meetings and announcements when asked to do so by the director. No officer is permitted to call a practice, performance, or meeting without first consulting the director. (There will usually be a team app that parents and members need to sign up for)

Practices

- Starting time for class will be the decision of the director with principal approval. Members are required to wear proper dancewear. They must have a cover-up if they walk through the halls.

Performances and Games

Activities: All performances, pep rallies, basketball games, parades, etc,

1. Absences: The director shall be notified of an absence before the designated time. An absence from any drill team activity is unexcused except for a personal illness or accident **with a doctor's note** or special permission from the director and principal ahead of time. Work is not an excuse.
2. Behavior at football performances:
 - Members are to sit as a group in proper ranks at all times. They are not allowed to have any friends or family sit with them during the games.
 - Members are to listen to the officers and participate in all stand routines. They are not to be on their cellular devices continuously.
 - Members will not talk or move around while in line.
 - After half-time, members will return to the stands to be dismissed by the director or the captain. They are to return at the designated time and may not leave until the game is over or when the director dismisses them. Failure to stay the entire game, without prior approval, will result in demerits and points deducted from their grade.
 - Members are to be very careful of their conduct at all times, especially in uniform. NO display of affection with a friend!

Transportation

Each member is required to ride to the activity as a team in a GISD vehicle if provided. The member may be allowed to ride home after an activity with a parent or legal guardian as long as there is physical contact with the director before leaving. After an event each member is responsible for being picked up in a timely manner.

Regular Class

Class attendance goes along with the regular school policy, unless the director sets a time earlier. EXAMPLE: 7:15 a.m. before school and field days at 6:30 a.m.

Performance Requirements

- Each member will tryout for every performance. They must know the routine well enough that the director feels confident that with the group practice and polish, they will be able to perform. A performance is an honor and a great responsibility – a result of hard work, determination, and confidence. POOR ATTITUDE can prevent a member from being allowed to tryout.
- A member absent from school on Friday, other than a school related absence, will not be allowed to perform that night. Also if a member has not previously notified the director before Thursday, when field practice takes place, will be removed from that performance. **A member 15 minutes or more late to field practice will be removed from the performance if they have not notified the director.**
- When it comes to a performance of the team, the director has the right to fix a problem, as they deem necessary, to ensure what is best for the team as a whole.
- Any member with at least 5 demerits during the drill team week cannot perform that Friday. (pep and game)
- Participation by individuals with a potentially harmful physical limitation requires medical clearance.

Tardies

Tardiness to any drill team activity is unexcused unless approved by the director prior to the date of tardiness. A member may replace tardy demerits by running and kicking or other activities approved by the director. (ex. Bring cookies, etc.) A tardy not taken care of will result in one demerit. Being consistently tardy will result in a grade deduction.

Camps

- All officers **MUST** attend the officer camp planned by the director. The director and the principal must approve any emergency.
- Drill team members are **REQUIRED** to attend camp. The director and the principal must approve any emergency. (A make-up camp will be required if a member has been given an excuse.)
- Details on time and cost of camp will vary each year. The expense, in excess of what the school budget pays, will be the responsibility of the member and their responsible parties.

Merits

Merits will be given with and by the discretion of the director for the purpose of taking away demerits. Merits will be given for extra work assignments such as posters, volunteering, bringing special treats, helping during practice, etc. Merits can be given for outside dance workshops members may attend.

Merits may not be used for any offense, such as, grade deductions and/or disciplinary actions. Merits can not be used to replace missed practices or performances.

Demerits

Demerits will be given at the discretion of the director only. Members will be informed upon receiving a demerit. The director will keep an accurate record. The demerits will be totaled from the end of class on Wednesday to the end of class the following Tuesday. (drill team week) A total of 5 demerits within the time period takes away the privilege to perform at any drill team function.

Disciplinary Demerits: (The number of demerits are for each time they commit the action.)

1. Not wearing proper practice clothes..... 1
 2. Not participating in warm-up/stretches 3
 3. Chewing gum.....1
 4. Breaking any rule at a performance ex. Not smiling..... 1-3
 5. Incorrect uniform or missing uniform part or prop.....5
 6. Not wearing lipstick or proper makeup/hair..... 2
 7. Rude or disrespectful behavior/sportsmanship..... 4
 8. Talking excessively during stretch or instruction 1
 9. Obvious negative, uncooperative attitude..... 5
 10. Wearing jewelry or fingernail polish during a performance..... 3
 11. Not participating/following rules of an assigned activity.....5 & 5pts.
- Off**
12. Use of profanity or obscene gestures in any form of communication... 5
 13. Failure to return any forms, money, or any other items at the requested times (1 demerit of each day until item is turned in)
 14. Failure to comply with rules regarding family/friends during activity 3
 15. Inappropriate conduct at school. Ex. All "U" conduct grades or a trip to the office resulting from inappropriate behavior in another class or a school detention..... 3
 16. Being placed in ISS for disciplinary reasons..... 10 per day
 17. Being placed in ISS for ½ day5 per time
 18. Being placed in ISS for tardies..... 5 per time
 19. If receiving corporal punishment instead of ISS, they shall receive the amount of demerits they would if placed in ISS.
 20. Leaving an activity or event without permission..... 5
 21. Exhibiting conduct unbecoming of a team member20
Such as, but not limited to:
 - a. Smoking or in possession of tobacco products
 - b. Drinking or in possession of alcohol
 - c. Use of or in possession of drugs
 - d. Committing any criminal act (misdemeanor or felony)
 21. Any action resulting in suspension, expulsion or AEP..... 20

Performance Demerits

Ten demerits will be given for missing the Spring Show performance unless approved by the director and the principal. The demerits include the missed rehearsals with a 30 point deduction from the members final nine weeks grade.

Five demerits and 20point deduction from their final grade if a member misses a performance that has been previously announced. Exception: approval of director or principal.

Probation

Scholastic probation is as stated by State law and/or TEA (see school handbook).

Spirit group probation consists of a failing grade (69 or lower) in any subject for nine weeks (or whatever time period set by state law and/or TEA). Probation means that the member shall not dress out or be in attendance with the drill team at any scheduled activity. When eligibility is attained, the probationer will return to their original position in the line.

Dismissal

A member may be dropped if they receive 20 demerits in the current performance year. A member whose conduct and standards are not complementary will receive demerits. **Performance year is defined as the day they become a member until the next tryout date/graduation.** The member will be placed in a physical education class so as not to lose credit for the semester.

A member whose conduct and standards are not complementary to the drill team will be dismissed. Examples: arguing with the director or other members, negative and uncooperative attitude, failure to comply with team regulations, fighting, etc.

The director, with the approval of the principal, may drop a member failing to meet requirements listed in the constitution.

A member shall be dropped for the following reasons:

- Smoking, or use of other tobacco products at any practice, performance, or other function involving the HoneyBears or at any school related activity at anytime during the summer or school year.
- Possession or under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any practice, performance, or other function involving the HoneyBear organization, or at any school related activity at anytime during the school year.

A member suspended OR expelled by the administration will be dismissed. Final approval will be made by the director and the principal.

Tryouts

Qualifications and Requirements

- a. A student must be passing all subjects with an average of 70 or better in each subject to participate in any workouts/practices at school. Those

students who do not meet this grade requirement must practice on their own time and away from the school.

- b. The director must receive a complete application NO LATER THAN the specified date give.
- c. If a HoneyBear member has been dropped for disciplinary reasons or quits without permission of the director and principal, they are ineligible for future tryouts. The director and principal may consider any special circumstances as they arise.
- d. A student previously removed from two extra-curricular activities will not be allowed to try out for drill team in grades 9-11.
- e. A line member or officer candidate must earn a minimum of 10 merit points to be considered eligible for the selection process of officer/line. Merit points will be given for the grade point average, discipline record, and attendance. The sponsor will be responsible for the recording of the candidates' merit points.

Grade Point Average: Merits based on this averaging will be for the most recently completed nine weeks or semester. Grade point average is based on all classes taken.

95-100 = 7 merits

80-84 = 4 merits

90-94 = 6 merits

75-79 = 3 merits

85-89 = 5 merits

70-74 = 1 merit

Discipline Record: Discipline is based on all preceding days up to the beginning of the tryout practices.

No referrals = 8 merits

3 referrals = 2 merits

1 referral = 7 merits

4 referrals = 0 merits

2 referrals = 4 merits

Attendance/Absences: Attendance will be counted for all six weeks preceding line/officer tryouts. The campus principal in accordance with Texas education code 21.035 will verify all attendance.

0 unexcused absences = 5 merits

1 unexcused absence = 3 merits

2 unexcused absences = 2 merits

3 unexcused absences = 0 merits

Line Tryouts

Daily attendance and participation in all workshops prior to tryouts is strongly suggested for those eligible to tryout. If a candidate must be absent due to illness or an emergency or other extra-curricular activity, the candidate must contact the director before the workout begins.

Students trying out for the line may not be members of the cheerleading squads for the next year. Anyone trying out should be in good physical condition. If there is any doubt, a physician should be consulted by the candidate before the workout begins.

All previous line members will be required to tryout each year to retain their spot on the line.

Transfer students who come into the district after tryouts must have been a member of a Varsity drill team with written or oral approval from their previous director. A show of skills may also be required. If the maximum number for the drill team has already been met, the transfer student may not become a member.

Qualification and Requirements for Officer

Officers are to comply with all stipulations of the line members. They are to have been in the drill team during the preceding year. They must have attended summer camp the year before they tryout. They will be judged on leadership, character, and dance ability. These are key considerations in the selection. The officers are to set good examples for the line for the current and the next year. **Therefore, a current or newly chosen officer may be demoted/removed with the approval of the director and/or the principal.**

They are to attend and to help lead summer practices. They will be required to have at least 1 squad meeting during the summer to prepare their members. Officers are to inspect uniforms at every performance and to help teach routines to the line. They must attend the entire session of a drill team line camp designated by the director.

Officers are to be at practices/performances at least 15 minutes before line in order to prepare for the activity. Officers will be assigned extra duties at the discretion of the director. They may not call a practice, performance, or meeting without first consulting the director. Officers will promptly convey notices of all activities by phone, social media, or text when asked to do so by the director.

Tryout Procedures

All tryout sessions for drill team membership will be "closed" sessions with the exception of a school administrator, the director, the judges, and the graduating seniors.

Judges will be chosen by the director. These individuals will be knowledgeable and experienced in dance and drill team. They will not be local residents, and one of the three judges will be a member of a minority.

Announcement of the winners may vary from year to year at the discretion of the director and the principal. Most important in this procedure is the feelings, self-esteem, and safety of all people involved.

Scoring Procedures

Line tryouts: The total of the 3 judges scores will be added to the merit scores previously mentioned.

Officer tryouts: The total of the 3 judges scores will be added to the merit scores. The director's score from the candidates' teaching may also be used. The judges will have the opportunity to read a questionnaire prepared by each candidate, as well as look at report cards, discipline and demerit sheets.

Social Officers

The number of social officers will vary at the discretion of the director. The other members of the drill team will choose the socials. The member with the most votes will be the head social officer. If a replacement is needed during the year the director will choose an interested, current line member. The director will assign duties of the socials. The socials may also be asked to attend a social officer camp at their expense.

Managers and Escorts

Managers and escorts must apply for their respected positions and must agree to follow the same conduct as outlined in this constitution. The director will decide who becomes a manager or escort.

Managers are required to be at all practices and performances. They are required to follow the same expectations as a line member except performing. They will be required to purchase some team items. Punishment may be ensued if rules are not followed.

Escorts are required to be present at called meetings and performances. **They are to ride the bus to and from events (esp. Football games)** Escorts are not required to be at all practices; however, the director will inform the escorts of the required performances. **They are to help wherever needed by the director. Punishment may be ensued if rules are not followed.**

Members and parents/guardians should be thoroughly familiar with all the rules of the HoneyBear constitution, and then fewer problems should develop. You should keep a copy of the constitution available to you for referral throughout the year. I recommend the members place a copy in their HoneyBear notebooks/folder. Any questions or problems should be communicated through the drill team director. Any appeals are to be made through the high school principal in charge.

Approved:


Principal

1-8-2021
Date


HoneyBear Director

1/8/2021
Date

HoneyBear Constitution Signature Sheet

We have read and understood the HoneyBear Constitution.

I, _____, have read and understand the HoneyBear constitution. I promise to uphold all requirements of me as an officer, line member, manager, or escort. I am fully aware I will be held accountable for my actions, physical and verbal.

HoneyBear Member

Date

I, _____, have read and understand the HoneyBear constitution. I promise to uplift and encourage my child as well as enforce these requirements stated. I am fully aware my child will be held accountable for their actions, both physical and verbal. I am fully aware all decisions are final and I will support the director and administration in their decisions.

Parent/Guardian

Date

