

Tivy High School Golden Girl and Sapphire Tryout Packet 2023-2024

Mandatory Tryout Meeting: February 22nd @ 5:45PM
Clinic: March 6th – 8th @ 4:30PM-6:00PM
Tryouts: March 9th @ 5:00PM



Dear Tivy Golden Girl and Sapphire Candidate Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you so much for your interest in the Dance/Drill Team Programs at Tivy High School. Dance/Drill Team is a rewarding and exciting sport that teaches teamwork, dedication, leadership, and the benefits of hard work. Not to mention, it is a lot of fun!! With your candidate, please read the attached information carefully to ensure you understand the time, financial responsibilities, and commitments you would be making as a Golden Girl or Sapphire.

The Sapphires are the JV level dance team in the Golden Girls Organization. We specialize in a variety of styles such as pom, jazz, and other visual routines. The Sapphires will perform at all varsity football games, some pep rallies, the winter and spring shows, and other community events. The Sapphires team allows young ladies the opportunity for growth before being on the varsity level Golden Girls Dance Team! These ladies will be continuously pushed to be their very best self at all times! It is strongly recommended that all candidates have a year on JV prior to moving up to Varsity unless scores show otherwise at tryouts.

The Golden Girls are the Varsity Level Dance Team at Tivy High School specializing in ALL genres of dance. They perform at all varsity football games, pep-rallies, community events, winter and spring shows, and two or three mandatory competitions in the spring semester! The Golden Girls Dance Team allows young ladies to continue to master their responsibility, leadership and community involvement, as well as dance technique. The Golden Girls are a competitive team, and they are held to an incredibly high standard year-round. They must continue to work hard every day in practice in order to perform and grow.

Being chosen to represent Tivy High School as a Golden Girl or Sapphire is an honor and a privilege you will treasure the rest of your life. You are the face of Kerrville ISD and Kerrville, TX. Because of this, all members of Tivy Spirit Programs are expected to adhere to high expectations of citizenship and a strict code of conduct at all times—on campus and off. Lack of compliance with these expectations will result in disciplinary action. It is also mandatory that you participate in the random drug testing program. *It is your duty to be a positive role model and leader.*

To achieve success, this sport requires a tremendous amount of time and dedication from both students and parents. **Mandatory participation is required in before and after school practices, pep rallies, summer camp, summer practices, fundraisers, service opportunities, and weekly games.** YOU MAY NOT MISS TEAM CAMP FOR ANY REASON. Because Golden Girls/Sapphires are a team sport, one

person's inability to follow through on her commitment affects the entire squad's ability to perform. *It is important that all members commit to 100 percent participation.*

Most importantly, please remember that academics come first. We want all our dancers out there at games, and you will be ineligible to dance at any event if you fail. Therefore, students, carefully evaluate your study habits and make a plan to ensure you will be able to pass each grading period. Every teacher at Tivy is required to offer tutoring and retest opportunities, so ask for help when you need it. *Please make the commitment to pass.*

Please keep all the above in mind when deciding to try out for the Golden Girls and Sapphires Dance teams at Tivy High School. We are so excited that you are choosing to try out and cannot wait to see what you bring to Tivy High School Dance Programs!!! Good Luck!!! T.F.N.D!!!

Sincerely,

Katie Nichol-Owens

Tivy Dance / Tivy Golden Girls & Sapphires Director
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Golden Girls Drill Team TRYOUTS!!!

All candidates need to return their completed and signed application and a copy of their most recent report card on **March 6th, 2022**, the first day of the tryout clinic. ***No late applications will be accepted!***
Any student that owes dues from the 2022-2023 year will not be eligible to tryout.

Tryout Meeting Checklist:

- ☐ Please visit the Golden Girls website for more information. While there, fill out and sign “agreement/permission form” and “information sheet”.

Tryout Schedule: All clinic days and tryouts are closed to the public.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
March 7th	March 8th	March 9th	March 10th
Clinic 4:00-5:30 PM Tivy Cafeteria	Clinic 4:00-5:30 PM Tivy Cafeteria	Clinic 4:00-5:30 PM Mock Tryouts Dance Room	Official Tryouts Please plan to arrive in the Dance Locker Room at 4:30 PM. Tryouts will begin at 5:00 PM. Tivy Dance Room Closed to viewing

Tryout Clinic Notes

➤ Attendance

You must be on time. Tardiness will be noted.

No absences permitted without a doctor’s note. Director may consider extenuating circumstances. If any student develops complications due to Covid-19 or exposure to Covid-19 that will impact their ability to participate in tryouts, please communicate with Mrs. Nichol-Owens immediately to make her aware of your situation.

Tryout Clinic is closed to the public. Parents, please wait outside of the school.

➤ Academics

A candidate is ineligible to tryout if he/she has failed three or more grading periods this school year. We want all our members to participate at all times and you are ineligible to participate if you fail. Therefore, please ensure that you evaluate your study habits and make a plan to ensure you will be able to pass each grading period. *Please make the commitment to pass.*

➤ Dress

Wear workout gear: shorts, t-shirt/tanks, leggings/ yoga pants, jazz shoes or barefoot, hair in a ponytail. No jewelry or gum.

➤ Material

One group dance that includes a kick sequence and technical skills.

All materials (music, skills, and dance) will be available for viewing under the tryout tab on the Golden Girl website.

Tivygolddengirls.weebly.com

➤ Attitude

Candidates are expected to display **respectful behavior** to all clinic members at all times.

Especially inappropriate incidents may result in disqualification from tryouts.

- **Administration reserves the right to review and may disqualify any candidate that does not demonstrate citizenship, behavior, and academics befitting a role model of Tivy H.S.**

Tryout Day Information:

- **Judged elements/skills on ballot**
 1. **Appearance** – hair pulled back in high or ponytail, proper dance attire, posture, and performance level.
 2. **Group Dance**- accurate technique in dance skills, ability to count music, precision within group, and memorization of material.
 3. **High Kicks** – proper kick technique (pointed toes, straight back, prepping on correct count) ability to memorize and achieve precision within group.
 4. **Demonstrating both Right and Left Splits** – flexibility, ability to memorize recovery from splits, and alignment while in both sets of splits.
- **Required uniform**
 - All black attire
 - Yoga pants or leggings (no shorts)
 - Form fitting black top or leotard, no baggy t- shirts
 - No JEWELRY or GUM
 - High Ponytail
 - Performance make- up (Red Lipsticks)
- **General information**
 - Tryouts are closed to viewing or recording of any kind.
 - 3 judges will judge the tryouts. Judges are professional Drill Team Directors and are not affiliated with Tivy.
 - The Director will be present at all days of tryouts and clinic but is not a judge.
 - In the event of injury or extenuating circumstances, a video may be judged. Doctor's note and/or Director approval required.
 - All candidates must stay until released by the director at the end of tryouts.
- **Results**
 - All candidates will receive a sealed envelope containing results at the end of tryouts. You MAY NOT open the envelope until you are off school grounds.
 - All results are final.
- **Selected candidates will receive further information on team item orders, payments, fundraisers via email. Please make sure that you check your email regularly to receive important updates. We appreciate your flexibility under the current circumstances.**
- **The first payment will be due at the team fitting. Selected candidates will be contacted with this information.**
- **The second payment, including camp fees, will be due on Monday, May 8th.**
- **Final payments will be due Monday, May 22nd.**
- **CrowdPleasers Private Camp will be held at Tivy High School. Sapphires will only attend one day. Golden Girls will attend all three days.**

Tivy High School Golden Girl and Sapphire Application

Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Candidate Phone: _____ Candidate Email: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Name: _____

Parent's Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Current Grade: _____

List offices or duties you have performed in school such as club officers, drill team, library assistant, office assistant, etc.:

Why do you want to become a THS Sapphire or Golden Girl? **Be specific!**

Any medical conditions or allergies? **Be specific!**

Please attach a copy of your last report card. These will not be returned to you.

I understand that if I cannot attend clinic practice, I will not be allowed to tryout.

I understand that if I do not turn in the appropriate paperwork and report card ON TIME I will not be allowed to try out.

This is to verify that my parents/guardians and I have read and understand the guidelines for Golden Girls and Sapphires and the obligations and demands; including financial, that drill team imposes. Furthermore, I understand that if selected, I will comply with all requirements as described in this packet.

Our signature signifies our support and acceptance.

Parent/Guardian

Golden Girl/Sapphire Candidate

Date

Date

All applications must be turned on on the first day of the tryout clinic on March 6th, 2023.

Application Check List

___ Application

___ Most Recent Report Card

****Fundraising opportunities are available to help offset the remainder of the cost of Golden Girls and Sapphires****

Required items for purchase estimate

Please note this is an estimate and pricing may vary

Returning Golden Girls & New Member costs	New Golden Girls and Sapphires (Sapphires do not purchase hat <i>(optional for returners)</i>)	Additional Optional Items
Golden Girls Camp Fee: \$225 Sapphires Camp Fee: \$100	Golden Girls Camp Fee: \$225 Sapphires Camp Fee: \$100	Additional Hat Cover: \$8
<i>*Hat if moving up to GG: \$114</i>	GG Warm Up Jacket: \$60	Additional Tights (each): \$19
<i>Social Officer Hat: \$130 Officer Hat: \$162</i>	Tan Slip on Jazz Shoes: \$39	Dance Paws: \$28
<i>Social and Officer Camp: \$500</i>	Duffel Bag: \$73	Team Sweatshirt: \$40
	Split Sole Field Boots: \$81	Any other items see price*
	Warm Up Pants: \$23	
	Black Leggings: \$48	
	Performance tights(2): \$37	
	Blanket: \$58	
	Performance earrings: \$13	
	Stadium/Rain Jackets: \$90	
	Garment Bag: \$45	
	*Field hat and cover: \$121	
Total:	Total: \$667 OR *\$913	

All payments are due by the end of May 22nd. This includes practice wear, performance wear, and camp and choreography costs for the year. If you have financial concerns, please contact Mrs. Nichol-Owens at katie.nicholowens@kerrvilleisd.net. We do not want anyone to miss out on an amazing opportunity due to the cost.

***You may either pay in full or follow a payment plan. Your first payment is due at the time of your fitting appointment. Your first payment must be in the amount of \$175 to hold your daughter's spot on the team (Bootbacker sponsorships totaling \$175 can contribute to this payment).**