



The University of Louisiana Monroe 2022-2023 Hawkline Tryout Packet

SQUAD DESCRIPTION

The ULM Hawkline consists of up to 14-22 dancers. This number may fluctuate from year to year given the needs of the team. The ULM Hawkline performs jazz, hip-hop, and pom dances throughout the year for different functions. Hawkline performs on-campus at many events including but not limited to football games, basketball games, the Miss ULM Pageant, Holidays at ULM, and pep-rallies, as well as special appearances throughout the community. Hawkline practices on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, as well as 6:00 AM workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the Fall and Spring Semesters. The Hawkline may also attend summer camp with NDA, as well as ProAction Dance. The Hawkline may also participate in the American Collegiate Championship in Denton, TX in March of 2023 and/or NDA in Daytona, FL in April of 2023 if funds are available.

ULM is looking for well-rounded dancers to dance and cheer on the ULM Warhawk Athletes and represent the University. The ULM Hawkline serves as one of the most visible student groups on campus, and they take great pride and privilege to represent the school, not only at athletic events, but in the community. ULM Hawkline members are personable and confident. They strive to maintain a positive image on the performance stage, in the class room and in their social lives.

You may be asking yourself, why choose ULM? Here is why: tuition at ULM is very affordable and as an ULM Spirit Group member, your out-of-state tuition is waived. You could be rewarded \$900 – \$2000 a year in scholarships. As a student-athlete you will also have priority registration for classes each semester, which will almost guarantee access into required pre-requisite classes you will need for your major. Also, as a member of the ULM Hawkline you will receive free Adidas gear, which is ULM's sponsored athletic brand. The spirit groups practice facility is exclusive to you for all your practice and training needs. Our athletes have a personal trainer, athletic trainer, and team doctor.

At tryouts, judges will consider those that can perform collegiate style pom, jazz, and hip hop dances, as well as technique and hip hop skills. They will also consider athletes that have high energy, are physically fit, have a game day appearance, positive attitude, and professional social skills. All characteristics and abilities listed will be weighted equally.

The following packet contains important information regarding the tryout process including forms and items that must be completed before tryouts.

If you have any questions please contact:

Sonni Bennett
Assistant Director of Spirit Groups and Media Relations
sbennett@ulm.edu

2022 IMPORTANT CLINIC/TRYOUT DATES

<u>What:</u>	<u>When:</u>	<u>Where:</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
Prep Clinic	Saturday, March 12th 9-11 AM	Spirit Hall	\$35
*Prep Clinic will focus on skills. Not Mandatory, strongly encouraged. *Wear crop top/sports bra w/ booty shorts/leggings. Bring jazz & tennis shoes.			
Mandatory Tryout Clinic	Saturday, April 30th 9-11 AM	TBA	\$35
*Round 1 material taught. 100% MANDATORY! *Wear crop top/sports bra w/ booty shorts/leggings. Bring jazz & tennis shoes.			
Round 1 Tryouts	Friday, May 6th 5:30 pm-until	Spirit Hall	\$30
*Game Day scenario taught. *Skills, Game Day, and Jazz/Technique Routine auditions. *Round 2 material taught directly following announcement of Round 1 cuts.			
Round 2 Tryouts	Saturday, May 7th 9am-until	Spirit Hall	
*Interview and Hip Hop Routine auditions. *Team announced. Team Meeting/Head Shots/Fittings directly following. Wear ULM colors, black, or white.			

Please arrive at least 30 to 15 minutes early for check-in and to warm-up on your own.
All Clinics & Tryouts are held in Bayou Pointe Spirit Hall located at:
1 Warhawk Way, Monroe, LA 71209

NOTE: ALL HAWKLINE AUDITIONS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!!!

Video Auditions

Video auditions may be accepted upon approval by Coach Kayla. Email her with your conflict. You may also set up a separate audition time in person with the coach if you have a conflict. (attaway@ulm.edu)

Required Tryout Skills

In order to make the team you must be able to properly execute the following technical skills correctly:

(These skills will be executed individually.)

- Splits (right and left)
- High Kicks (two 8 counts)
- Double and Triple Pirouette (right and left)
- Fouettes or second turns (at least 3 completed)
- Leap (right and left)
- Optional Trick/Skill
- Headspring and/or Kip Up

Audition timeline:

Round 1: Friday, May 6th

(Dressed in black dance top, black booty shorts, & jazz shoes)

- **5 PM:** Check-in & Warm-ups on your own
- **5:30 PM:** Game Day scenario material taught
- **6 PM:** Round 1 Auditions Begins (Skills, Game Day, & Jazz/Technique Dance)

There will be callbacks if needed. Round 1 cuts follow. The individuals who make it through the first cut will learn round 2 material following the announcement.

Round 2: Saturday, May 7th

(Dressed in any color dance top, black booty shorts/sweat pants, & tennis shoes)

- **8:30 AM:** Check-in, Warm-ups on your own, & Review
- **9 AM:** Round 2 Audition Begins (Interviews, Hip Hop Dance)

There will be callbacks if needed. New team will be announced directly following.

Attire for Auditions

All dancers must wear the following:

- Black dance top, black booty shorts, & jazz shoes for Round 1
- Any color dance top, black booty shorts or sweat pants, & tennis shoes for Round 2
- Tights are not required but can be worn if dancer wishes
- Dancers **MUST** wear make-up with your hair styled, game day ready on BOTH days. Check Hawklina's social media pages for references.

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2022-2023 ULM Hawkline Tryout Application

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENDER (check one) Male ___ Female ___ BIRTHDATE _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

ADDRESS _____
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

CELL PHONE # _____

PROBABLE/CURRENT MAJOR _____ GPA _____

CWID # _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
(ULM email if have one)

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE ATTENDED _____

CLASSIFICATION _____ AGE _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Best phone # to reach them: _____

For safety and athletic training purposes, please list any prior injuries, dates of injuries, and/or any medical conditions that the coach should be aware of:

Questionnaire

(Please **print** neatly or **type** your answers)

1. List the organizations in which you are currently active.

2. List previous dance training/experience:

(Include the studio name, how long, and the style of dance for each experience/ training)

3. Why do you want to be a ULM Hawklane member?

4. What assets would you bring to the team?

5. What are your weaknesses?

**SPIRIT GROUP PARTICIPATION
RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

FULL NAME: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

CWID#: _____

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she understands that participation in any spirit group activity at the University of Louisiana Monroe is purely voluntary and is not a part of the academic curriculum of the University.

In consideration of the University cooperating in making the program available and/or making any equipment or facilities available to the undersigned while participating in spirit group activity, the undersigned hereby releases ULM, its successors, assigns, officers, agents and employees from all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever in anyway growing out of or resulting from the undersigned student's participation in the ULM spirit groups.

The undersigned further agrees that he/she understands that participation in a spirit group involves substantial risk of bodily injury.

It is expressly understood by the undersigned that he/she is solely responsible for all costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through participation in normal and/or unusual spirit group activities. The undersigned is encouraged to get a physical examination before participating in spirit group activities and encouraged to obtain adequate bodily injury and property damage insurance coverage.

The signature of the parent or legal guardian appearing in the space indicated below signifies acceptance by said guardian that the terms and conditions here of shall be binding upon them and shall constitute a release by them of all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever which any of them may have against ULM and its employees because of the undersigned student's participation in the activities described.

THIS RELEASES ULM, ITS SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN ANY AND ALL SPIRIT GROUP TRYOUTS AND ACTIVITIES.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY AND CLEARLY THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND AGREE TO BE BOUND THEREBY.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Age

Date

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (if under 18)

****To tryout, all participants must submit the following before or on the day of tryouts:**

(Please check off each item so that you know you have not forgotten anything.)

- Copy of the front and back of Health Insurance Card
- Copy of Driver's License
- Copy of ULM Acceptance Letter
- Copy of transcript providing evidence that your cumulative GPA is a 2.5 or higher
- A current headshot (not to be given back, no selfies)
- Letter of Recommendation from former Coach/Dance Teacher
- \$30 application fee
 - Cash or checks/money orders made out to: **ULM Hawklite**
- Completed tryout application

Mail Completed packets to the following address:

University of Louisiana Monroe
ATTN: Sonni Bennett
700 University Avenue, Student Center 248
Monroe, LA 71209

I have read and certify that all the above information is true and correct. I have included a copy of proof of insurance, driver's licenses, a current transcript, a current photo, a letter of recommendation, and a \$30 application fee with my completed tryout application. I give my permission to the judging panel to verify all of my information.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____

Date: _____