

Liberty Doll Packet 2009-2010

Come and be a part of the Lakeview Centennial Liberty Dolls
You need **NO Experience** to be on JV Drill Team!!!!
We will teach you **ALL** you need to know!!!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Enclosed are the rules and requirements for membership in the Liberty Dolls, Lakeview Centennial High School's Junior Varsity Drill Team. If you are interested in your student becoming a member of this organization, please read the information on the following pages carefully with your student. Then bring your student, this packet, and all of your questions to the informational meeting on Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 pm in the LCHS Cafeteria. If you have any questions after the meeting or cannot make it to the meeting, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at heterash@garlandisd.net, or by calling the school at (972) 240-3740.

I am looking forward to working with you and your student in the Liberty Dolls!

Sincerely,

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General Information about The Liberty Dolls Junior Varsity Drill Team at Lakeview Centennial High School:

Drill team is great for freshmen because it provides them with friends who are actively supporting Lakeview before school even begins. Girls with zero dance experience are taught the fundamentals of dance and are soon well on their way to the high kicking varsity drill team, the Yankee Doodle Sweethearts. Drill team builds self-esteem, provides a positive atmosphere, creates lifelong friendships, and encourages the development of self-discipline.

More *experienced dancers* and/or girls with *leadership interests* are encouraged to try out for a position as officer or squad leader on May 23rd. Freshman leaders are necessary in our organization. ***Don't underestimate what you are capable of accomplishing. Give it a try!*** There will be three open clinics the week before officer tryouts for all young ladies who are interested in Liberty Dolls and thinking about trying out for officer. Everyone is welcome at these practices so that even those who are just curious about drill team can come get a taste of what we do. More information about these clinics is provided in this informational packet.

Those who decide to join the team will get to:

- March in the Garland Labor Day parade
- Perform dance routines at JV football games
- Tryout to dance at 3-4 JV Boys' or Varsity Girls' basketball games
- Perform a routine in the Varsity Drill Team Spring Show!!!

If you would like to join our team next year, be sure to register for JV drill team when you select your classes with your 8th grade counselors. Then carefully read this packet, fill out all the forms and turn them in as instructed. *Please be sure to keep up with all of the dates listed in the packet!*

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Holly Terashita at LCHS by phone at 972-240-3740 or by e-mail at heterash@garlandisd.net.

Liberty Doll Summer Schedule 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
May 14, 2009	Informational Meeting	LCHS Cafeteria	6:30 pm
May 19, 2009	All physical forms due!	LCHS Aux. Gym	6:00 pm
May 19-21, 2009	Officer Tryout Clinics (everyone welcome!)	LCHS Aux. Gym	6-8 pm
May 21, 2009	Sign up deadline & Sell Backs	LCHS Aux. Gym	6:00 pm
May 23, 2009	Officer Tryouts	LCHS Aux. Gym	9am-12pm
May 27, 2009	First Parent Meeting	LCHS Cafeteria	6:00 pm
May 27, 2009	Fittings/Team Leader & Cheers Payments Due <i>\$200-\$300 Practice Wear & \$88 Uniform</i>	LCHS Cafeteria	7:00 pm
July 21-22, 2009	Officer Practices	LCHS TBA	5-7 pm
July 23, 2009	First Team Practice <i>\$50 Camp & \$20 Activity Fee Due</i>	LCHS TBA	5-7 pm
July 27- July 30	Line Camp	Garland High School	9am-4pm
July 30, 2009	Line Camp Show Offs (Everyone Welcome!)	Garland Gym	7:00 pm
August 20, 2009	Team Refresher Practice	LCHS TBA	5-7 pm
August 21, 2009	Fish Camp	LCHS Commons Area	TBA
August 24, 2009	First Day of School	LCHS	7:15 am
August 31, 2009	First After-School Practice	LCHS Cafeteria	3:15-5:15
Sept. 7, 2009	Garland Labor Day Parade	Downtown Garland	TBA

*TBA- To Be Announced

**** Remember ALL scheduled events are mandatory!!**

Liberty Doll Schedule Details

2009-2010

- **Prospective Liberty Dolls and Parent Informational Meeting**
On Thursday, May 14th, at 6:30 pm in the Lakeview Centennial High School Cafeteria, all students interested in JV drill team at Lakeview and their parents are invited to come and learn about time and cost obligations from the director. Officer candidate students and parents please plan to stay later to discuss officer tryout information.
- **Physical Forms Deadline**
Tuesday, May 19th, at 6 pm – before any student can begin practicing for tryouts, all physical forms must be completed (medical release NOTARIZED!!) and turned in.
- **Officer Tryout Workshops**
Tuesday, May 19th, through Thursday, May 21st, from 6 pm to 8 pm in the LCHS Auxiliary Gym. These practices are for any girl who is interested in JV drill team to learn more about what kinds of dance are involved. Old officers will teach strut and a choreographer will teach a jazz dance and kick routine for the tryouts.
- **Liberty Dolls Sign Up Deadline**
Thursday, May 21st, at 6 pm in the LCHS Auxiliary Gym---JV Drill Team Line Application, Officer Application, a copy of your most recent report card, and Constitution Agreement due no later than this date.
- **Sell Backs**
Sell Backs will be held before practice on Thursday, May 21st, at 6 pm in the LCHS Auxiliary Gym. At this time, you will have the opportunity to buy gently used field uniforms and dancewear from previous Liberty Doll team members. This may help reduce the overall cost of participation for your student. The price for each item will generally be half of the price for new items of that style. Please come prepared to try on the clothing.
- **Officer Tryouts**
Saturday, May 23rd, 2009 from 9 am to approximately 12:00 pm in the LCHS Auxiliary Gym. Judges will score each candidate based on the execution of strut, the jazz dance, the kick routine, both splits, and individual interviews. Candidates will be identified by tryout numbers and put in groups of two to three to perform for the judges.
- **First Parent Meeting**
This meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27th, at 6:00 pm in the LCHS Cafeteria. **We will appoint Booster club officers, discuss the car wash, preparations for camp, and the Labor Day Parade.**

- **Uniform and Dancewear Fitting**

Mandatory fitting will be held Wednesday, May 27th, at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria right after the parent meeting. At this time, \$88 will be due to Cheers Etc. in cash or money order for the field performance uniform. Also, Team Leader is requiring that you pay ***in full*** at the time of the fitting by cashiers check, money order, cash or credit card. **Personal checks will not be accepted.** Please come prepared to try on the clothing.

- **Officer Practices**

On Tuesday & Wednesday, July 21st & 22nd, from 5-7 pm at LCHS (specific area TBA), new officers will practice strut and work on a dance routine for camp.

- **Pre-Camp Team Practice**

On Thursday, July 23rd, from 5-7 pm at LCHS (specific area TBA), the whole team will learn and practice the school songs and make other preparations for football season. **The camp payment of \$50.00 (in exact cash) will be due at this time.**

- **Line Camp**

The team will attend a mandatory line camp in the summer. The camp will be held on **Monday, July 27th, through Thursday, July 30th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Garland High School.** This camp is where the Liberty Dolls will learn all material for performances during football season. On the last day, the team will stay after 4 pm for extra practice and dinner before Showoffs for the public that will be held on July 30th, at 7:00 pm in the main gym at Garland High School.

- **Car Wash**

Date, time, and location TBA. We must have at least one car wash or other summer fundraiser to get team water bottles for camp and matching ponchos in time for the Labor Day Parade.

- **Team Refresher Practice**

On Thursday, August 20th, there will be a mandatory refresher practice for the whole team to review the routines learned at camp and school songs for the first pep rally.

- **Fish Camp**

Every year, the Friday before school starts, there is a special camp put on for the incoming freshman to learn about the school and attend their first pep rally. Liberty Dolls are expected to be in attendance in their warm ups.

- **First Day of School**

Monday, August 24th, is the first day of school for the 2009-2010 school year. School starts at 7:30 am; however, as responsible leaders in the school, Liberty Dolls are expected to be at school no later than 7:15 to make sure they know where they are going and can get there on time.

- **Labor Day Parade**
Mandatory attendance on Monday, September 7th, 2009, in downtown Garland. Exact time TBA at the dart station.
- **Weekly Practice Schedule**
As a member of the Liberty Dolls, you will be required to attend after school practices every Monday from 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm during football season. This start time allows all Liberty Dolls to attend after school tutorials each day, and they are encouraged to do so. After school practices will be designated as needed during basketball season, and, like all practices during football season, are MANDATORY. Each unexcused absence will result in points deducted based on the GISD JV Drill Team Constitution, and possible removal from upcoming performances.
- **Junior Varsity Football Games**
The Liberty Dolls will perform at **all District Junior Varsity** football games. These are scheduled on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings during the fall semester and usually fall the day just prior to Varsity football games. Attendance at all District JV games is mandatory. You must provide your own transportation to each game location, and you must have someone pick you up immediately following the game. Directions to each stadium will be provided at the first parent meeting.
- **Varsity Football Games**
The Liberty Dolls must attend all District Varsity football games as designated by the director. These are scheduled on either Thursday or Friday evenings during the fall semester, and usually fall on the day after the JV football games. Attendance and transportation are the same as above.

Helpful Hints for Practice:

- Bring a tape/CD to record the music to practice at home.
- Always have an extra shirt or jacket to wear through the building as a cover-up.
- Your hair is always to be pulled back in a ponytail or otherwise held back away from your face.
- Bring your POMS with you every day to practice.
- Bring your folder (provided by the director).
- Always have the proper dance attire.
- Always leave the drama at the door and come to practice ready to work out with a positive attitude!

Never be afraid to ask questions- that's what the officers and squad leaders are there for!

Liberty Dolls Officer Tryout Information

If you wish to try out for an officer or squad leader position with the Liberty Dolls, please read the following information carefully:

- Officer tryout workshops will be held Tuesday, May 19th, 2009, through Thursday, May 21st, 2009, from 6 to 8 pm in the Lakeview High School Auxiliary Gym. **Candidates must attend all practices.** Please bring the completed and **notarized** medical release form and the completed physical form on the first day. You may bring a blank tape or CD to record your tryout music. All workshop practices and tryouts are closed to spectators; only those incoming freshmen that are interested in JV drill team are allowed. During the 3 day workshop you will be taught a jazz routine, a kick routine, and the officer strut which you will perform at tryouts.
- Officer tryouts will be held Saturday, May 23rd, 2009, at 9:00 am until approximately 12:00 pm in the Lakeview Centennial High School Auxiliary Gym. Officer tryouts are judged by qualified outside judges. Results will be announced at the conclusion of tryouts.
- As an officer candidate, you will also be expected to demonstrate your right and left leg splits, and you will have an individual interview with the judges.
- What to wear for tryouts:
 - Solid black leotard, any style
 - Black jazz pants or Baltogs
 - Black socks
 - White Ked-like tennis shoes or black jazz shoes
 - Hair pulled back in a ponytail or firmly held away from the face
 - NO jewelry or nail polish
 - Performance make-up, including red lipstick ☺

***Officers will have additional camp, uniform, and practice wear costs.

Junior Varsity Constitution Agreement

We have read the Garland ISD drill team constitution and understand the regulations and policies for the JV drill team. I agree to abide by the standards of conduct and point system while a member of the JV drill team. I also understand, as stated in the constitution, if I quit or am removed for any reason, I will not be able to wear any attire related to Liberty Dolls.

Parent Signature_____

Liberty Doll Signature_____

JV Drill Team Officer Application

Name _____

Have you ever participated in drill team or in a similar activity? _____

What leadership positions or experiences have you had in the past? _____

Are you currently taking a dance class? _____ Where? _____

Are you a member of a competition dance team? _____

What types of dance classes have you taken? _____

Why do you want to be a Liberty Doll officer? _____

What qualities do you possess that can contribute to the success of this team?

If you do not make officer, would you consider being a squad leader? _____

Rank the following qualities in order as you think they should pertain to drill team and being an officer:

Morals _____ Positive Attitude _____ Spirit _____ Leadership _____

Punctuality _____ Teamwork _____ Attendance _____ Appearance _____

Friendship _____ Organization _____ Dance Ability _____ Grades _____

I understand the responsibility and demand of being a Liberty Doll officer, and I am willing to give 100% to serve the Liberty Dolls if I am chosen as an officer. I also understand that if I am chosen to be an officer that I will be expected to put in extra time and practice all while maintaining my grades.

Applicant's Signature

Date

I have discussed the responsibilities of being a Liberty Doll Officer with my student, and I understand the cost, time, and physical requirements that pertain to this position, and I give my permission for my student to participate in officer tryouts.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date