

2009-2010

South Garland High School

Dixie Darlings

*JV Drill Team
Handbook*

Dear potential Dixies and Parents,

Thank you very much for your interest in South Garland High School Dixie Darlings. I am so thrilled that you may be joining our team! I look forward to working with your daughter and it's a pleasure to have her join our organization.

Contained within this packet are the following items:

- Listing of requirements for membership*
- Listing of activities/performance venues*
- Listing of important dates*
- Practice policies*
- Expense details*
- Uniform expense details*
- Dixie sell down information*
- GISD JV drill team constitution*
- **Roster information sheet*
- **Parent survey*
- **Medical release (must be notarized)*
- **Filed trip form*
- **Contract*

*Note: Items with a ** must be returned in a labeled envelope along with a \$45.00 Activity fee made to: DDBC, to Mrs. Endsley's box in the South Garland High School main office no later than Friday April 24th. A checklist has been provided at the end of this packet. Please make sure that your packet and payment are complete before you turn it in.*

We will be discussing this packet at greater detail during the information meeting on April 7th at 7:00pm in the SGHS AUDITORIUM immediately following the Freshman Faire.

Again, thank you for your interest in the SGHS Dixies. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you this year!

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Rikki Endsley*

What do the Dixie Darlings Do???

The purpose of the Dixie Darling Drill Team is to encourage quality performance, high academic standards, and loyal school spirit and high personal values among each of its members. Through the development of dance technique, leadership, cooperation, self-discipline, and sportsmanship in each individual member, the Dixie's will fulfill their purpose for the benefit of South Garland High School and the community of Garland independent School district.

The Dixie year begins with officer camp during the summer and Dixie line camp in August. We march in the Garland Labor Day parade and then football season is off to a start. Dixies perform in all Junior varsity games in located in the GISD. Dixies attend all Varsity Friday night home games. Dixies also attend all pep rallies. Once football season is over we prepare for basketball performances and dance technique. There are also fun activities we have throughout first semester such as banquet, hayride, and parties! The Dixie Darling organization is open to all students' grades 9-12. Should your daughter enjoy her first year so much, I would love to have her back for another year!

Important Dates	Time	Location
April 2009		
7 th Freshman Faire	6:00pm	SGHS
7 th Dixie information meeting	7:00pm	Cafeteria
7 th Officer Candidate Meeting	8:00pm	Cafeteria
24 th Packet and Activity fee due		
May 2009		
11 th -15 th Dixie officer tryout workshop	4:30-6:30pm	West Gym
14 th Dixie officer mock tryout	5:00pm	West Gym
15 th Dixie officer tryouts	5:00-TBD	West Gym
19 th Dixie fitting day/Dixie Sell Down	5:00pm	West Gym
20 th -22 nd Dixie Officer summer rehearsals	4:30-6:30	West Gym
25 th -29 th Dixie Officer summer rehearsals	4:30-6:30	West Gym
June 2009		
1 st -5 th Dixie Officer summer rehearsals	4:30-6:30	West Gym
8 th -11 th Dixie officer summer camp		
August 2009		
TBA	Monday-Friday, Dixie line camp 9:00am-4:00pm	TBA
TBA	Dixie Showoffs	

Dixie Expense List

All costs are approximate

1. Field Performance Uniform apx. \$110.00
2. Practice Dancewear-(bag, practice wear, sleeves, tights ect.) apx. \$215.00
3. Poms- \$20.00
4. Activity fee \$45.00 due with Dixie packet by April 24th 2009
5. Summer line camp- \$25.00 due on first day of camp
6. White canvas Keds style tennis shoes- purchase on your own due at line camp

Due April 24th: \$45.00 Activity Fee

Due on fitting day May 19th: \$325.00

Due by Line Camp:\$25.00

Dixie Darling Uniform Details

The Dixie uniform consists of the following pieces:

1. Performance skirt (to be purchased from Cheers on fitting day)
2. Performance Blouse (to be purchased from Cheers on fitting day)
3. Performance Overlay (to be purchased from Cheers on fitting day)
4. Performance Sleeves (to be purchased from Teamleader on fitting day)
5. Performance Bloomers (to be purchased from Teamleader on fitting day)
6. Tights (Exact color and style to be purchased from Teamleader on fitting day- I recommend buying several pairs to last the year)
7. White canvas Keds style shoes (purchase on your own)
8. White socks- purchase on your own
9. White hair ribbon-provided by the DDBC

Fitting day is May 19th at SGHS in the gym at 5:00pm. You and your daughter need to attend event, this is the only time she can be measured for her uniform and practice wear. Please bring with you the following items on fitting day:

A Money order or cash in the **FULL Payment** amount for practice and performance wear made out to DDBC.

****Payments (Made out to DDBC)**

Money Order/Cash or Cashiers Check ONLY (No personal checks!)!!!!!!!

We're having a Dixie sell down!!



On fitting day there will be tables set up where the outgoing Dixie's may sell items such as practice wear, uniforms, and poms. New Dixie's have the opportunity to purchase these items at a discounted price. All items will be approved by the director and will be discounted at a set price of 40%. All your daughter needs to do is find a Dixie with the same clothing size and pay her!!

*****All prices are at a set 40% discount*****

	Original	Sell Down
Sleeves	25.00	15.00
Bloomers	8.00	5.00
Booty Shorts	11.00	5.00
Uniform skirt	30.00	18.00
Uniform Overlay	40.00	24.00
Uniform Blouse	30.00	18.00
Warm-up jacket	37.00	22.00
Warm-up pants	37.00	22.00
Red/White Dixie Tee	16.00	9.00
Blue/White Dixie Tee	16.00	9.00
Flood Pants	25.00	15.00
Poms	20.00	12.00
Black/Purple Top	25.50	15.00
Keds	*****	10.00
Dixie Bag	23.00	14.00
Black jazz shoe	31.00	19.00

DIXIE DARLING EXPECTATIONS

- Dixies are expected to follow all the rules and guidelines as written in the Dixie Darling, South Garland HS, and GISD JV drill team handbooks.
- Be a responsible student. Make sure that you are aware of the academic policies in the handbook. I expect you to take the initiative to come to the director first and inform me of serious grade situations. I will work with you to allow you to go to tutorials. Academics always come first before Dixies.
- Be a responsible Dixie! Know your deadlines, what to bring everyday, and what you should be wearing. If you stay organized, there should be no reason why you should receive demerits or point deductions. If you are ever in doubt, call your officer. Be responsible for the handouts that are given to you. Make sure that you are giving the appropriate forms to your parents when necessary, hand forms in on time, and update your Dixie calendar as needed.
 - Because I want you to have a successful dance experience, it is important for you to realize and understand the ground rules that must be followed when 30+ girls are involved. Unfortunately, some girls think that rules don't apply to them. In large groups success depends on all of us pulling together in the same way. That is why we are called a TEAM!!!!!! Rules work best when everyone knows them, understands them, and FOLLOWS them.
 - Everything you say, everything you do reflects on you, your family, and the organizations you represent. Therefore your actions are put to the test everyday by others. Remember- actions DO speak louder than words.

- Be a respectful student. One of the most important qualities in a Dixie Darling is respect, and I expect you to show this at all times. Our faculty and administration should be able to count on the Dixies as leaders and role models at SGHS. I also expect you to behave in an exemplary manner that supports the reputation of our team.
 - Make sure you get your school work done, especially during the hectic times of the year. Never sleep in class or disrespect your teachers, EVER!!!!!! Always use “ma’am” and “sir” when addressing adults. Don’t use Dixies as an excuse for favors from your teachers. I expect you to hold yourselves accountable for the rules of the South Garland handbook as well as the Dixie rules.

- DO NOT GOSSIP!!!! Every person passed on gossip, and every person has been hurt by it. We will be close if our hearts are big and our spirits forgiving. Our locker room should never be a haven for negative energy or words. “Be careful of your words and protect your thoughts. So often your thoughts change without the benefit of taking your words back.

- Always give 100% I expect this in your attitude, your work ethic and your performance. The atmosphere of any activity is affected by our attitude. As your director, I promise that from the minute practice starts, I will give 100% of my energy to the task at hand, I expect the very same of you. There is a tradition of excellence and high standards in our organization and we will work together to keep this tradition going. I expect you to dance your hardest every day, and exhibit a positive and motivating attitude. These things together will comprise teamwork, and teamwork at this level will ensure that we will have a successful year!

Dixie Darling Rules and Regulations

1. You must always have excellent work ethic. Giving 100% in rehearsal, always exemplifying a motivating and positive attitude, and always representing yourself, your fellow Dixies, the Director, and SGHS in the highest manner possible.
2. You must attend and fully participate in Dixie Line camp in August.
3. Participation is mandatory for every Dixie at each performance, function and fundraising event.
4. All Dixies are required to enroll in A1 Dixies for the fall and spring semester of the 2009-2010 school year at South Garland High School.
5. You must purchase all required items as detailed on the expense requirements in this packet.
6. You must attend practices every Monday and Wednesday from 2:35-4:00pm. There are NO EXCEPTIONS. Work is not an excuse. If there is a meeting for another extracurricular activity at SGHS you must let the Director know BEFORE the day of practice or your absence is unexcused. Do not schedule any type of doctor appointment during practice or A1 block. If you have an unexcused absence from practice the week of a performance OR the practice before a game day, you will be pulled from the performance.
7. If a Dixie has to miss practice for any reason, the director must receive prior notification from a parent. Every reasonable attempt must be made to contact the director if you are going to be absent as soon as possible.
8. If for any reason a Dixie does not attend a performance event, she may be automatically pulled from the next performance, at the discretion of the Director.
9. Dixies must have reliable and safe transportation to and from every Dixie event.

10. After football games, a ride must be there for each Dixie. There are stadium regulations and a parking lot curfew-any student left in the parking lot after the end of the game will wait along with the Director, SRO, and stadium officials and the stadium will close (we will remain in the parking lot). Please be respectful and punctual with your transportation plans.
11. Dixies must maintain high behavioral and academic standards. Make sure that you are aware of the UIL eligibility rules regarding grades. Please know that I receive daily reports from teachers and principals regarding behavior, attendance, and respect. The reputation of your teammates and the Director are reflected in every decision you make!
12. Should any Dixie feel overwhelmed with their academics, you should talk to the director immediately. Make sure that you are aware of the academic policies in the handbook. I expect you to take the initiative to talk the director first and inform me of serious grade situations. I will work with you to allow you to go to tutorials. Academics always come first before Dixies.
13. Dixies never make excuses-be accountable and accept responsibility for your actions.

What is involved in becoming a Dixie officer or Squad leader?????

At the meeting on April 7th we will hand out officer candidate packets explaining in detail what is expected at officer tryouts. In this packet, as well as the officer packet, there are dates that include practices and camps during the summer. All dates for officers are MANDATORY. Please make sure you check your calendar before you tryout if you are at all interested.

There will be a short information meeting after the Dixie information meeting on April 7th 2009 8:00pm in the SGHS auditorium. At the information meeting the officer tryout packet will be passed out and we will discuss specific details of the audition process. The auditions for the Dixie Darling Squad leaders are in conjunction with the Officer tryouts. Social Board auditions will be held during Dixies in August and we will discuss these details more specifically at line camp.

Dixie Darling Roster Sheet

Please make sure that all the information listed is correct. This summer I will be mailing a newsletter to let everyone know information about summer line camp and any other events that are planned before school starts. I will need a current phone number to contact you this summer in case there are any changes to your uniform orders or to the summer camp schedule. This is the only way anyone from the organization can contact you this summer!

Name: _____

Parent's names: _____

Address:
(street,city,zip) _____

Dixie phone number: _____

Dixie cell phone number: _____

Parent home phone number: _____

Parent cell phone number: _____

Parent work phone number: _____

Dixie email address: _____

Parent Email address: _____

Dixie Darling Booster Club

There will be a DDBC meeting April 14th 2009 in room . Between now and August we need for parents to be thinking of ways they too can help out the Dixies! We need your help!! The success of this year depends on your membership in the DDBC. Membership dues are \$25.00 per family. We need volunteers for the following types of jobs whenever possible:

- Carpool to and from games
- Truck or trailer props to fields
- Bring water to performances
- Set up/take down bleacher covers
- Driving in the parades
- Planning banquet
- Fundraising
- Creating website
- Group emails

If you have time and are interested in joining the DDBC or you would like to know more about the board positions (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity, Fundraising, and Social Rep) Please join us in April!

Dixie Darling Contract

I have read and understand all the contents of this handbook, specifically the Dixie Darling expectations, rules and regulations, and GISD JV Drill team constitution, and I agree to abide by all of them. I understand the time commitment, expense, behavioral, and academics standards, and I promise to meet them. I agree to respect and abide by the decisions and policies of the director, South Garland High School and Garland Independent School District. I understand that if I am unable to meet the requirements set forth in this handbook, my membership in the Dixie organization will be forfeited.

Dixie Signature:_____

*Parent/Guardian
Signature:_____*

Date:_____

2009-2010 Dixie Darling Handbook Checklist

Please do not turn in any of these documents separately. Turn in only when complete in an 8 ½ x11 envelope with you full name to Mrs. Endsley's box by April 24th 2009. Thanks!

Dixie's Name:-----

Parents Name:-----

----- \$45.00 activity fee (check or money order made to DDBC-no cash please)

----- Completed roster information sheet

----- Completed/signed medical release form

----- Completed/signed field trip form

----- Completed/sign contract