



***UNM SPIRIT PROGRAM  
2017-2018 MASCOT  
TRYOUT PACKET***

**IMPORTANT DATES:  
MONDAY, APRIL 24 – ALL REQUIRED FORMS DUE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29 – MASCOT TRYOUTS**

## **Mascot Tryout Information**

UNM Athletics will host individual tryout sessions on Saturday, April 29, 2016 at WisePies Arena—The Pit, to assess the abilities, leadership skills and potential of interested and qualified candidates. Candidates will be evaluated based upon skillset, attitude, personality, their ability to work with and collaborate with current and prospective team members and overall potential.

### **Mascot Qualifications for Tryouts:**

- Incoming freshmen and transfer students must have completed the regular admissions application process before the posted deadlines and be accepted to UNM.
- Candidates must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university.
- Candidates must possess sufficient physical fitness and proper training to execute all required skills during the selection process.
- Candidates must have proof of Health Insurance. (Student insurance not accepted)
- The tryout packet and release form must be completed in its entirety and submitted by the stated due date.

### **Skill Requirements:**

- Must be spirited and enthusiastic
- Must have excellent crowd interaction
- Must interact well with kids
- Must be in excellent physical condition
- Must be able to handle/deal with negativity from opposing teams' fans; always stay positive
- Must be accountable, timely and responsible
- Must be positive and respect your teammates, coaches and supervisors
- Must be willing to practice skillset and routines without direct supervision

### **Commitment:**

- Must commit to program as a mascot for two full semesters
- Must attend a minimum of 20 community appearances per year (not including games)
- Must attend an average of one practice per week and mandatory spirit program workouts
- Must be available for training camp in mid-July
- Must maintain a minimum semester and cumulative GPA of 2.00
- Must commit to approximately 20-30 hours per week (appearances, games, practices and workouts)
- Must participate in program fundraising

### **Audition Process Description:**

Mascot tryouts will consist of an interview with UNM Athletic Department staff and an audition that focuses on body language, enthusiasm, improvisation and dancing. Please wear comfortable or athletic clothes that are easy to move around in and tennis shoes. Once your application is received and processed, you will receive an email with audition time and specific location.

(Please print or type)

College Major \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Cum. GPA \_\_\_\_\_



# **UNM SPIRIT PROGRAM**

## **PARTICIPANT RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM**

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

**Liability Release:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, participant or as parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor (if participant is under the age of 18), hereby grant the permission necessary to allow participation in the UNM Spirit Program Tryouts. I, on my own behalf and on behalf of the participant, further agree to release and to hold harmless The University of New Mexico, Athletic Administration, UNM Spirit Program and Spirit Program Staff from any and all liability arising out of or connected with the UNM Spirit Program Tryouts. This includes any claim arising out of or connected with any illness or injury (minimal, serious, catastrophic and/or death) that participant may incur or sustain during the clinic or any activity associated with the event. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of all risk for my heirs, estate executor administrator, assignees and for all members of my family.

**Assuming Risk:** I, in my own behalf and on behalf of participant, acknowledge and agree that such participation subjects the participant to the possibility of physical illness or injury (minimal, serious, catastrophic, and/or death) and that I acknowledge that the participant is assuming the risk of such illness or injury by participation in the UNM Spirit Program Tryouts. Because of the dangers of participation in the UNM Spirit Program Tryouts, I recognize the importance of following the instructions regarding practicing and performing based on the AACCA rules/guidelines set forth.

I, on my own behalf and on behalf of participant, hereby warrant that I have read this Participant Release and Waiver Form in its entirety and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this form releases The University of New Mexico, Athletic Administration, UNM Spirit Program and Spirit Program Staff from liability and contains an acknowledgement of my voluntary and knowing assumption of the risk of injury or illness. I, on my own behalf and on behalf of participant, have signed this document voluntarily and of my own free will.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent of Legal Guardian**  
**(if participant is under the age of 18)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Relationship to Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Participant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Every participant must have an original, completed and signed release form to turn in with their tryout application in order to participate.**

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**2017-2018 INFORMATION & EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEET**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Banner ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy holder name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

# **UNM MASCOT QUESTIONNAIRE**

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN 3-4 SENTENCES.**

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MASCOT TEAM?**

**WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE AN IDEAL CANDIDATE TO BE SELECTED AS A MASCOT FOR THE UNM ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT?**

**DESCRIBE A SITUATION WHEN YOU'VE HAD TO WORK WITH A TEAM.**

**TELL US A TIME THAT YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP.**

**THE MASCOT MEMBERS ARE OFTEN IN FRONT OF LARGE CROWDS. GIVE US AN EXAMPLE ABOUT A TIME WHEN YOU'VE HAD TO ENTERTAIN A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE AND IF YOU HAVEN'T, GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OF HOW YOU WOULD ENTERTAIN A LARGE CROWD.**

**IN ADDITION TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR, THE MASCOT PROGRAM HAS COMMITMENTS OVER THE SUMMER. ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH PERIODIC SUMMER APPEARANCES AND EVENTS?**

**BEING A MEMBER OF THE MASCOT TEAM IS A LARGE TIME COMMITMENT. ARE YOU ABLE TO COMMIT TO 2-3 EVENTS/APPEARANCES PER WEEK INCLUDING DAYS OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK?**