



Thank you for your interest in the Vandal Spirit Squad program. We are so excited that you have made the University of Idaho your choice in furthering your education. We could not be more thrilled to welcome you to the Vandal Family.

The purpose of being a University of Idaho Spirit Squad Member is to promote and uphold the traditions and legacies of the University of Idaho. The team's three main goals are to promote the University of Idaho, support Vandal athletics, and to work together in uniting fans at events.

The Vandal Spirit Squad involves three separate teams that work together as a cohesive unit: Joe Vandal, the Vandal Cheer team, and the Vandal Gems. Being chosen as a member of the University of Idaho Spirit Squad is a privilege. Those interested in becoming a member of our program should understand, any person dedicated to the spirit program is making a deliberate and sincere commitment. Everyone's intent should be to continue elevating the program in the community, the state, and on a national scale.

Our coaching staff is always looking for quality individuals to act in the role of ambassador for the University. We are not only looking for athletes with a high skill level but also students with a strong academic focus and time management abilities. Each member's top priority should be academics first and foremost. Team members selected should also expect to be active three-to-five days a week.

Scholarship opportunities vary depending on GPA, leadership skills, number of active years on the team, and extra effort displayed. We offer merit-based scholarships, band class scholarships, and other miscellaneous scholarships throughout the academic year.

The first round of auditions and tryouts for Vandal cheer and the Vandal Gems will be virtual. Videos and applications are due May 12, 2021. Those who advance to the second round will be given details in an email on Monday, May 17, 2021. The second round will take place the weekend of May 21-23, 2021. The unveiling of the 2021-2022 team will occur on Monday, May 24, 2021, at noon on our social media platforms. Those who make the team will be expected to make the \$250 camp payment on July 1, 2021. Membership fees are due the first day of summer practices.

The following pages will help assist you with what to submit for tryouts and auditions. Please make sure all items have been completed and sent to the Spirit Squad Coach, Katie Doman, by May 12, 2021.

GO VANDALS!

NECESSARY ITEMS:

The list provided below are the required documents for tryouts and auditions.

Besides the three letters of recommendation, please send the required documents in one pdf file to kdoman@uidaho.edu.

****Application will not be reviewed if sent in multiple attachments/ emails.****

- Photo of yourself
 - ⇒ Preferred headshot.

- Application
 - ⇒ Double check that all application questions are answered.
 - ⇒ Each question scored and added to your overall tryout/audition score.

- Proof of admission/ enrollment:
 - ⇒ New to UI: Copy of acceptance letter
 - ⇒ Current student: Copy of class schedule

- Copy of unofficial transcript

- Risk Waiver

- Three letters of recommendation- to be submitted by reviewer, not applicant.
 - ⇒ Must be a professional recommendation (ie: coach, pastor, work supervisor, teacher, etc.)
 - ⇒ Cannot be a family member or friend.

- Online payment for tryout fee of \$30
 - ⇒ Found online at the University of Idaho Marketplace
 - ⇒ Find Vandal Spirit Squad
 - ⇒ Enter payment amount and click add to cart
 - ⇒ Find 'tryouts' in the drop-down menu and add participant name
 - ⇒ Click continue to head to checkout and payment

- Video submission requirements found on audition and tryout pages at www.uidaho.edu/tryouts → Please submit via YouTube link.
FYI Setting a video to private on YouTube will prevent the judges from being able to view your video. Please make sure your video is viewable.

2021-2022 University of Idaho Spirit Squad Tryout Application

Tryout Fee: \$30 (Pay online at University of Idaho Marketplace- Vandal Spirit Squad- Tryouts)

Tryout fee, application, letters of recommendation, and video
are due Wednesday, May 12, 2021

email: kdoman@uidaho.edu (Attach as pdf)

Athlete information:

Trying out for:

Cheer

Vandal Gems

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Athlete Cell Phone: _____

Athlete Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone number: _____

Size Information (XS, S, M, L, XL)

We wear mostly Nike products or brands with similar sizing.

(Does not affect tryout score – used for new squad ordering purposes)

T-Shirt _____ Sports Bra _____ Warm Up Jacket _____

Spandex _____ Shorts _____ Warm Up Pants _____

Shoes _____ Height _____ Weight _____

History:

Fill in any that apply: where you have cheered or danced & include number of years. This section will NOT affect tryout score. If none leave blank.

Years of Cheer/Dance: _____

High School: _____

All Star Team/Studio/Gym: _____

College: _____

College Status 2021-2022: Fr So Jr Sr

Probable/Current Major: _____

New/ Transfer students: Have you been accepted to U of I for fall 2021? Yes No

Application questions- Please answer questions on a separate page.

1. Why did you choose U of I Cheer/ Dance? Also, why we should choose you to become part of the Vandal Spirit Squad?
2. What qualifies you to be a member of the U of I Spirit Squad? Please list and explain your competition history, skill level, and any awards or recognition you have received.
3. Have you ever been in a Leadership/Captain position? Explain.
4. Have you ever quit, or been removed from an athletic team, job, or extracurricular organization? If yes, explain.
5. List any health concerns or injuries that may limit your ability to participate at the same level as the other candidates or limit your ability to fulfill the level of athleticism during the season.
6. Do you plan to join other social groups on campus (ex: Greek life, ASUI, Block and Bridal, etc.) or work during the academic school year? If yes- if a scheduling conflict arises between the spirit squad and your other activity, how would you handle that situation?
7. What are your summer plans? Will they interfere with the mandatory summer dates of July 19-30, 2021?

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College / Dept	College:	Dean of Students	Department:	Recreation and Wellbeing	
Activity Name	Vandal Spirit Squad, Vandal Cheer Challenge, Mini Vandals	Date:	08/31/2020 through 08/31/2021	Location:	Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, California, Nevada
Participant's Name	(First)	(Last)	(Age)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address	(Home Address)			(City, State, Zip)	
Phones	(Cell)			(Home)	
Emergency contact(s)	Primary Contact Name:			(Relationship)	
	WORK PHONE:		HOME PHONE:	CELL:	
	Secondary Contact Name:			(Relationship)	
	WORK PHONE:		HOME PHONE:	CELL:	
<p>PLEASE NOTE: Hospitals and clinics require proof of coverage before providing treatment unless a life threatening situation exists. It is suggested that participants bring a copy of their insurance card. The participant is responsible for all medical expenses.</p>					

Acknowledgment of Risk and Walver of Liability

Read this carefully and in its entirety. It is a binding legal document. **Sign and return** this form to 875 Perimeter Drive MS 1230 Moscow, ID 83843. **If you are under the age of 18,** this form must be signed by you as the participant AND by your parent or legal guardian.

I, the undersigned participant or parent/guardian, am aware that participation in the Vandal Spirit Squad, Vandal Cheer Challenge, Mini Vandals ("Activity") may include activities that are risky and dangerous. Both participant and his/her parent(s) / guardian(s) ("I") acknowledge and accept the risks and give permission for my participation in the Activity. I acknowledge that participation in this Activity has the following non-exhaustive list of particular activities that **bear risk and danger and from which bodily injury or illness to myself, or my child, up to and including death,** may occur: physical and sporting activities related to cheer competitions including, but not limited to falling, lifting, bending, jumping, pulling, twisting, and competition in and/or practice of activities that involve strenuous exertion that could place stress on cardiovascular and/or musculo-skeletal systems and result in broken bones, strain, sprains, joint injuries, heart malfunctions, concussions, and head injuries; being struck by objects and/or other participants; physical activities related to dance including, but not limited to loss of balance, falling, lifting, bending, jumping, pulling, running, stepping, stretching, tripping, and twisting that involve strenuous exertion that could place stress on cardiovascular and/or musculo-skeletal systems and result in broken bones, strain, sprains, joint injuries, heart malfunctions, concussion, and head injuries; contact with other equipment and other dancers; and physical and sporting activities related to gymnastics, aerobic, tumbling, and use of a trampoline including, but not limited to bending, falling, jumping, lifting, pulling, rolling, or twisting, and competition in and/or practice of activities that involve strenuous exertion that could place stress on cardiovascular and/or musculo-skeletal systems and result in broken bones, strain, sprains, joint injuries, heart malfunctions, concussions, and head injuries; activities supplemental to the Activity, such as practice and gymnastics competitions; use or operation, by myself or others, of equipment, including but not limited to a balance beam, uneven bars, vaulting horse/table, mini-trampoline, trampoline and other related gymnastic apparatus in the condition in which they are found; risks related to transit to or from the Activity locations including, but not limited to, travel by UI owned auto; and walking or hiking, including travel in unpredictable or extreme weather conditions that affect the method of travel safety; use or operation, by me or others of equipment in the condition in which they are found; exposure to inclement weather including, but not limited to rain, sun, wind, snow, ice, fog, and extremes of heat or cold that could cause injury or illness including but not limited to heat exhaustion or stroke, sunburn, frost bite, hypothermia, and dehydration; staying overnight in commercial hotels ; contact with animals, plants, insects and biological or environmental hazards; use of facilities, roads, sidewalks, parking lots, and trails that may or may not be properly maintained; activities supplemental to the Activity, such as walking or hiking to and from sites of interest; exposure to contaminated food and untreated water; risk related to the rendering or receipt of emergency first aid, or other emergency treatment, and transport in medical emergencies; accident or illness in locations without access to appropriate medical facilities or supplies; exposure to infectious disease and/or illnesses; and other unknown and unanticipated activities and risks..

In consideration of the University of Idaho ("UI") permitting me/my dependent to participate in the Activity, **I and my dependent hereby voluntarily accept all risks associated with participation. To the extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify, defend, save, hold harmless, discharge and release the State of Idaho, the Regents of the University of Idaho, their agents and employees from any and all liability, claims, causes of action or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever that may arise out of or in connection with my participation in any activities related to the above-named Activity. I understand I am responsible for all medical expenses and/ or property losses.**

It is my express intent that this Acknowledgment of Risk and Waiver of Liability shall serve as a release, discharge and acceptance of risk for my heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assigns and all members of my family. The venue of any dispute that may arise out of my or my dependent's participation in the Activity, if the University is a party to the dispute, shall be in Latah County, Idaho.

I acknowledge that the university makes no representation with respect to the safety of any personally owned vehicle in which I may travel, or with respect to the qualifications of the driver of any personally owned vehicle. I understand that if I choose to travel in a personally owned vehicle, it is my responsibility to determine the safety of the vehicle and qualifications of the driver.

I hereby certify that I am in good health and I know of no medical reason why I am not able to participate in the Activity. If I or my dependent has a disability, food or drug allergy, dietary requirements, or any condition requiring accommodation, I will contact the **Center for Disability Access and Resources (208) 885-6307 at least three weeks (21 days) prior to the start of the Activity**. I hereby consent to first aid, emergency medical care and if necessary, admission to a hospital when necessary for administering such care, for treatment for injuries or illness that I may sustain while participating in the Activity.

Whether or not I am a student, I will abide by: the University of Idaho Student Code of Conduct, Articles II through IX at <http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/fsh/2300.html>; the behavioral expectations of the Activity; and all applicable city, state and federal laws. My failure to do so may be considered grounds for denying my/my dependent's participation in the Activity.

I agree that you may photograph or video me in connection with the Activity. I agree that you shall be the exclusive owner of all images and all copyright and other rights in the images. I agree that you may use any image in any media you wish related to the University of Idaho. **If you DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION TO PRODUCE OR USE IMAGES, CHECK HERE ()**.

I () do () do not **(please check one)** authorize the University of Idaho to use my or my child's/dependent's contact information to inform me/him/her of upcoming university events and activities.

Note: If participant is under 18 years of age, a parent/legal guardian must also sign and accept responsibility for the participant's actions and terms of the above agreement.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE	PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
Participant's Name (PLEASE PRINT):	Parent/ Guardian Name (PLEASE PRINT):
Participant's Signature (PLEASE USE BLUE INK):	Parent/ Guardian Signature (PLEASE USE BLUE INK):
X	X
Date:	Date:

Recommendations (Three Required)

Recommendations should be sent to: kdoman@uidaho.edu DUE BY Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Recommendations must be sent directly from the reference person to the coach, they are confidential and should not be submitted by the applicant.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of reviewer: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant: _____

Please rate on a 1-5 scale (1 being the lowest, 5 being the highest)

1. Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
2. Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5
3. Coachability	1	2	3	4	5
4. Leadership Qualities	1	2	3	4	5
5. Tolerance of Others	1	2	3	4	5
6. Teamwork Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
7. Physical Fitness	1	2	3	4	5
8. Desire to Improve	1	2	3	4	5
9. Character Qualities	1	2	3	4	5
10. Time Management Skills	1	2	3	4	5

Comments or concerns about applicant:

Thank you for taking your time to do this recommendation. This information will be part of the applicant's tryout score.

Sincerely,

Katie Doman

University of Idaho

Brave and Bold

Head Spirit Squad Coach

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