



## 2010-2011 Lady Raider Application

Richmond Raiders Professional AIFA Football

*Thank you for your interest in becoming a Lady Raider!*

*Do you dare to wear the boots?*

*Auditions*

July 8, 10, 15 and 22  
July 29-August 7  
Sunday, August 8

Classes, Victory Lady Fitness - Westend  
Auditions, Richmond Coliseum  
Final Auditions, Watermelon Festival  
Free Stage Show, Open to the Public

Contact Website  
ladyraidersdanceteam@gmail.com  
www.richmondraidersprofootball.com

*Lady Raiders*

### **About the Lady Raiders Dance Team**

The Lady Raiders are the most respected professional dance and cheer team in Richmond, Virginia and in the American Indoor Football Association (AIFA). Our 2010-2011 squad included 20 talented, beautiful young women ages 18-34.

The Lady Raiders provide the following to the Richmond community and beyond:

- Pregame activities and game entertainment at all home Richmond Raiders games held at the Richmond Coliseum
- Weekly community appearances, public relations and media work
- Kids cheerleading and dance programs
- Community service projects and support
- In-squad social activities and leadership building
- Regional modeling, dance performances, product or sponsor endorsement

### **Lady Raiders Official 2010-2011 Auditions:**

Auditions begin on July 29, 2010 and conclude with the finals on Sunday, August 8, 2010. Rookie candidates are evaluated in semifinal auditions and are invited to become a Lady Raiders Finalist.

Rookie candidates are required to attend minimum one (1) Audition Clinics and Preliminary Auditions. Rookie candidates will be invited to attend Rookie Interviews and Audition Finals. The rookie application fee is \$25.00. Payments

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may be submitted in person using cash or check payable to Richmond Raiders. Credit cards are not accepted.

Previous Lady Raiders are required to attend Returning Veteran Interviews in July and minimum one (1) Audition Clinic. Previous Lady Raiders receive a bye to Audition Finals and should participate in the Finals Rehearsal. The returning Lady Raider application fee is \$15.00. Payments may be submitted in person using cash or check payable to Richmond Raiders. Credit cards are not accepted.

Please see frequently asked questions below or online for questions about attire, time commitment, judging criteria, etc.

**Location:** *Richmond Coliseum, Enter at 601 E Leigh St, Richmond, Va.*  
**Dates:** *Thursday, July 29, 2010, 7:00-10:00pm Audition Clinic Option One*  
*Monday, August 2, 2010, 7:00-10:00pm Audition Clinic Option Two*  
*Friday, August 6, 2010, 7:00-10:00pm Rookie Preliminary Auditions*  
*Saturday, August 7, 2010, 9:00am-1:00pm Rookie Finalist Interviews*  
*Saturday, August 7, 2010, 2:00-5:00pm All Finalist Rehearsal*  
**Location:** *Watermelon Festival, Carytown, Richmond, Va.*  
**Date:** *Sunday, August 8, 2010, 12:00-6:00pm Final Auditions*

### **Pre-Audition Workshops:**

These optional pre-audition workshops give you the opportunity to get a closer look at the Lady Raiders program beyond just dance and cheerleading choreography and skills. Workshops also cover communication, attire, glamour, fitness and other program components.

Workshops are \$15.00 each. Candidates who attend the optional workshops will receive a \$5.00 discount on audition registration. Payments may be submitted in person using cash or check payable to Richmond Raiders. Credit cards are not accepted.

**Location:** *Victory Lady Fitness – Westend, 9699 W Broad, Glen Allen, VA*  
**Dates:** *Saturday, June 12, 2010, 1:00-3:00pm*  
*Saturday, July 10, 2010, 1:00-3:00pm*

### **Pro Dance Classes:**

Pro Dance classes are a great way to perfect your dance technique and get more exposure to the Lady Raiders dance and cheer style. Pro Dance classes are \$10.00 per class for non-Victory Lady Fitness members. Payments may be submitted in person using cash or check payable to Going Pro Entertainment. Credit cards are not accepted.

**Location:** *Victory Lady Fitness – Westend, 9699 W Broad, Glen Allen, VA*  
**Dates:** *Thursdays, July 8, July 15 and July 22, 8:00-9:00pm*

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### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **What do I wear to auditions?**

- Attire:** Bra or crop top with bare midriff. Tops should be well supported.  
Short fitted shorts aka "booty shorts" or "hot pants"  
Sheer to waist pantyhose matching your skin tone  
Jazz shoes, dance shoes or athletic shoes  
Please take special care in selection of attire as finals are held in public, are photographed and videotaped with rights to be publicized by the Raiders, the media and sponsors.
- Color:** Attire for preliminary auditions may be any color and should flatter your body type. Attire for final auditions should be silver, black or white with the option to add pink accents. Please do not make the primary color of your audition attire pink.
- Hair:** Hair should be worn down and styled.
- Makeup:** Stage makeup should accent your features with special attention to eyes and lips. We recommend false eyelashes for audition August 6-8.
- Nails:** French manicured or nude-colored nails
- Tattoos:** All tattoos should be covered with body makeup
- Jewelry:** All piercings must be removed excluding one earring per ear. No additional jewelry is allowed excluding an engagement or wedding ring.
- Sponsors:** Angela King Designs Go Wild! Wear Collection: 15% discount  
[www.gowildwear.com](http://www.gowildwear.com) Contact [ladyraidersdanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:ladyraidersdanceteam@gmail.com)  
Orders must be placed by July 15, 2010
- Diva Hosiery: \$1.00 per pair discount  
[www.divahosiery.com](http://www.divahosiery.com) Enter coupon code AKD2010 during check out

#### **What is the judging criteria?**

The Lady Raiders are looking for the All-American girl who is a gracious community leader and performer. There are several factors taken into consideration:

- Physical fitness and personal appearance
- Dance technique, style, strength and completion of movement
- Cheer technique, athleticism, voice projection (no stunting or tumbling required)
- Showmanship, personality, energy, and enthusiasm
- Dedication to community service
- Communication skills and professionalism
- Positive attitude, strong teamwork skills
- Growth potential

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### What is the time commitment if I make the squad?

**Squad Mtg:** Wednesday, August 11, 7:00-10:00pm, Richmond Coliseum  
Distribution of uniforms, review policies, etc.

**Dance Tech:** Monday dance technique 8:00-9:30pm  
J'adore Dance Studio, 5000, Commonwealth Center Pkwy, Midlothian, Va.

**Rehearsals:** Wednesday and Friday evenings 7:00-10:00pm  
Location TBD

**Breaks:** No rehearsals held September 6-10, October 20-22, November 24-29,  
Christmas and Spring 2011 breaks to be determined

**Photos:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010  
Individual photos to be scheduled 1:00-6:00pm at Richmond Coliseum  
Full squad photo 7:00-10:00pm

**Promotions:** Promotions are presented for sign ups based on your schedule. Lady Raiders are required to fulfill a select number of appearances per season (6 from Aug-Oct, 6 from Nov-Feb, 15 from Mar-July)

Other required promotions:

- Photo Shoot
- Promotion for your Lady Raider sponsor (pending sponsorship proposals)
- Fall charity event (TBD)
- Holiday event (December 2010)
- Charity golf outing (April 1, 2011)
- Youth programs (2 game days, TBD, Mar-June 2011)

**Games:** 1 preseason home game in January-February 2011  
7 regular season home games occurring March-June 2011.  
Typically Saturday evenings, with game reporting time 3:00pm.  
Postseason home and away games in June-July 2011  
Youth program 1-2 home games beginning at 12:00 noon  
Select away games to be determined  
Game schedule to be announced in December 2010

**Absences:** 1 technique class per month  
3 Wed/Fri rehearsals per season (Aug-Oct, Nov-Feb, Mar-July)  
If absences occur during game weeks you will not perform in routines  
Missing more than the allowed number of classes and rehearsals or missing required rehearsals will result in being benched from performances, games and potential dismissal. No show, no call absences for rehearsals, games, or promotions will result in immediate benching from the squad. Multiple offenses will result in dismissal. All potential game conflicts must be presented within one week of schedule announcement to be submitted for excused game conflicts (i.e. your wedding or an immediate family member's wedding). Any Lady Raider

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who misses a game for an unexcused reason will be benched from a subsequent home game. Missing or being benched from more than 2 home games for any reason will result in dismissal.

**Tardies:** Lady Raiders are expected to report 15 minutes prior to rehearsals and promotions, and 4 hours prior to game kick off. Frequent tardiness to rehearsals, games, or promotions will not be tolerated and will result in benching. Multiple offenses will result in dismissal.

### **What are the Lady Raider benefits?**

Lady Raiders are volunteers, yet valued representatives of the Richmond Raiders. Lady Raiders and Ambassadors are loaned uniform pieces, boots and poms at no cost, which must be returned at the end of the season. Lady Raiders and Ambassadors receive sponsored benefits including dance classes, gym membership, personal training, tanning, makeup, spa services, salon services, meals, entertainment, Raiders apparel and more.

### **How many Lady Raiders will be selected?**

The 2010-2011 squad will consist of 20-24 Lady Raiders and Ambassadors.

### **If I have mostly cheer experience do I qualify to audition for the Lady Raiders Dance Team?**

The Lady Raiders bring in a variety of experience, including dance, cheerleading, gymnastics, twirling, modeling, pageantry, etc. Dance skill and ability to learn dance material is an important part to being a Lady Raider. Dance technique classes are provided as part of the Lady Raiders benefits. We recommend you attend the pre-audition clinic and Pro Dance classes during July to get to know the Lady Raiders dance style.

### **What is a Lady Raider Ambassador?**

Ambassadors are Lady Raiders whose primary purpose is to represent the Raiders in the community while continuing to work on performance skills. Ambassadors will be in all squad photographs and are considered a member of the Lady Raider Dance Team. Ambassadors attend all home games. Ambassadors attend all Lady Raider rehearsals; however, when needed, Ambassadors will fulfill community appearances during these times, which do not count toward appearance credits. Ambassadors are required to attend dance technique classes. All candidates have the option to decline an Ambassador position.

### **When and how will the squad be announced?**

The 2010-2011 Lady Raider Dance Team will be revealed on the Raiders website at [www.richmondraidersprofootball.com](http://www.richmondraidersprofootball.com) by 4:00pm on Monday, August 9.

### **If I am not selected as a Lady Raider may I request feedback?**

All decisions for squad selection are final. Following August 9, if you are not selected as a Lady Raider, you may choose to email [ladyraiders@richmondraidersprofootball.com](mailto:ladyraiders@richmondraidersprofootball.com) to inquire about audition feedback.

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### **ROOKIE CANDIDATE APPLICATION**

Please submit this application with the following:

- Recent headshot photograph
- Recent full body photograph
- \$25.00 application fee. Payments may be submitted in person at events using cash or check payable to Richmond Raiders. Credit cards are not accepted.

Applications may be submitted in person at events or via email.

- *Laura Eilers, Lady Raiders Dance Team Coordinator*
- *Phone 804-780-4970 ext 143*
- *Email ladyraidersdanceteam@gmail.com*
- *Richmond Raiders, 601 E Leigh Street, Richmond, VA 23219*
- *Deadline Monday, August 2, 2010*

#### **Contact Information**

Full Name:

Nickname:

Age:

Birthdate:

Height:

Weight:

Shoe Size:

Current Address:

School Address:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Would you accept a position as a Lady Raider Ambassador?      Yes      No

**High School, Date of Graduation and HS Activities**

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**College, Date of Graduation and College Activities**

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**Current Job(s)**

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**Career Goals**

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**Cheer / Dance Background**

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**Hobbies**

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**What are your greatest attributes when working with a team?**

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### How would you rate yourself, on a scale of 1-5 in the following areas?

	<u>Needs Work</u>	<u>Improving</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Exceptional</u>
<b>Glamorous hair</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Glamorous makeup</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Healthy skin</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Fitness</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Positive attitude</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Availability</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cheerleading skills</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Dance skills</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>High kick technique</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Timeliness</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Communication</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

### Why would you like to be a Lady Raider?

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### Community Appearance Availability: Please list times, i.e. 8:00am-1:00pm

Sundays:

Mondays:

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

Thursdays:

Fridays:

Saturdays:

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### **Schedule Conflicts: Please see time commitment in "FAQs" and note conflicts**

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **References: Please provide contact info for 2 previous coaches or instructors**

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

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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