

## ***Summer Camp Staff Hints***

### ***CAMPS:***

- \*Always look your best and remember that you are a role model for drill team girls at all times. Keep your hair and makeup fresh as well as your staff outfits clean and sharp.
- \*Be friendly with all students and take the time to introduce yourself to the directors at camp. They will appreciate your openness. Learn all team names. Get one on one feedback from the directors.
- \*Make sure to not allow negative comments to be overheard by anyone at camp. This could lead to hurt feelings and a bad image for ADTS.
- \*Be aggressive with your duties and do not be afraid to ask what needs to be done at camp. We would rather that you be actively achieving something and make a mistake than to be sitting around waiting to be told what to do next.
- \*Be prepared for each assignment. It is frustrating to drill teamers to have to work at learning from an instructor. Be knowledgeable of your routine and be prepared for any adjustments.
- \*Make sure to always have your sound system set up, with extension cord and music set at least 15 minutes before class starts- \* Always be 15 minutes early to class. NEVER, NEVER BE LATE!!!! Encourage teams to stretch on their own. Never let class go early. Remember that classes usually show off their routines together at the end of class.
- \*Always rotate lines every 15 minutes or so. It allows all to be on the "front" (Unless formations in the routine do not allow to rotate.)
- \*If you are assigned custom routines, it is your responsibility to contact the director immediately when you receive and listen to your music. This will instill a personal relationship with the director and will help you to be more prepared for your choreography. If you would like to make the call from the office, you can. If you would like to be re-imbursed for your calls, keep your monthly bills and circle calls.

### ***RIBBONS: (SEE CRITERIA FOR EACH RIBBON)***

- \*If you are in charge of the ribbons at camp, it is your responsibility to have plenty of all kinds with you at all times that might be needed by the instructors for class (red, pink, teal). Be aware that you must also have the evening awards (Most Admired, ADTS Team, GND Team) with you for nightly votes.
- \*Make sure to get any ribbons prior to class if you are to hand them out in your own class.
- \*Make sure that when watching for ribbons that you have a pen and paper and not appear to be distracted by conversation with others or reading, etc. This is very important to the students and make sure to watch carefully-
- \*Do not punish a team that has sent their entire squad to learn a routine by only giving a few ribbons to them. Watch each team and look to see if all teams can receive some kind of recognition at each class. (This may not always be possible). There will be more ribbons

given on the first two days of camp and it will be more difficult on the third day.

\*Be prepared to hand out ribbons 15-20 minutes before class time ends or as soon as the instructor has finished teaching. Have a system where you can hand out ribbons quickly and efficiently. You may need to draw formations with X's or write down descriptions. Again, try to reach a fair distribution of ribbons but some teams will always have more individual stand outs and they should be recognized. Have each girl stand up in her spot when she receives her ribbon.

### ***TRAVEL NEEDS:***

\*Do not forget sheets, towels, pillow, blanket, shower shoes, water cup, reading light, etc. when staying at college campus dorms.

\*Inventory all your staff uniforms and BRING THEM ALL to camp. You may want to have an extra set of tights in case of a "blowout". Bring lots of white socks!

\*PACK LIGHT!! You are not going on a vacation!! When we travel in the vans or Jeeps, space is limited because of camp supplies.

\*If you are asked to take your own vehicle to a private camp or camp that the travel does not originate in Dallas or Salado, please keep your mileage from departure to return and be ready to turn in with camp supplies for re-imbursement. Please remember that the staff travel to camps originates in Salado or Dallas unless otherwise specified.

\*Always bring your staff handbook with you (and take time to read all of it!). Make sure that you know the material.