

2010 Argos Cheerleaders

- Perform for over 30,000 fans at all Argos home games
- Appear in the stands and on the video screens leading game day promotions
- Pose for pictures and sign autographs during and after each home game
- Opportunity to be involved in photo shoots
- Opportunity to appear on local and national television and radio shows, as well as internet and print media
- Lend time and talent at community service events
- Bring smiles to kids at the Jr. Cheerleading programs while sharing your knowledge and experience
- A possibility to represent Toronto in Moncton, NB for a September home game!
- A possibility to represent Toronto at the 98th Grey Cup in Edmonton in November!
- MAKE LIFE-LONG FRIENDS!

Our Answers To Your Questions

IS BEING AN ARGOS CHEERLEADER A FULL-TIME JOB?

No, most Cheerleaders hold part-time or full-time jobs and/or go to school.

DO ARGOS CHEERLEADERS RECEIVE COMPENSATION?

Cheerleaders receive a small honorarium per home game and are not compensated for rehearsals. Opportunities for paid appearances are available.

ARE THERE ANY HEIGHT & WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS?

We DO NOT have specific height and weight requirements, however, we are looking for athletic girls in good physical condition. You should look well proportioned in dancewear.

ARE THERE ANY AGE REQUIREMENTS?

You must be at least 19 years of age by June 1, 2010. Recent ages of cheerleaders have ranged from 19 to 37.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER REQUIRMENTS?

- Must be a high school graduate as of July 1, 2010
- Must be able to attend all cheerleader rehearsals (Monday & Wednesday evenings, 8:45pm to 10:45pm)
- Must be able to attend all Argos home games for the entire season (Argos schedule is posted at argonauts.ca)
- If selected, must have a reliable means of transportation
- Cheer/ Dance/Gymnastics experience is helpful, but not required

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO AUDITIONS?

You should wear:

- 2-piece attire:
Top: Athletic Bra Top (Midriff must be exposed)
Bottom: Fitted dance pants
(No tank tops or baggy pants)
- Dance shoes or sneakers

HOW SHOULD I WEAR MY MAKE-UP?

Wear shades that complement your natural beauty.

HOW SHOULD I WEAR MY HAIR?

Hair must be worn fully down in a current hairstyle that complements your features.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME AN ARGOS CHEERLEADER?

Our judges will focus on the following:

- Appearance: physical fitness, confidence, poise, a neat & polished presentation
- Dance Skills: crowd pleasing, grace, style, technique
- Showmanship: smile, eye contact, projection of positive support for the team
- Personality: outgoing, enthusiastic, professional, ability to be a “team player”

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED?

You will receive an e-mail stating that your application was processed. Please wait until one week prior to auditions and if you have not received this e-mail, please call the Toronto Argonauts office.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO PRELIMINARIES?

- Drivers license or passport for identification
- \$20 registration fee (non-refundable)
- Current head shot (this will not be returned and does not have to be a professional shot)
- Personal items: make up, hair brushes, etc...
- Lunch, snacks & drinks...it will be a long day!

DO CURRENT SQUAD MEMBERS HAVE TO RE-AUDITION?

Yes. All members must go through the audition process (excluding Captains) each season and are not guaranteed their place on the squad.

WHAT IS THE AUDITION PROCESS?

Auditions are a multi-step process starting on Saturday, March 6, 2010. The following is a brief overview:

Preliminaries

- Registration will occur and candidates will be given a competition number
- Candidates will be taught an approximate 30 second dance combination from a choreographer
- Candidates will then introduce themselves and perform the dance combination in small groups in front of the judges
- There will be a break while judges deliberate
- Finalists numbers will be posted
- Should your number be posted on the list, you will re-enter the Audition area
- Finalists will have a brief meeting with Cheerleader Personnel and you will then sign up for the Interview Portion of the audition
- Expect to be at the Preliminaries until 4:00 p.m. if you make it through to the Final Round
- Detailed information for the Interviews & Finals will be e-mailed to you if you make it
- Preliminaries will be held at Cardinal Carter Academy of the Arts, 36 Greenfield Ave., Toronto (Registration begins at 9:00am and expect to be there until 4:00pm)

Personal Interview

(Only candidates selected to advance from the Preliminaries will participate in this portion of the audition)

- Interviews will be held on Tuesday, March 9th from 10:00am to 3:00pm and Friday, March 12th from 3:00pm to 8:00pm in downtown Toronto. The exact location will be confirmed at the Preliminary Auditions.
- You will be able to sign up for your interview at the Preliminary Auditions once you make it through.

- Interviews will last for approximately 10 minutes and will be conducted with the Cheer Team Manager and Head Coach.

Finals

- Finalists will sign in and receive their competition number
- Finalists will have to perform the combination they were taught at the Preliminaries in groups of 2 in front of the judges
- There will be a break while the judges deliberate
- The 2010 Argos Cheerleaders will be announced
- The new 2010 team will remain for a brief meeting with the Manager and Head Coach of the team
- Finals will be held at Cardinal Carter Academy of the Arts, 36 Greenfield Ave., Toronto (Finals will begin at 11:00am however you will be expected to arrive at 9:30am and will be there until 3:00pm).

Please note: Candidates can be released after any point of the Audition Process, including the interviews.

IF I DO NOT MAKE IT TO THE FINAL CUT, WILL MY APPLICATION BE KEPT ON FILE?

No. You must re-apply with a new application, non-returnable photo, and application processing fee each year.

IF I AM NOT SELECTED IN EITHER THE PRELIMINARY ROUND OR FOR THE FINAL TEAM, MAY I CALL THE TORONTO ARGONAUTS OFFICE TO RECEIVE MY JUDGES COMMENTS?

No. The judges sheets are not kept on file and comments about your audition are not available.

CAN MY FAMILY WATCH AUDITIONS?

Preliminaries: NO

Interviews: NO

Finals: YES

WHEN WILL REHEARSALS BEGIN FOR THE 2010 ARGOS CHEERLEADERS?

All rehearsals are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8:45 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Rehearsals will begin on Monday, March 22 and continue through until the end of November.

WHAT TYPE OF COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED IF CHOSEN TO BE AN ARGOS CHEERLEADER?

TOTAL COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED!!!! A cheerleader's schedule is very busy.

Activities include:

- Mandatory Cheerleader Boot Camp Weekend
- 2 rehearsals per week (generally 8:45 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.). You are expected to attend ALL rehearsals.
- Min. 20 appearances (Charity & Paid)
- Mandatory Argos Events
- Entertain fans at all home games. Cheerleaders must arrive approximately 5 hours prior to kick-off. (Home schedule posted at argonauts.ca)
- Possible Travel to Edmonton for Grey Cup
- Possible Travel to Moncton, NB for a home game
- Jr. Cheerleading Program
- Media Interviews
- If selected, a contractual commitment of one (1) year is required.
- Many things come up last minute so you must be flexible

WHAT IS CHEERLEADER BOOT CAMP?

This is designed to teach the new 2010 Argos cheerleading team about the Argos history, how the Argos function within each department & how their new role of a Cheerleader will impact the Argos and the community. As well, we will go into detail about the Cheerleader Contract, and most importantly, get to know your new teammates!

WHERE DO I REGISTER FOR AUDITIONS?

Please fill out a registration form found on-line at www.argonauts.ca and you can either fax it to 416-341-2714 or mail it to:

Toronto Argonauts Football Club
Attn: Cheerleaders
355 King St. W., 6th Floor
Toronto, ON
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IS THERE A DEADLINE TO REGISTER?

Yes. The Toronto Argonauts must receive all registration forms by Friday, March 6 at 5:00 p.m.