Mascot Tryout Information

Tryouts
Do you have what it takes to fill the paws? Mascot tryouts are a fun-filled experience and a great way to show off your school spirit! The University of Northern Iowa mascots are two of the most recognized and award winning mascots in the nation. The chosen candidate(s) will be trained to be one of the nation’s top college mascots!

Requirements
- Must be a full time student at UNI and have Panther Fever 24/7
- Must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Must be in good physical condition with good health.
- Must be good with kids, as 90% of TC and TK’s fans are under the age of 12
- Due to restrictions with the suits, we recommend TC candidates be between 5’9” and 6’1” and TK candidates be between 5’2” and 5’8”.

What Does Team TC/TK Do?
- Attend and entertain at home athletic events, including football, volleyball, and men’s and women’s basketball games, swim meets, and wrestling duals
- Represent UNI at other sporting events such as away in-state rival games, post-season games, and tournament play.
- Attend community service events, paid appearances, and other events for UNI and its departments and organizations.

Being on Team TC/TK is a time commitment, but it is also extremely fun!
**Who is the Ideal Candidate?**

Candidates trying out for a position on Team TC/TK must be spirited, physically fit (steroid free), academically sound (Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher), creative, outgoing, passionate, personable, have a flexible schedule, and love the Panthers!

**Tryouts**

When: Thursday, September 19th starting at 5:30 p.m.
Where: To protect anonymity, the location will be emailed to applicants prior to tryouts.
How Long: Depends on the number of applicants.

**What to Bring**

- Workout/running clothes
- Towel
- Change of clothes
- Water
- Positive Attitude!

**What Will I Do at the Tryout?**

- Applicants should arrive at tryouts at their assigned time received via email from tcpanther@uni.edu. Please make sure the online application has been completed before arriving for tryouts!
- Applicants will complete an interview with individuals who work with Team TC/TK. (Current team members will not be present in order to keep their identity secret.)
- Following the interview, applicants may be asked to perform a 1-2 minute improvisational dance to music commonly heard on game days. This helps gauge the applicant’s on-the-fly creativity.

**Finalists invited to move on to the next round of tryouts will be notified within 24 hours!**

*Mascot tryouts are closed to the public. Only applicants, current Spirit Squad members, and University Relations staff will be allowed inside.*