

MASCOT TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS

COSTS

- The estimated cost of being a mascot for one year is approximately \$600 (\$395 for camp and approx. \$100 for camp wear). Every effort has been made to keep these costs to a minimum. Incidental expenses may arise which cannot be allotted for at this time.
- Payment for camp (\$395) is due on March 22nd. The remaining balance is due April 5th. Payments can be made through My Payments Plus.

TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS

- **Question responses** - Typed responses to questions below must be turned in with your application packet to the front office or to Coach Slade in A206 by February 14th at 4:30. Questions are on the next page.
- **Candidates must perform an original 1 minute pep rally skit while wearing the mascot uniform.** We encourage the use of music and props. If you use music, you must email the music to Coach Slade by Tuesday, March 5th We will furnish the sound system. Please no water, confetti, or any other material that takes time to clean up. The music is up to you, as long as it is school appropriate. A t-shirt and shorts must be worn under the mascot uniform.

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES

- Thursday, February 14th:** Tryout application, mascot questions and all forms due.
- Monday, March 4th:** Attend the clinic from 4:30-5:30pm. We will draw numbers for tryout order, try on the costume, and discuss the tryout process for Thursday.
- Tuesday, March 5th:** Music Due to Coach Slade
- Wednesday, March 6th** Attend clinic 4:30 – 6:00. Run through skit in mock tryout.
- Thursday, March 7th:** Panel Judging begins at 5:00 pm in the IHS Competition Gym. Mascots candidates tryout first and then are dismissed. Please come with your props.
- Friday, March 8th:** Results posted on the IHS Cheer website at 4:30 pm

SELECTION

Up to two mascots will be chosen for IHS by the same panel of judges used for cheer tryouts, based on a minimum score. A panel of IHS administration will review and score the written questions. That score will be combined with the score from the tryout judges.

Please see the attached score sheet for criteria.

MASCOT TRYOUT QUESTIONS

- Please make a cover sheet with your first and last name on it and staple it to the front of your essay.
 - Do not put your name on the actual response sheet.
 - Please limit your answers to no more than 200 words per question.
 - Please turn your answers with your application in to the front office or to Coach Slade in A206 **by February 14th**.
1. Why are you interested in becoming the Independence High School mascot, Nic the Knight?
 2. What do you believe are the duties of the mascot?
 3. Previously, what ways have you shown school or team spirit?
 4. Why do you think you would be the *best* Nic the Knight?
 5. How would you describe Independence High School to a prospective student?
 6. What does it mean to be a Knight?