
HANDBOOK
OF THE
FOSSIL RIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL
SUN DANCERS

As all of you are part of the Sun Dancer family, Sun Dancers is also a member of your family. Cherish it and protect it - your words and actions should reflect our family's positive image. We are a large family and we must respect each person's individuality while recognizing that we must always consider what is best for the whole. What might not be a problem for one person could be a nightmare if everyone did it, so we must be willing to "give and take" for the sake of the team. By working together, we will have a wonderful Sun Dancer family.

Never one thing and seldom one person can make for success. It takes a number of them merging into one perfect whole. - Marie Dressler

Please enjoy this handbook. It is designed to be used as a guideline to make us all the best we can be. Good judgment and common sense will be used when events are not covered in the handbook. In all sincerity, it is hoped that your experience in the drill team will be rewarding, and long lasting, and that qualities are developed that will be of benefit for an entire lifetime.

PURPOSE OF SUN DANCERS

The purpose of the Fossil Ridge High School Sun Dancers is to encourage quality performance, high academic standards, fine personal qualities, and loyal school spirit among its members. Through the development of dance technique, leadership, cooperation, self-discipline, and sportsmanship in each of its members, the Sun Dancer will fulfill its purpose for the benefit of Fossil Ridge High School and the KISD community, as well as reflect credit upon the members of this organization - past, present, and future.

TO BE A Sun Dancer

Being a Sun Dancer provides for many girls, and is often the first opportunity to share a common bond and a close relationship with others. Learning what it means to work very closely with other girls and sharing in accomplishments and frustrations are all part of the sisterhood of Sun Dancers. To be chosen as a Sun Dancer is an **HONOR and PRIVILEGE!** To remain an active Sun Dancer, a girl must maintain a passing grade average in each of her courses, maintain a certain level of dance ability, keep in good and attractive physical shape, and uphold all guidelines established for the Sun Dancers organization.

Being a Sun Dancer means being a member of a team; a team that works together, dances together, and is **TOGETHER!** Leadership of a team is important and members often have the opportunity to cultivate and demonstrate leadership abilities.

The Sun Dancers organization is a proud group. Not only do they provide service to their school with the support of the faculty, administration, and other groups on campus, but they also provide a service to the community. Sun Dancers are ready to help when needed. The Sun Dancers organization provides a real opportunity for a young lady to exert initiative, leadership, and creativity. Performing before an audience helps each young lady develop self-assurance and poise. The opportunities to grow, learn, and lead that are received through the Sun Dancers organization can ease the transition from adolescence into adulthood.

Commitment and dedication to the Fossil Ridge High School Sun Dancers is required of all girls who make the team. Participation in this organization is the highlight of the high school years for many girls. There will be

many good times, some glory and recognition, but a member must conform and make sacrifices. It is important that each team member understands that membership is a privilege, and not a right.

Being selected as a Sun Dancer is an outstanding achievement, but it is a commitment that must be taken seriously. A young lady must have the support and the understanding of her parent/guardian(s) and the decision to audition should be thoroughly discussed and the commitments realized from the beginning. There are many long hours required of Sun Dancers, both before and after school, some evenings and weekends.

Parent commitment involves the parent being involved in the Sun Dancers organization, serving on committees, helping with props, etc. One of the strongest assets to the Sun Dancers organization is **PARENT INVOLVEMENT!**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is all money required immediately after tryouts?

Uniform orders will be placed within 2-3 weeks of auditions at which time member may pay in full or may pay the required deposit. Payment plans are available for uniform orders which will be established and terms agreed upon by the member/parents, director, and FRHS business office. Payment plan payments must be concluded by July. Any payments extended past this deadline must be on file in the FRHS Business Office for a member to retain performance privileges. Since school districts are state entities and run on tax dollars, credit cannot be extended for uniform payments. All payments are expected prior to receiving orders.

Where does Sun Dancer Service Organization money go?

It goes back into your pocket--for banquet, banquet awards, costumes, travel expenses, advertising for the Fall/Spring Craft Fairs, props, capital expenses for the team, and miscellaneous expenses.

What happens if a member resigns or is dismissed from the team?

Monies earned from fund raisers go back into the Fossil Ridge High School Sun Dancers General Activity Fund. Overpayment from members for uniform and other expenses will be returned. The former member is required to return all school owned items and clear her personal account within one week of resignation or dismissal.

What is the difference between School Operating / Activity Accounts and the Sun Dancer Service Organization funds?

The school operating accounts and activity accounts are controlled by the KISD and FRHS business offices. Fossil Ridge High School has a bookkeeper who "keeps the books". Each organization at Fossil Ridge High School has an operating account and an activity account. Deduction of money from a specific account must be approved by the principal before any expenditures may be made.

Booster Club funds are controlled and operated by the Sun Dancer Service Organization. An annual budget is recommended and voted on by the organization in August. All expenditures are executive board and/or membership approved according to the guidelines outlined in the Sun Dancer Service Organization Bylaws.

What if a payment by check is insufficient?

If a check is returned insufficient, it will then be the team member's responsibility to incur the bank charges and pay by check or money order. Receipt of a second insufficient check will require that all payments be made by cashier's check or money order thereafter.

What if a corporation or individual would like to donate money to the Sun Dancers organization?

Funds donated by corporations or individuals must designate the purpose of the donation...to be credited to an individual, to be used by the team at the director and team's discretion, or for specific purposes. If the funds cannot be used as directed, the corporation or individual will be contacted and they may make a decision concerning its use or return.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Section 1. The term of membership shall be officially recognized as the time immediately following the audition through auditions of the following school year.
- Section 2. Team members must be enrolled in the designated Sun Dancer (PE/Elective) class periods for the fall and spring semesters of their membership year.
- Section 3. Members, pending eligibility status, will participate in all activities in which the organization is involved, whether it is practice, performance, fund raising, or school and community events.
- Section 4. Members must exhibit and maintain a satisfactory attitude toward school policies and regulations.
- Section 5. Every member must be present for all practice sessions, games, camps, pep rallies, competitions, etc.
- Section 6. All line members are required by the director to attend a total of 6 hours of summer technique classes at a local dance studio. All officers are required by the director to attend a total of 8 hours of summer technique classes at a local dance studio. Members will get a technique sheet to document all dates/hours/classes/teacher/studio information. Members who do not have the required amount of hours by the first day of summer work week will be placed on alternate status the first pep rally and football game performance.
- Section 7. All members are required to attend dance team camp and other required dance/choreography workshops throughout the year. Members who do not attend dance team camp or summer choreography workshops will be placed on alternate status for the first two pep rally and football game performances.
- Section 8. Before school, after school, and summer practice sessions are **required**. Time specifications for these will be established as camp dates and other school schedules become available to the director. Summer practice for all members is **mandatory** upon notification of these dates and times. Members will be placed on alternate status for the first pep rally and football game if they have 1-2 unexcused absences from summer camp/practices. Members will be placed on alternate status for the first two pep rallies and 2 football games if they have unexcused absences for 3 or more summer practices.
- Section 9. Members may not leave any function for any reason other than illness, injury, or death in the family. The member may leave with a family member or relative ONLY, and the director must be contacted prior to departure. If the student leaves, a written note must be submitted to the director which states that the student is leaving with a parent/guardian, what the reason is for departure, and that the director and KISD are released of all responsibility for that student.
- Section 10. Members audition for every performance unless ill or injured. Members must be able to demonstrate competent memory of the specific dance as well as be able to perform the dance skills required of that routine in order to earn a dance position in that routine. Members who do not receive a dance position in a specific routine shall assume the role of dance alternate for that routine.
- Section 11. Members who are unable to audition for a performance must notify the director for approval. Failure to audition for a specific routine will automatically result in a member's inability to perform that specific routine and she will only be allowed to serve as a practice session alternate for that routine.
- Section 12. Members will purchase their pep rally uniform, practice clothing, and other necessary clothing as required. All personal obligations for uniform orders must be met by the date specified by the Director in order to retain performance privileges. Monies paid are not refundable.
- Section 13. Sun Dancer Team members must participate in tryout week every year at the director's discretion.

THE AUDITION WEEK

- Section 1. The candidate must attend all scheduled practice sessions
- Section 2. The tryout week will be held after school for a 3-4 day period. Each candidate will learn warm-up techniques, a technique combination, a jazz routine, and pom routine
- Section 3. All candidates should wear comfortable attire and dance shoes to the audition week. If leotards are worn, a cover-up is required when in hallways or outside of the school building. Leotards/practice attire shall also conform to school dress code regulations, (i.e., no bare mid-drift styles allowed). Hair/bangs should be secured back away from face, worn preferably in a ponytail.
- Section 4. Gum, jewelry, canned beverages and food are not allowed in the gym during try-out week. Candidates should bring a water jug.
- Section 5. All candidates must attend school 1/2 day in order to be eligible to participate in the audition process that day, and must attend **all classes** on the day of final audition if the audition date falls on a regular school day.

THE AUDITION

- Section 1. Auditions will be held on a date designated by the director.
- Section 2. Each candidate must wear a black fitted top, black jazz pants or capris, black dance shoes or foot undeez, and hair pulled away from face.
- Section 3. Each candidate will be assigned and will wear an identification number during the audition process.
- Section 4. Each candidate will perform the combinations in groups of 3-4 members.
- Section 5. Auditions are closed to spectators. Those eligible for attendance include the director(s), senior officers, and FRHS administrators.
- Section 6. The audition process, in accordance and compliance with the Audition Guidelines established by the Texas Dance Team Educators Association and Texas Education Agency.
- Section 7. The number of selected line members will be based upon the director's overall evaluation.

GRADES

- Section 1. Academic Grades: A Sun Dancer whose recorded six weeks grade average in any course is less than 70 at the end of a six weeks grading period will be required to **attend all practices and fund-raising activities** but will be ineligible to participate in any Sun Dancers performance events during the succeeding three weeks grading period. If after this probationary time, the Sun Dancer's grades in all courses are 70 or above, eligibility will be regained. If at the end of the three weeks probationary period, the Sun Dancer has below a 70 average in any subject, the ineligibility status will continue. This is in compliance with the current Texas' "No Pass-No Play" rule/HB 72, which is in effect.
- Section 2. The receipt of an "I" or Incomplete notification on the grade report must be completed and an official grade change recorded in the counseling office by the Friday following the end of the grading period. If the incomplete is not cleared and reported as a passing grade of 70+, the student will become ineligible for 3 weeks. This is in compliance with the current Texas' "No Pass-No Play" rule/HB72, which is in effect.

- Section 3. Citizenship Grades: Members must maintain an “S” or higher citizenship grade in all classes for each **six** weeks grading period.
- A. Receipt of the conduct grade “N” will result in suspension for two weeks.
 - B. Receipt of a second “N” during any six weeks grading period will result in suspension for a full six weeks period. The “N’s” do not have to occur consecutively.
 - C. Receipt of a third “N” during any six weeks period will result in immediate dismissal. The “N’s” do not have to occur consecutively.
If a “U” is received, three weeks suspension will be in effect.
 - D. Dismissal will be the result of a second “U” received. The “U’s” do not have to occur consecutively.

Section 4. Academically ineligible members must provide a three-week progress report for all classes in order to determine eligibility for the remaining 3 weeks of the grading period. Failure to provide the three-week progress reports will result in academic suspension for the remainder of the nine weeks grading period.

Section 5. For eligibility purposes, the director will obtain an official six weeks grade report on all members at the end of each grading period. (Due to the nature of the dance team program, eligibility must sometimes be determined prior to the issuance of the official grade report. In cases such as this, it will be the member’s responsibility to provide grade verification.)

ATTENDANCE

Section 1. Failure to comply with absence policies or falsifying reasons for absences may result in probation, suspension, or dismissal.

Section 2. Members must attend school one-half day (2 class periods) in order to maintain eligibility for participation in an organizational activity on that day.

Section 3. During football season, any member who misses auditions, formation setting, and/or band practice for any reason will be eliminated from the scheduled performance(s) for that week.

Section 4. During contest season, any member who misses 2 days of practice (AM or PM) will be subject to replacement in any or all contest performances provided a **qualified** alternate is available. If the team is competing unusually early, the director may change the number of absences allowed and will communicate this expectation.

Section 5. Any unexcused absences from practices, performances and/or events can result in probation, suspension or dismissal from the team.

Section 6. In the event of an absence, the member is responsible for obtaining any information that was given on the day of absence.

Section 7. Members/Member’s Parents are responsible for communicating expected absences to their director at least two weeks prior to the absence. This is considered procedure and a courtesy to the director; it does not excuse the absence.

Section 8. Members/Member’s Parents are responsible for communicating unexpected absences (illness/emergency) to the director prior to practice or performance via phone call or email. Consequences may be issued depending upon circumstances.

REHEARSAL SESSIONS

- Section 1. Before school, after school, and summer practice sessions will be required. Time specifications will be established as camp dates and other school, athletic, and contest schedules become available. All practices are mandatory for all members.
- Section 2. Saturday and extra rehearsals may be held throughout the year. Members will be notified at least one week in advance.
- Section 3. Practice will be required each day during the Sun Dancer class period. A calendar of scheduled practice days will be distributed to all members.
- Section 4. Members must arrive on time to rehearsal sessions, wear specific practice attire and stay until dismissed by the director. Discipline actions will be taken for any member that does not follow this rule.
- Section 5. Gum, food, canned drinks and jewelry are not allowed in practice sessions. Discipline actions will be taken for any member that does not follow this rule.
- Section 6. **All tutorials, make-up tests, etc. should be scheduled before school. Tutorials and make-up work during practice session times must be pre-approved by the director.**
- Section 7. In the event of inability to practice/perform:
- A. The member absent from practice and suffering from illness must call or email the director and either her squad's officer or the Sun Dancers officer prior to the absence(s) and will be excused from practice and then should also submit a written note from the parent/guardian upon return to practice.
 - B. Any member suffering from injury will be excused from workouts/performance upon receipt of a note from the school trainer or by physician's release. A statement from the school trainer or physician will be required for reinstatement.
 - C. Any member placed on Academic Probation for the three week probation period due to a failing grade will dress in appropriate workout attire during the designated practice and class period and shall assume all responsibilities related to practice and class time rehearsals but may not participate in any performance activities during that time period.
 - D. Any member placed on "alternate" status must participate in all rehearsals, performances, and/or activities of the organization.
- Section 9. Squad Practices: An officer may choose to hold a squad practice at her discretion. Squad practices will not be required but are highly recommended. Squad practices are not school sponsored and may or may not be held on the school campus. Squad practices are limited to 2 hours maximum per week. Members may attend other officers' squad practices if unable to make her own squad's practice.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- Section 1. Sun Dancers members will be supplied the field performance uniform by the Keller Independent School District.
- Section 2. Sun Dancers members will be supplied the yearly contest uniforms and/or accessories by the Sun Dancers Booster Club. Contest uniform pieces are the property of the FRHS Sun Dancers. Personal and practice uniform attire will be supplied by the team member. In some cases, new pieces may need to be purchased by the member for contest uniforms.
- Section 3. Sun Dancers members are responsible for purchasing practice and other necessary clothing and accessories as required. All personal items should be labeled with the member's name.

- Section 4. Members must appear at activities with proper or designated uniforms and must wear all parts of the designated uniforms while in public.
- Section 5. Rehearsal attire/uniforms are to be clean, in good condition, and fit properly before each practice and/or performance and must conform to standards set by the director, principal, and superintendent.
- Section 6. Uniforms must not be worn to public places other than a specified performance area or “out of school” approved activities.
- Section 7. All designated Sun Dancers uniforms, letter jackets, etc., are to be worn by Sun Dancer members only.

PERFORMANCES

Section 1. Required Performances:

- 4-5 Pep Rally performances (plus any additional play-off pep rallies)
- 10-16 Football games (this includes possible scrimmages and all play-off games)
- 2-4 Basketball games
- 2-4 Competitions
- Special Performances (i.e., Homecoming & Christmas Parades, recruiting performances, Showoffs, Spring Show, community events)

Section 2. Non-Required Performances: All non-required performances are optional and any expenses incurred are the responsibility of the individual member.

- Solo
- Duet
- Ensemble
- Personal Performance Invitations (Example: Citrus Bowl, Macy’s Parade, etc.)

Section 3. Performance Rules.

- A. Members will meet at a designated place and a designated time for all performances.
- B. Members will enter and leave an event together as one group unless given permission to leave on own or with a family member to their final destination. Must given 2 weeks advanced notice.
- C. Members will remain in the designated seating area at all times unless given permission to leave by the director or officer in charge.
- D. Members will sit as one group. There will be no visitors beside/within the organization.
- E. Gum chewing or the consumption of food is not allowed in the stands or when in uniform unless given permission by the director.

Section 4. Performance/Contest Philosophy

We do not compete against other teams, but against our own standard. We strive to be the best we can be. By seeing other strong teams, we can improve within ourselves. We compete to gain experience. PREPARATION PRIORITIES ARE TEAM FIRST, OFFICERS SECOND, SOLOS-ENSEMBLES THIRD. Competitions are chosen according to several factors: time element, organization of the contest, the awards system, professionalism, cost, travel, etc. Due to the differences between competitions, we must realize that everything is dependent upon the performance we give before that audience/judge, at that particular facility/competition. We do not compare scores or awards between contests. The only thing we can compare is our performance at each contest and no matter what...WE SUPPORT OTHER TEAMS!

FINANCES AND FUND RAISING

- Section 1. All financial obligations for clothing must be concluded by July of the member's performance year. The payment schedule will be set for each team year, with deposits due as scheduled. Camp fees will be due by May.
- Section 2. All members and their parents will be required to work at the Sun Dancers Booster Club fundraisers as funds raised through these events directly benefit each member. A required minimum number of fundraisers will be established in August at the Sun Dancers Booster Club's Annual Budget session. The number of fundraisers to be worked averages 3-4 per year.
- Section 3. If a member resigns, is dismissed, or graduates prior to utilization of all restricted individual account funds raised through designated Individual/School fund raising activities, she will forfeit the profit money and it will become a part of the Sun Dancers Activity Account. Individual refunds from fund raising profits will not be made; however, overpayment made by the individual toward uniform, camp, trip expenses (less any required deposit fees) will be refunded.
- Section 4. Individual members will be required to participate in all team designated fundraisers to help provide money for team expenses not covered through the Sun Dancers General Operating Budget or Sun Dancers Booster Club Budget.
- Section 5. Turning in Money.
- A. All money will be turned in to the director before practice has begun on the designated deposit day(s).
 - B. Only money in a sealed envelope with the member's name and the amount enclosed will be accepted.
 - C. Checks should be made out to Fossil Ridge High School Sun Dancers unless otherwise designated.
 - D. Each check should have the member's name and reason for payment written on it.
 - E. Returned checks will be handled as follows:
 1. All incurred bank charges will be the team member's responsibility.
 2. Only a cashier's check or money order will be accepted for future payments after the receipt of two returned checks.
 3. If it is a fund raising event, the member is responsible for collecting funds due or the amount due will be deducted from her personal profits.
 - F. The Sun Dancers organization will not assume responsibility for unattended money.
- Section 6. Insufficient Funds
If a personal check is returned insufficient, it will be the team member's responsibility to incur the bank charges and pay by check or money order. Receipt of a second insufficient check will require payments to be made by cashier's check, money order, or cash.

GENERAL CONDUCT

- Section 1. Certain standards are necessary for the integrity and reputation of any organization. Each member should be a leader within the school and should set a good example at all times. Members are expected to have and maintain a character above reproach. Personal appearance, habits, and actions of which there can be no criticism are required as **each Sun Dancer represents Fossil Ridge High School before the public and the school at all times!** *Membership may be terminated at any time for unacceptable standards and/or conduct.*

Section 2. KISD Extra-Curricular Activity Pledge. A Sun Dancer is considered a leader of the student body. Certain responsibilities accompany any position of leadership. Drug and alcohol use or any immoral behavior is not acceptable in any member of the FRHS Sun Dancers. Every Sun Dancer will sign the KISD Extra-Curricular Activity Pledge as mandated by the district. By choosing not to sign the pledge, team membership is forfeited according to district policy. *Membership on Sun Dancers is a privilege, not a right.*

Section 3. Sun Dancers must display appropriate behavior both in and out of school. At the discretion of the director and school administrators, suspension or dismissal may result for the following reasons:

- A. Failure to follow school rules and policies
- B. Smoking
- C. Use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs
- D. Improper language and obscenities
- E. Poor sportsmanship
- F. Improper conduct/attitude
- G. Lack of respect toward director, team members, faculty, school personnel, or school property
- H. Stealing
- I. Chronic misconduct
- J. Chronic absences
- K. Hazing
- L. Forging of notes/passes
- M. Cheating
- N. Assignment to ISS and/or AEP
- O. Violations of the KISD Extra-Curricular Activity Pledge
- P. Inappropriate actions/representation on social networking sites

Section 4. KISD rules will be strictly applied whenever Sun Dancers are officially representing FRHS, attending school sponsored activities, or while on a school sponsored trip. Each member must be aware that her conduct off-campus reflects on the team image and that any Sun Dancer who is guilty of engaging in any illegal activity will be subject to suspension or dismissal at the discretion of the director and school administration.

Section 5. If an incident occurs while on a team trip, during a competition or exhibition, a member should expect disciplinary action from the school as well as the Sun Dancers organization.

Section 6. If a member is involved in any illegal activity outside of FRHS, KISD jurisdiction, or Sun Dancers activities, which results in misdemeanor or felony disciplinary action by local, state, or federal authorities, the member may be subject to suspension or dismissal at the discretion of the director as conferred with the school administration and in compliance with the KISD Extra-Curricular Activity Pledge.

DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM

Section 1. A record of disciplinary offense(s) will be kept at the Director's discretion and will result in disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the Director.

Section 2. Levels of disciplinary action may include but are not limited to physical exercise, probation, suspension or dismissal. The Director will determine the level of disciplinary action.

Section 3. Officers may be utilized to monitor team behavior and provide record for the director.

Section 4. Disciplinary offenses regarding attendance of practice, performance, or scheduled activities.

- A. Not calling assigned officer or the director's office to report absence prior to any rehearsal, performance, work session, or meeting.

- B. Being tardy to a rehearsal, work session or meeting.
- C. Not dressed appropriately for the function or incomplete uniform.
- D. Leaving practice, performance, or activity area early without permission from director.
- E. Unexcused absence from any required activity, or performance.

Section 5. Disciplinary offenses regarding rehearsal sessions/performance activities.

- A. Chewing gum (This is a health hazard while dancing.)
- B. Leaving rehearsal or any function early without the director's prior approval.
- C. Wearing unapproved jewelry (earrings, necklaces, etc.) with performance attire.
- D. Wearing colored nail polish with performance uniform or costumes when gloves/shoes are not being worn for the performance.

Section 6. Disciplinary offenses regarding uniforms and/or equipment.

- A. Not being in complete uniform, having a spoiled uniform, or a uniform in poor condition upon inspection.
- B. Eating food, chewing gum, or drinking beverages in any part of a designated uniform without permission.
- C. Losing or leaving equipment, clothing parts, uniform parts, or props/poms during rehearsal or at other events.
- D. Failure to bring required equipment, props/poms to specified practices.
- E. Failure to label personal equipment as required.
- F. Missing parts of performance uniform or warm-ups.
- G. Not dressed properly for practice
- H. Wearing any part of the Sun Dancers performance uniform(s) anywhere other than a designated Sun Dancers activity.

Section 7. Disciplinary offenses regarding insubordination.

- A. Showing disrespect toward other team members, the director, school personnel, or school facilities.
- B. Talking during rehearsal after one specific warning.
- C. Unnecessary talking from the time the team leaves the stands for performance to the time of return.
- D. Using obscenities at any time.
- E. Display of poor sportsmanship.
- F. Public display of affection with boyfriend at school, in public or in uniform.
- G. Unladylike, poor, or dangerous conduct.
- H. Not participating in spirit yells or spirit activities at camp, pep rallies, and games.
- I. Disobeying an officer's command, director's command
- J. Failure to turn in required grade reports and other specified items on time.

Section 8. Disciplinary offenses regarding general conduct

- A. Violation of KISD Extra-curricular Activity Pledge.
- B. Failure to follow school rules and policies in accordance with, but not limited to, the following major infractions:
 - Stealing
 - Hazing
 - Forging of notes/passes
 - Cheating
 - Fighting/physical harm inflicted

OFFICERS

Section 1. Description of Officer Role

The Officers typically consist of a Captain, a First Lieutenant and Lieutenants. The judges have discretion to deviate from these titles as they see fit.

The Officers assist with choreography, instruction and contribute a student's perspective to decision making.

They serve as a liaison between the Director and team members. Officers provide a balance and create a work ethic among peers.

Officers will serve as role models for the team members.

They will aid in record keeping, time management and will attend summer camp and leadership seminars.

Officers will audition for all performances.

The Captain is ultimately in charge of the team in the absence of the director. The decisions made by the Captain will be upheld and consequences enforced unless later determined by the director/ administrator.

The First Lieutenant will assume the Captain's responsibilities if the Captain is unable to fulfill the duties or in the absence of the Captain.

The Lieutenants will be of equal status.

Section 2. Selection of Dance Officers

Tryout qualifications and requirements:

- A. The candidate must be a Sun Dancer for at least one year.
- B. The candidate must attend all tryout practices.
- C. The candidate must have passed all courses during the school year in which she auditions.
- D. The candidate must be able to attend all Sun Dancer events, practices and performances, unless permission is obtained from the Director.
- E. The candidate must not have been placed on suspension during the school year that she auditions.

Candidate must have on file:

- A. Sun Dancer Tryout Application
- B. Sun Dancer Medical/Travel Release Form
- C. Sun Dancer Participation Contract
- D. Sun Dancer Officer Contract

Selection of Officers:

- A. The performance of the candidate for an Officer position will be evaluated and scored by a panel of three qualified judges. Selection of the Officers will be based on the sum of the scores of the three judges.
- B. In the event of a tie in scores, there will be a call back.

Section 3. Demotion of an Officer:

- A. If an Officer accumulates excessive documentation of rules not followed and/or expectations not met while in office, she will be relieved of her Officer duties immediately and will remain a line member of the Sun Dancers.
- B. If an Officer becomes academically ineligible while in office, she will be relieved of her Officer duties immediately and will remain a line member of the Sun Dancers.
- C. If an Officer is placed on suspension, she will be relieved of her Officer

- duties immediately and will remain a line member of the Sun Dancers.
- D. If an Officer is relieved of her duties for any reason, she may not be permitted to audition for Officer until one calendar year from the date of her demotion.

Section 4. Duties of an Officer:

- A. To support and uphold the decisions made by the Director and realize the decisions made are in the best interest of the team.
- B. To learn everything that is expected of the Officer position.
- C. To help the Sun Dancers cooperate with each other and the Director.
- D. To attend Officer camp of the Director's choice.
- E. To attend all Sun Dancer activities, camps, clinics, contests, parties, etc. held throughout the year.
- F. To maintain a sense of responsibility for the organization by feeling privileged and honored to be an Officer.
- G. To remain in the spring semester Sun Dancer class, unless permission is obtained from the Director.
- H. To hold inspections, check for tardies, infractions and absences.
- I. To reinforce rules by documenting infractions as they occur to those who do not comply with the rules.
- J. To understand that double infractions will be imposed on an Officer who fails to have a member sign the documentation within 7 days of the infraction date.
- K. To assume any and all duties as specified by the Director.
- L. To set a good example for Fossil Ridge High School and the Sun Dancer Drill Team.
- M. To understand that Officers have many other practices other than team practices.
- N. To understand that Officers may incur more costs.
- O. To be an honest, trustworthy and positive role model for others to follow.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Section 5. Social Committee Duties

The Social Committee Members will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Social Chairman unless otherwise determined by the Director.

Social Committee will meet once a week

The **President** makes all arrangements for the awards banquet with the approval of the Director. She oversees all social functions and sees that the responsibilities are met. She will take on other responsibilities as required. Any ideas are to be voted on by ALL of SOCO, she is to make sure no one's ideas are left out. As president she needs to be able to delegate jobs and not take it upon herself to do everything.

The **Vice President** is responsible for all social and "gift-giving" functions. She is in charge of friendship gifts for visiting drill teams. During football season she will write out the order in which SOCO will take halftime gifts for each game. She also aids the President in party and banquet arrangements.

The **Secretary** is responsible for correspondence (letters, thank you notes, get well cards, etc.) She also prepares the team telephone directory and keeps the Sun Dancer calendar up to date. She will record the agenda of the SOCO meetings and any important information/ideas/activities to be turned in to the director at the end of every meeting.

The **Treasurer** helps schedule fundraising activities. She also controls the Social Committee funds.

The **Historian** prepares a monthly bulletin board and posters and advertising of Sun Dancer events. She also submits information to the school newspaper and collects any articles concerning the Sun Dancers.

She is in charge of collecting pictures for banquet slideshow. She will set up times for all of SOCO to meet if available to work on slideshow, but it ultimately her responsibility---all of SOCO's ideas and opinions will be contributed.

The **Social Chairman** schedules social activities with the Director. She is responsible for motivating the team and schedules monthly birthday activities or motivational days.

Section 6. Selection of Social Committee

Tryout qualifications and requirements:

- A. The candidate must be a Sun Dancer for at least one year.
- B. The candidate must be in good standing.
- C. The candidate must have passed all courses during the application/school year.
- D. The candidate must not have been placed on suspension during the application/school year.

Candidate must have on file:

- A. Sun Dancer Tryout Application Form
- B. Sun Dancer Medical/Travel Release Form
- C. Sun Dancer Participation Contract
- D. Sun Dancer Social Committee Contract

Selection of the Social Committee will be based on:

- A. Sun Dancer vote
- B. Speech/Motivational presentation
- C. Written evaluation
- D. In the event of a tie, there will be another Sun Dancer vote. Co-positions will be instated at the Director's discretion.

Section 7. Demotion of a Social Committee Member:

- A. If a Social Committee Member accumulates excessive documentation of rules not followed and/or expectations not met while in office, she will be relieved of her duties immediately and will remain a line member of the Sun Dancers.
- B. If a Social Committee member becomes academically ineligible while in office, she will be relieved of her duties immediately and will remain a line member of the Sun Dancers.
- C. If a Social Committee Member is placed on suspension at any time during the year, she will be relieved of her duties immediately and will remain a line member of the Sun Dancers. She will not be permitted to audition for an Officer/Social position until one calendar year from the date of her demotion.
- D. If a Social Committee Member fails a class, she will be relieved of her duties immediately and will remain a line member of the Sun Dancers.
- E. If a Social Committee Member is relieved of her duties, it is her responsibility to hand over materials to the other Social Committee Members unless notified by the Director.

Section 8. Duties of the Social Committee:

- A. To support and uphold the decisions made by the director and realize the decisions made are in the best interest of the team.
- B. To communicate with the assigned SDSO representative and or Treasurer.
- C. To learn everything that is expected of the Social Committee position.
- D. To assist the Officers in helping the Sun Dancers cooperate with each other and with the Director.
- E. To attend all Sun Dancer activities, camps, clinics, contests, parties, etc. held throughout the year.
- F. To maintain a sense of responsibility for the organization by feeling privileged and honored to be a Social Officer.
- G. To assume all duties as specified by the director (Hang banner for games, be in charge of ice chest/drinks in absence of honor guards, provide motivational games, T-shirt designs, etc.
- H. To set a good example for Fossil Ridge High School and the Sun Dancers.

MANAGERS

Section 1. Selection of Managers:

The director may have the option for managers and shall choose qualified applicants who meet academic and conduct standards. Managers are entitled to all credit and privileges of membership, although they are non-performing members. As such, they are subject to the same rules and obligations binding on all other team members.

- A. The director will determine the number of managers to be selected.
- B. Must attend all rehearsal sessions.
- C. Must have a pleasant appearance and attitude.
- D. Manager's Application, will be used in determining the final selections.

Section 2. Duties of Managers

- A. Aids and reports to the director and officers
- B. Responsible for all equipment, their set-up and breakdown
- C. Responsible for all items checked in and out of the storage room and for its orderliness and cleanliness
- D. Responsible for storage of props, costumes, and reporting any necessary maintenance.
- E. Videotaping of performances
- F. Make first aid supplies available at all times
- G. Attends all performances in uniform
- H. In charge of distribution and collection of props and costumes

HONOR GUARDS

Section 1. Purpose

Honor Guards are a service oriented auxiliary to the Sun Dancers organization. Honor Guards do not receive any academic credit for their participation; however, they must meet eligibility, conduct, and grade requirements as set forth for any participant of the Sun Dancers organization. Each Honor Guard is encouraged but not required to participate in fund raising events and may elect to participate on team travel trip but must personally fund his expenses unless he has participated in fund raising events as the team members are required to do.

Section 2. Eligibility

- A. The Sun Dancers membership and/or director will choose Honor Guards annually from all applicants who meet conduct and academic standards.
- B. Each spring, the Sun Dancers shall nominate young men from their class to be Honor Guards. From this field of nominees, applications will be taken along with those from other interested candidates.
- C. Honor Guards will be elected each year.

Section 3. Selection

- A. The candidate must have on file prior to selection:
 - 1. Application/permission form
 - 2. Student/parent contract
- B. Must be willing to abide by the KISD Extra-Curricular Activity Pledge, and must have one on file in order to participate.

Section 4. Duties

- A. Must participate in all activities in which the organization is involved, pending eligibility.
- B. Must exhibit and maintain satisfactory attitude toward school policies and regulations

- C. Must abide by all rules and regulations of this constitution that apply to the Honor Guard position.
- D. Must ride the bus to and from organizational activities.
- E. Will aid in transporting and moving of props and equipment
- F. Will serve as the official escort of the Sun Dancers organization at any school functions.
- G. Will uphold Sun Dancers in character and reputation
- H. Will abide by school rules
- I. May participate in fund raising events
- J. May participate in pep rally performance
- K. Will purchase uniform as required
- L. Will be under the direction of the Sun Dancers Director, and Sun Dancers President & Vice-President

AWARDS

1. Varsity Awards
 - A. Must have completed one full year of varsity dance team.
 - B. Must have participated in 70% of all performances during the year or served as a qualified alternate.
 - D. Varsity Award letter blanket may be presented at annual awards banquet.
 - E. Member purchases plain letter jacket at beginning of first year on team.

2. Banquet Awards- awarded by team vote