

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Scarlets

Becoming a member of a dance team is a very exciting time in a young ladies life, but it is also a time for the entire family to become involved as well. The entire family becomes supporters, spectators, helpers, and emotional supporters. Therefore, this letter is meant to inform the entire family what is to be expected of them, as members of the Scarlet family. Being a Scarlet makes many demands upon the family in terms of money, time, work, and support; however, I hope that you find it to be both a rewarding and enriching experience.

Time: Family schedules will sometimes have to be adjusted to accommodate the Scarlets' commitments to the organization. This is a team activity; therefore, every girl's presence is necessary for rehearsal and performance. It is, therefore, very important that your daughter be at every event on time, and be picked up at the given time. Your daughter will be informed of an approximate time of an event's conclusion, please arrange for your daughter to have transportation home, it is for her own safety and protection. The family is also needed as a support the team by giving of their time to work at fundraising events, and more importantly to support the team by attending your daughter's performances.

Money: Every effort will be made to keep expense to a minimum, but there are considerable costs associated with a dance team. In an effort to keep costs down, the booster club does provide fundraising opportunities. Each Scarlet and her family must support these events by giving of their time and talents, and encouraging attendance at such events. This is all done for every girl, therefore, every girl will participate.

Emotional Involvement: Each Scarlet will experience many emotions from triumph to disappointment and elation to frustration. The love and support of her family is vital during these times, to help celebrate her triumphs - she worked hard to earn them; and to console her during her disappointments or frustrations. All of this is part of the growing and maturation process. Your positive attitude will influence your daughter's reaction to her experiences. You and your daughter should always address concerns and suggestions to the director, Scarlet member, military or social officer, or booster club officer. Many problems may arise from a simple misunderstanding, and there are always two sides to a story, and we will work to make sure that everything is made as clear as possible.

As each of you are a part of the Scarlet family, Scarlets 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 must respect each person's individuality, while, at the same time, recognizing that we must do what is best for the whole. What may not be a problem for one person, could be a nightmare if we all did it, so together, we will have a wonderful Scarlet family.

In all sincerity, it is hoped that your experience in the Scarlet organization will be rewarding and long lasting, and develop qualities that will benefit for an entire lifetime.