



LEBANON TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL MASCOT TRYOUTS 2021-2022

Dear Parents,

Your son/daughter is interested in trying out for the mascot at Lebanon Trail High School. Being the mascot is a very time-consuming responsibility and will require a lot of time outside of the school day. Attendance is mandatory at all mascot activities. Also, incidental expenses may arise which cannot be allotted for at this time.

The mascot is expected to conform to a higher standard of behavior than others do. The mascot will abide by and uphold all of the cheerleading guidelines, rules and regulations as well as FISD policies. (A copy of the FISD Cheer & Mascot Code of Conduct is available on the LT Cheer website: <https://www.lebanontrailcheer.com/handouts.html>)

The mascot will be required to take field trips to games by means of a bus for games played outside of Frisco city limits. The mascot must ride the bus to and from these games. In consideration of FISD, the parents or guardian must agree for their child to take these school-sponsored field trips. A more formal field trip permission form must be signed at that time.

Additional information is located on the pages attached to this form. Please read the additional pages and sign below. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at LedbetterL@friscoisd.org.

Please read the entire application packet. Then, both the candidate and a parent/guardian must sign this form, the application form, and the medical form. All forms, a copy of grades for Marking Periods 1-3, and the responses to questions are due by 4:30pm on Friday, May 7th to the front office at Lebanon Trail HS. No exceptions!

Thank You,
Coach Ledbetter

We have read the above statements and the attached forms regarding tryouts, regulations, costs, and the standards of mascot at LTHS. We give our son/daughter permission to apply for the position of "Torch", the Lebanon Trail High School mascot. We understand and will abide by all of the rules introduced and enforced throughout the year if our son/daughter is selected for this position.

Parent Signature

Date

Candidate Signature

Date

APPLICATION FORM FOR LEBANON TRAIL MASCOT CANDIDATE

NAME: _____

GRADE NEXT YEAR: _____ STUDENT ID: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ Parent Work #: _____

Parent Cell #: _____ Candidate Cell #: _____

Parent Email: _____

Candidate Email: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

I understand the Mascot uniform is the property of Lebanon Trail High School, and if lost or damaged, it is my responsibility to replace it.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

MASCOT CANDIDATE SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidate must live in the attendance zone for Lebanon Trail High School.
- Candidate must be a current freshman, sophomore, or junior on track to be a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in the 2021-22 school year.
- Any candidate who was academically ineligible for any 2 grading cycles during the 2020-2021 school year will need approval to try out from Mrs. Pospick.

MASCOT RESPONSIBILITY

- The mascot must be at all Varsity football games and pep rallies attended by the Cheerleaders, as well as competitions or public events attended by the Cheerleaders (if required by cheer coach).
- Mascot may attend Volleyball and Basketball games as coordinated with the cheer coach.
- The mascot is required to ride in the Frisco Community Day Parade in the fall and attend the Gary Burns Fun Run & 5K in the fall.
- The mascot must follow all school rules as stated in the student handbook. Also, due to the close working relationship between the mascot and the cheerleaders, he/she must follow the applicable guidelines, rules and regulations of the LTHS Cheerleaders. The mascot participates/follows all rules/scheduling as the cheerleaders.

COSTS

- The estimated cost of being a mascot for one year is approximately \$100 (\$50 for virtual camp and approximately \$50 for camp wear). Every effort has been made to keep these costs to a minimum. The stated costs include all fees for camp and season wear. Incidental expenses may arise which cannot be allotted for at this time.

TORCH TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS

- **Typed responses to questions must be turned in by 4:30 pm on Friday, May 7th, 2021 to the front office at Lebanon Trail HS.** Questions are on the next page.
- **Candidates must perform an original 1 minute skit. If you would like a theme to work with, please contact Coach Ledbetter.** You may use music and props, and can be as creative as your want as far as dress is concerned! Props are strongly encouraged, but you may not edit your video submission to cut material together or add special effects. You are also welcome to have guest appearances in your video. You **MUST** wear your tryout number on you so that judges can identify you are the candidate. The music is up to you, as long as it is school appropriate. You will create a youTube link for your original video and then email the link to Coach Ledbetter (youTube instructions are listed on the last page of this packet).



IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES

- Wednesday, April 28th:** Mascot Tryout Meeting for candidates and parents, via Zoom at 6pm (email Coach Ledbetter to get the Zoom link)
- Friday, May 7th:** The permission form, application form, a copy of your official school grades through the 3rd cycle, your questionnaire responses, and your tryout video are due by 4:30pm.
- Monday, May 10th:** Results posted on the LT Cheer page at 5:00 pm

SELECTION

Two mascots will be chosen for LTHS by a panel of four judges. The judges are employees of Frisco ISD, but each candidate will be anonymous as the judges will not be LT teachers or staff.

Panel scores will be awarded on 1-10 point scale per category per judge. The categories are as follows:

- Questionnaire Responses
- Presence & Poise in Skit
- Creativity
- Performance (Character & Personality)
- Overall Crowd Appeal

RESOURCES

We have gathered a couple of videos for you to watch and learn from. You may draw inspiration from these videos, but do not copy material. All skit ideas and execution must be your own. Feel free to peruse youTube for more inspiration.

<https://www.varsity.com/news/mascots-how-to-become-a-mascot/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-Fgd7IHjEU>

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MASCOT TRYOUT QUESTIONNAIRE



- Please respond to all questions.
- Please limit your answers to 100 words per question.
- Responses must be turned in on Friday, May 7th by 4:30pm to the front office at Lebanon Trail HS. Late submissions will be disqualified from the tryout process.

1. Why are you interested in becoming Lebanon Trail's mascot, Torch?
2. Describe the leader that you hope to be at the END of next year. How will being our mascot help you in achieving that?
3. Pick ONE word that describes your spirit style and elaborate.
4. What is the most valuable lesson you have learned as an LT student thus far and how does this lesson translate into your potential role as a mascot?
5. List 5 ideas for themed dress days at school and how Torch can help promote participation and school spirit.
6. Plan one team bonding activity for Torch and the cheer program to allow for more inclusion between the two entities. Elaborate.
7. Explain how you would improve on the mascot's role from what you saw this year and why.

BELOW ARE MANDATORY DATES FOR YOU TO BE AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS TORCH:



August ???	Virtual Mascot Camp
August	Practices (details TBA)
Early Aug.	Stampede- Freshman Orientation
Aug. 12th	First Day of School
Aug- Nov	Football Games (posted on the LT Cheer Calendar)
Nov. 6th	Gary Burns Fun Run
Mid Nov.	Frisco Community Parade

VIDEO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please log in to your student google account before submitting your form.

You will submit one youtube video link. All videos must be current submissions (ie. students may not use past film or competition film to submit for any portion of their video; submissions of past videos or past choreography will result in disqualification from the tryout process).

All youTube videos must be saved as “unlisted” under privacy settings. See one of the videos below if you need assistance in correctly saving this privacy setting.

[How to upload a youtube video on your phone](#)

[How to upload a youtube video on your computer](#)

- One video link to show original skit choreography with no cutting or effects used.
- Email link to video to Coach Ledbetter at LedbetterL@friscoisd.org