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## **HONEYBEES AUDITIONS PRESENTED BY CRYSTAL HOT SAUCE SLATED FOR SATURDAY, JULY 17** *Team looking to fill approximately 20 spots on dance squad*

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**NEW ORLEANS** – The New Orleans Hornets will hold preliminary auditions for the 2010-2011 Honeybees dance squad on Saturday, July 17 at the New Orleans Arena. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. The Hornets are looking for girls at least 18 years of age who have previous dance experience and are enthusiastic and committed to representing the Hornets organization on and off the court.

“As a member of the Honeybee team, girls have the opportunity to perform in front of thousands of fans and participate in community events locally, nationally and internationally,” said Honeybee manager and choreographer Ashley Deaton. “We’re looking for girls who will bring energy, showmanship, personality and maturity to the entire squad.”

The Honeybees presented by Crystal Hot Sauce perform professionally-choreographed dance routines to a variety of music during home games, and make appearances at community and professional events throughout the year. In past seasons, the Honeybees have traveled to Spain, Germany, China and the Balkans to perform and represent New Orleans and the Hornets on an international stage.

Honeybee applicants should be in top physical condition and wear appropriate dance attire for the audition, which includes a half-top that shows midriff, hot shorts or trunks (no pants), dance or athletic shoes, flesh colored tights, and performance-ready hair and make-up (no ponytails). At registration, dancers must provide a resume that depicts any professional and dance experience, a recent 4x6 headshot, a copy of their high school diploma, valid photo identification, and a completed application form.

While the first round on July 17 is closed to the public, fans are encouraged to show support for their favorite finalists at the Honeybee Finals on Thursday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Generations Hall.

Application forms, details on the audition process and audition tips are available at [Hornets.com](http://Hornets.com).

Media can cover the first round of auditions on Saturday, July 17 and should contact Brittany Cranston at 504-234-9077 with any questions.

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