

Greetings Fellow Step Teams:

The Rancocas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., (RVAC) is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual "Crimson & Cream" Step Extravaganza & Competition (hereinafter called "Step Show"). Our event will be held at the Kennedy Recreation Center located in Willingboro, New Jersey, on Friday, June 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event will be used for scholarships and to continue RVAC's programs and public service endeavors in our community.

We would like to extend an invitation to your distinguished step team to participate in our show. Monetary prize will be awarded to the 1st place winning team with cash awards of \$350.

Attached you will find the Rules and Regulations for participation in the show and a registration form to be completed. Please return this form along with your non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00 (Money Orders only) made payable to RVAC-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. **We will only accept two Step Teams from each of the Greek Organizations.** Please forward by April 30, 2008 to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Rancocas Valley Alumnae Chapter
C/O Gena Ruff
RVAC's 2nd Annual Step Extravaganza & Competition
P.O. Box 262
Rancocas, NJ. 08073-262

A representative from our chapter will contact you to make arrangements for a rehearsal upon receipt of your registration materials. **Please read carefully the information on the Rules and Regulations and the Registration form. It is very important that your Step Team is aware of the rules and regulations. Your routine is limited to 10 minutes.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gena Ruff at rva_pr@yahoo.com.

We look forward to an exciting show, and we thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,
Raquel M. & Gena R.

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Chair Co-Chair
Rancocas Valley Alumnae Chapter,
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

2nd Annual “Crimson & Cream” Step Extravaganza & Competition Application

I. Application Information

- Step Show applications are due as soon as possible, but **postmarked no later than April 30, 2008**. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Gena Ruff at rva_pr@yahoo.com.
- Only 10 performance slots are available.
- After your application has been received we will contact you to verify your registration.
- **Registration Fee: \$25**
- Payment must accompany the application in the form of a money order only. **Personal checks will be returned and application processing will be delayed as a result.**
- Make Money Orders payable to RVAC-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Mail application and payment to:

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II. Arrival Information

- The Step Show will take place on Friday, **June 6th, 2008** in the theater auditorium at the Kennedy Recreation Center located in Willingboro, NJ.
- Check in time will begin **5:00 p.m.** sharp.
- Each team will be given a specific time for a walk through and sound check. **BE SURE YOUR LEADER'S EMAIL & MAILING ADDRESS IS CURRENT.** The organization contact person will be notified **after receiving the teams' registration. For late registration, the contact person will be notified by email.**
- All members and equipment must be in the Kennedy Recreation Center's auditorium by 5:00 p.m. If any member of the team is not in the Kennedy Recreation Center's auditorium by such time, they will be responsible for their admission into the event.
- Every performer is required to have a Step Show wristband in accordance to the names that were submitted on the registration form.
- Parents and children of participants must pay for pre-sale tickets and arrive when doors open at 7:00p.m.
- All Step Team members that wish to remain backstage during the show must be wearing the official Step Show wristband or they will be directed to the stands by event security.

III. Performance

- Judges for the 2008 Rancocas Valley Alumnae Chapter's 2nd Annual "Crimson & Cream" Step Show Extravaganza & Competition will solely on the Rules and Regulations listed below.
- Performances, which contain indecent or obscene use of props and/or costumes, sexually explicit language, verbal attacks on any organization and jumping off stage into the audience, will be subject to penalty and /or disqualification. ***This is final.***
- Step Show committee, RVAC, must approve all special effects equipment and/or props. Use of unauthorized props can lead to automatic disqualification.
 - No props that resemble any type of firearm will be permitted.
 - No fire or pyrotechnics.
 - No type of motor vehicles.
- All teams must provide cued music on one CD at the check-in site with specific instructions in writing of cueing procedures. A person should be assigned to instruct the sound person as to when music is needed during the show. If lighting cues vary during your show, each team should also have a stage/lighting coordinator.

IV. Stepping Criteria

- Creativity- performing new and innovative steps and utilizing a creative introduction and exit. **(20 points)**
- Complexity – Level of difficulty of steps **(15 points)**
- Synchronization – Execution of precise rhythmic syncopation of beats. **(25 points)**
- Vocal Clarity – Clearness **(10 points)**
- Crowd Enthusiasm- Crowd reaction to a positive performance. **(15 points)**
- Showmanship- Overall manner of presenting routine to the audience. **(15 points)**

The total points distributed equals **100 points.**

V. Multiple Point Deductions

Deductions in increments of 5 points are possible in the following 3 areas:

- 1) Use of obscene gestures or language.
- 2) Ridicule of other organizations.
- 3) Exceeding the 10-minute time limit.

The total possible point deduction equals 15 points.

THE 2008 RVAC's 2nd ANNUAL STEP SHOW JUDGE PANEL'S DECISION WILL BE THE FINAL DECISION. POINTS ARE DISTRIBUTED AND DEDUCTED AT EACH JUDGE'S DISCRETION.

VI. Rules and Regulations

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- Step Master or team representative must be available for an official meeting, June 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kennedy Recreation Center. The agenda items include:
 - Rules & Regulations
 - Run-through times
 - Order of Show
 - Check-in process
- Step Show committee and performing team members must wear the official Step Show wristband provided for identification purposes. Only the wearers of these wristbands will be allowed backstage during the show.
- All team members must be back stage prior to their start of their performance. Failure to be ready at your designated start time will lead to disqualification.
- Each step team is responsible for cleaning up the dressing room after using it. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to disqualification.

VII. Judging and Prizes

- First place shall be awarded to the highest scoring team.
 - First Place –\$350**
 - Second and Third place will be awarded a monetary prize.
 - All other teams will receive a certificate of appreciation.
 - ***The judge's decision is final!!!***
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2nd Annual "Crimson & Cream" Step Extravaganza & Competition Registration

This list is required for entry into the Step Show. Include all Step Team members, (1) sound coordinator and (4) stage/lighting coordinator. **If a person is listed as a team member and they are not part of the show - there will be a 5-point deduction.**

Step Teams Maximum: **20**

	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
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12.	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____
16.	_____	_____	Sound Coordinator
17.	_____	_____	Stage Coordinator
18.	_____	_____	Stage Coordinator
19.	_____	_____	Stage Coordinator
20.	_____	_____	Light Coordinator

Step Team Coordinator/Representative (Signature)

Date

Step Team Name (Printed)