

REGISTRATION

PACKET #1



MARCH 24, 2012

Dear Prospective Raas Team,

The Dandia on Fire Management Team proudly presents the fifth annual Dandia on Fire Raas/Garba competition. It will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the prestigious Eisenhower Auditorium at University Park, Pennsylvania. Last year, over 1000 people witnessed 9 of the nation's best teams compete for over \$3000 in cash prizes. All proceeds were donated to the Penn State Interfraternity/Panhellenic Dance MaraTHON, the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, seeking to find a cure for pediatric cancer. We invite you to join us for an unforgettable weekend filled with endless excitement and memories to dance with some of the top raas teams in the nation. So get ready for the weekend of a lifetime!

History of Dandia on Fire

In 2007, alumni dancers from the Penn State Ghaamudyaz sought additional opportunities to spread the Raas/Garba culture throughout the United States. They created Dandia on Fire as the first South Asian, intercollegiate Raas/Garba competition at the Pennsylvania State University. Their mission was to provide performers with the flexibility and freedom to present a phenomenal show. These individuals came together to offer an entertaining and unique production that allowed performers to dance with passion and have the time of their lives at the one and only, Dandia on Fire dance competition.

Dandia on Fire caters to the participants' desires and needs to orchestrate an unforgettable event. Like other competitions, this event will feature dance teams from across the nation performing at their greatest potential to claim the first place prize. However, unlike most other South Asian dance competitions, Dandia on Fire delivers an atmosphere for teams to present a thrilling performance, develop social connections, and enjoy the Penn State experience. By providing an exhilarating event for our participants, we hope you will join us again in the future.

This year, 9 teams will be carefully chosen to compete for a total of over \$3000 in cash prizes. Please fill out the attached Registration Packet (Part 1) to apply for Dandia on Fire 2012. The registration packet, including an audition video and a **\$35 application fee** are due (postmarked by) **Monday, December 5, 2011. Any materials received after December 5, 2011 will be considered late.** The late registration date is **December 12, 2011** along with a \$45 application fee (\$10 late fee). Materials received after December 12, 2011 will not be considered during the team selection process. **Please make all checks payable to Penn State Raas Society.**

Enclosed, you will also find a checklist to ensure that all the required registration steps are completed in the allotted time. As we start to receive the required items, you will be notified with delivery confirmation emails. Once all registration materials have been received, audition videos will be carefully reviewed, and the **teams will be notified of their acceptance no later than January 13, 2012**. Teams that are chosen to compete will be provided with Part 2 of the Registration Packet immediately thereafter and will be asked to submit the completed information, along with a **registration fee of \$20 per team member by (postmarked by) January 27, 2012**. If materials are not received by January 27, 2012, the team will be required to pay a late fee of \$5 per team member in order to perform in the competition. **Please make all checks payable to Penn State Raas Society.**

We recognize that your efforts and dedication have the potential to make this competition an extraordinary one. We would like to thank you for your interest in Dandia on Fire 2012 and we look forward to working with you throughout the registration process. If you have any questions or concerns about the registration or the competition, please do not hesitate to contact us at registration@dandiaonfire.com or call **Nisha at (717) 495-6377 or Nidhi at (610) 710-9315**.

Good luck,

Nidhi Desai & Nisha Doshi
Dandia on Fire 2012 Registration Team
registration@dandiaonfire.com

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Rules and Regulations

Team Guidelines:

- 9 teams will be chosen to compete.
- A minimum of 12 members and maximum of 18 members, including dancers, captains and managers, are allowed on the roster of each team.
- Each team is allowed 1 manager, who will serve as the primary contact. At least 75% of the members must be registered students at your university at the time of our competition, including managers and captains. You will be required to submit a copy of a driver's license, academic verification and student ID for each member.
- Registration Packet (Part 1) is due **December 5, 2011** with a non-refundable application fee of \$35. (Late Part 1 Registration Packets are due **December 13, 2011** with a non-refundable application fee of \$45). **Please make checks payable to Penn State Raas Society. See below for mailing address.**
- We will send a delivery notification email after we receive each part of your application and further notification will be sent when application is complete.
- Acceptance notifications, along with Registration Packet Part 2 will be sent by **January 13, 2012**.

Audition Video Guidelines:

- Each team must submit a copy of the audition video online AND mail a copy in DVD format. (Please label the DVD with your school name).
- The audition video must be a minimum of 2 minutes and maximum of 3 minutes in length. Even if the audition video is longer than 3 minutes, only the first 3 minutes will be viewed and used in the selection process.
- Videos MAY NOT be edited; they are expected to be one continuous take.
- 75% of the team members MUST be in the audition video.
- The routine performed in the audition video must be representative of the routine being used for Dandia on Fire 2012. **In other words, videos from previous performances or competitions CANNOT be used.** (We do understand, however, that some changes to the routine may be made between auditions and the actual competition, but the majority of the routine must remain the same).
- NO props, costumes, special lighting, or representations of the school's name are allowed in the audition videos.
- Audition videos are due with Registration Packet on **December 5, 2011**.

AUDITION VIDEO UPLOAD INSTRUCTIONS:

Each team must send an audition video that is a minimum of 2 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes

1. In your address bar, type in <https://wettransfer.com/> and select “Go”
2. Click in the “Add Files” box to search for your audition video file on your computer
3. Select the file [save file as your University Name]
4. Enter registration@dandiaonfire.com for “friend’s email address”
5. Enter your team’s main contact email for “your email address”
6. Select “Transfer” [Please ensure that the file is not open during the uploading process]
7. A pop-up box will appear labeled “Terms.” Select the box, “I agree, let’s go!” Press “Ok”
8. The next window will take you from 0% to 100% as your file transfers.

Your audition video will be sent directly to registration@dandiaonfire.com. We will send a confirmation email stating that we have received your audition video file. If you have not received a confirmation email within 24 hours, please contact the registration team as soon as possible.

*Note: Please also send a DVD copy of the audition video to the address listed below

We ask that you PLEASE follow all the rules described above regarding audition videos. Teams that fail to follow the appropriate submission procedures will be subjected to removal from the application pool.

REGISTRATION FEE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please send your non-refundable registration check of **\$35** to Nisha Doshi at the address below, postmarked by **December 5, 2011**. If submitting a late application, a non-refundable registration check of **\$45** are due (postmarked by) **December 13, 2011** to Nisha Doshi. **Please make checks payable to Penn State Raas Society. See below for mailing address.**

PLEASE MAIL ALL CHECKS AND AUDITION VIDEO DVDs TO:

Nisha Doshi
205 E Beaver Ave
Apt 38
State College, PA 16801

Team Registration Form

Name of University:

Team Name:

Primary Contact Name/ Position on Team:

_____ / _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Secondary Contact Name/ Position on Team:

_____ / _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Team Roster

The team roster includes ALL team members: dancers, captains and managers. A minimum of 12 and a maximum of 18 team members are allowed per team. At least 75% of the members must be registered students at your university at the time of our competition, including managers and captains. Please include a photocopy of each member's **driver's license, academic verification, and student ID** with the registration packet.

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Checklist

All items below are due **December 5, 2011 along with a \$35 registration fee**. Materials received after December 5 until December 12 will be considered late and subjected to a \$45 registration fee (\$10 late fee charge). No registration materials will be accepted after December 12, 2011.

Send Via Email:

- Registration Packet (Part 1) Materials
 - Team Registration Form
 - Team Roster Form
- Photo Copy of each dancer's Student ID card
- Photo Copy of each dancer's Driver's License
- Academic Verification (documentation from your university proving academic registration)
- Uploaded Audition Video (2-3 minutes)

Send Via Post Mail:

- \$35 application fee if postmarked by December 5, 2011. \$45 application fee (\$10 late fee charge) if postmarked between December 6 – December 12, 2011
Please make checks payable to Penn State Raas Society.
- Audition Video DVD

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Dandia on Fire Survey

What did you like most about DOF last year? The least?

If you have attended DOF in the past, what did you like about the mixer that you would want to see again?

What do you value the most from a liaison?

What would make your experience at DOF better?

What would you like to see at DOF that you do not see at other competitions?

Rate your experience at past DOF's on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 – worst, 10 – best)

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Important Dates to Remember

- **December 5, 2011** - Registration Packet (Part 1) due with \$35 application fee
- **December 12, 2011** - Late Registration Packet (Part 1) due with \$45 application fee
- **January 13, 2012** - Acceptance notifications sent to teams, along with Registration Packet (Part 2) information
- **January 27, 2012** - Registration Packet (Part 2) fee due (\$20 per team member)
- **February 1, 2012** - Registration Packet 2 Deadlines released to selected teams
- **March 23, 2012** - Selected competing teams arrive at the Pennsylvania State University to attend Dandia on Fire Mixer
- **March 24, 2012** - Dandia on Fire 5 Competition