

# Milo Try-Outs

## Information Packet



### Milo Quick Facts

**Introduced to Campus:** 2013

**Species:** Canada Lynx / Colorado native

**Named by:** Then-student Juliana Valera

**Personality:** adventurous, bold, active, clever, confident, fierce

### Milo Criteria

- **Height Requirement:** Minimum 5'5" for proportional appearance in the suit, maximum 6'4"
- **Time Management and Flexible Schedule:** Ensure that work-life balance can be sustained, possibility of working weekends/evening events as needed.
- **Dancing Skills:** Highly recommended, Milo is a dancer especially when music is audible.
- **Flexibility and Energy:** Ability to engage in various activities and maintain high energy levels.
- **Stamina:** Must endure extended time in the costume, withstand heat, and remain active.
- **Mimicry:** Basic miming skills and quick learning of basic hand gestures.
- **Energetic Persona:** Maintain joyful energy, even on challenging days.
- **Learning from Others:** Study famous mascot moments on YouTube for effective performance tips.

### In the Suit Rules

- **Dance with Audible Music:** Move with the rhythm unless in a serious or physically busy situations.
- **Picture Poses:** Aim Milo's nose at the camera for optimal photo framing.
- **High Fives:** Give as many high fives as possible when passing people.
- **Respect Boundaries:** Avoid startling individuals, especially those with phobias.
- Represent CU appropriately.
- **Behavior Standards:** No inappropriate dancing or gestures; maintain a positive and respectful image.
- **Silent Performance:** Zero sound or noise from Milo to preserve the immersion.
- **Safety Awareness:** Be cautious of surroundings, especially with Milo's large head and feet.
- **Activity:** Keep moving; avoid a stagnant Milo in less busy situations.

# Suit Usage Guidelines

- **Limit Suit Time:** Try not to exceed an hour unless comfortable; take breaks to cool off.
- **Secrecy:** Keep suiting up and partial suiting discreet; maintain the mystery of Milo.
- **Head Removal:** In extreme heat or discomfort, prioritize personal safety over the mascot persona.
- **Packing Suit:** Imagine dressing yourself in costume when packing to avoid forgetting pieces.
- **Vision:** Use the mouth for visibility on stairs or rough terrain.

## Interacting with Others

- **Handle Scared Reactions:** Respectful and understanding if kids or dogs get scared; proceed to move on.
- **Navigate Awkwardness:** Make events lively, even in low-energy situations; be creative.
- **Responding to Questions:** Point to the upper back to indicate Milo's name.



## Handler Rules

- **Voice of Milo:** Answer questions for Milo, especially those requiring more than a yes or no response.
- **Guiding Milo:** Alert Milo to things he might not see and guide interactions.
- **Regular Check-Ins:** Every 10 minutes, check on Milo's well-being.
- **Yes/No Questions:** Communicate with Milo through yes/no questions.
- **Authority:** Utilize Milo's authority to gain access to places; seek permission when needed.
- **Food and Care:** Ensure Milo's needs are met, including food, water, and breaks.

## Try-out Process

### Group Workshop Day 2/27/24 - Time: 2 - 4 PM

- Visualize what a successful and unsuccessful mascot & behavior look like
- Practice miming behaviors in group and partner settings to a variety of different scenarios
- Meet current Milo's and have the opportunity to ask questions, hear about their experience, etc.

### Audition Day 2/28/24

- Sign up for an hour-long timeslot
- 15-Minute Interview: Showcase personality, enthusiasm, and understanding of the role.
- Get in the suit and practice being Milo by walking around the Wellness Center and interacting with people.