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## Mascot/Nickname History

In the earliest days of University of Utah recorded history, the students and alumni referred to their athletic teams as both the "Utes" and the "Redskins." The dual nickname was officially dropped in favor of "Utes" in 1972, when college campuses became sensitive to the concerns of tribal members. The University of Utah uses Ute as its nickname with permission from the Ute Tribal Council. Although the University of Utah nickname is still Utes, the school introduced a mascot in 1996, with permission from the Ute Tribal Council. "Swoop" represents a red-tailed hawk, a bird indigenous to the state of Utah.



## Swoop Tryouts

We are looking for outgoing students who are enthusiastic about supporting their athletic teams!

**April 2, 2013 3:00PM - 7:00PM**

Location: Jon M. Huntsman Center

Enter in through the doors next to the ticket office on the Southeast side of the arena. Enter in through Portal 23.

Bring \$35, completed tryout packet, and a letter of recommendation.

[Tryout Packet](#)

Please contact Jamie Duncan-Plott at [jplott@huntsman.utah.edu](mailto:jplott@huntsman.utah.edu) for more information.



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