

# **Lighthouse Christian Chargers Cheer**

### **Purpose:**

Our purpose for the LCC cheerleaders is to bring glory to God in all that we do and to offer student athletes the opportunity to grow in cheer skills and leadership while promoting encouragement to our athletic teams.

# **Eligibility:**

The Chargers are an athletic organization for homeschoolers. Your child's education must be parent directed and at least 51% of your child's course work needs to be provided at home. The athlete cannot be enrolled in more than 2 credit-bearing courses at a public or private school. The athlete must be homeschooled for 365 days before being able to participate.

# **Grade Eligibility:**

Mascots- 1st-3rd grade
Sparklers- 4th-6th grade
Jr. High Cheer- 7th-8th grade
JV Cheer- 9th-12th
Varsity Cheer- 9th-12th grade
Varsity and JV will be determined based on tryout scores.

# **Registration Deadline:**

Junior High, JV, and Varsity registration will be open on March 21st until May 22nd. Returning Mascots/Sparklers registration will be open starting March 21st. New Mascots/ Sparklers registration will open on March 28th. Cheerleaders must be registered in order to participate.

### Cost:

Mascot/Sparkler Charger Cheer cost is approximately \$346; this includes a \$70 cheer fee. This price includes their uniform (shell & skirt), bag, t-shirt, bows, jacket and poms which they will get to keep.

Mascots will need to purchase separately:

- White athletic shoes - White socks - Rain jacket - Navy leggings - White long sleeved shirt

\*Returning Mascots cost will be less and be dependent upon the items that they need to purchase.

Jr. High Charger Cheer fee is approximately \$575 including a \$135 cheer fee.

This price includes the whole uniform, rain jackets, t-shirt, warm-ups, poms, bag, and bows. The girls keep their uniform each year and will only need to order what is needed for the following year. Cheer shoes and white socks are not included in this fee and will need to be purchased separately. \*White authentic cheerleading shoes are required (the soles are more solid for stunting).

JV/Varsity Charger Cheer fee is approximately \$677; this includes a \$135 cheer fee.

This price includes the whole uniform, rain jackets, t-shirt, warm-ups, poms, bag, and bows. The girls keep their uniform each year and will only need to order what is needed for the following year. Cheer shoes and white socks are not included in this fee and will need to be purchased separately. \*White authentic cheerleading shoes are required (the soles are more solid for stunting).

Uniforms must be paid in full on May 22nd. The uniform fees are non-refundable. Cheer fees are paid when you register online.

If you have payment question, please email Pettra Stockton at cheer.treasurer@lcachargers.com

Other costs to consider are the entry fees to games, travel cost, hotel cost, and cost for Nationals in Florida for JV/Varsity.

#### Insurance:

Cheerleaders and parents need to be aware that there are inherent risks involved in cheerleading. By participating in this sport, as with other sports, the cheerleader and family acknowledge this fact and assume this risk. Medical insurance is not provided by Lighthouse Christian Chargers.

### **Communication:**

The Chargers communicate exclusively through the Mighty app. Make sure you are on the Mighty Chats that apply to your cheerleader and turn on notifications. Please direct any Mighty questions/issues to the cheer email: cheer.admin@lcachargers.com.

You can also follow the Lighthouse Christian Chargers Cheerleaders social media accounts at the following:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LCAChargers

Instagram: lc.chargerscheer

### **Sports Physical:**

Anyone 12/Older or turning 12 during the 2025 season (even our sparkler Cheerleaders) will need an up to date sports physical and an updated MSHSAA Annual Requirements form uploaded under their athlete profile on the website by the first day of practice (August 4th). Cheerleaders will not be allowed to practice or cheer at the games until a physical and annual requirements form is uploaded on to the website under your athletes profile.

This is a MSHSAA guideline.

# **Important Dates, Practices and Games**

#### **Mascots and Sparklers:**

<u>Uniform fittings and Ordering</u>- May 19th or 20th at Seminole Baptist from 9-12. There will be a sign up sent out to reserve your spot \*A parent must be present

Sparkler/Mascot Camp- August 11th and 12th from 5:30-8 at Fellowship farm

<u>Mascot/sparkler practice-</u> Start on August 14th mascots from 5:30-6:30 and sparklers 5:30-7:00 pm at Fellowship Farm (Please arrive by 5:15)

<u>Practices</u>- Mondays and Thursdays unless games fall on our practice days then we will have to add in Tuesday practices. Please be sure to follow the mighty app chat and calendar for your squad to stay updated.

<u>Games</u>- Sparklers Perform at all local (within an hour from Springfield) Varsity and JV games and Mascots will perform at local (within an hour from Springfield) Jr. High games and Home games with Sparklers beginning at the end of August

Pep Rally - August 28th

### Jr. High, JV and Varsity:

<u>Tryouts:</u> Required to participate in cheer. May 19-21st from 8-12 at Seminole Baptist Church <u>Uniform fittings and Ordering</u>- Jr High will try on uniforms on Wednesday May 21. Jr High warm ups fitting will be on May 22nd from 10-10:45 (there will be a sign up sent out to reserve a spot). Varsity and JV fittings on May 22nd from 9-10. We will send out a sign up to reserve a time slot. \*A parent must be present and prepared to pay. Only accepting credit or debit cards.

<u>Practices</u>- Begin August 4th 5:30-8pm at Fellowship farm. Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays through August and continue until the beginning of November. Once games start, practice will be on the days that a game is not scheduled.

Optional (Stongly encouraged) Stunting Clinic- June 2 and 3 Dynamics Gymnastics on Republic road from 9-12.

Mandatory stunt clinic-July 28 and 29 9-12 at Dynamics Gymnastics.

Mascot Camp- August 11th and 12th Jr. High, JV and Varsity girls help lead this camp

Games- Begin August 29th and end in November.

<u>Jamboree</u> - August 22

Pep Rally - August 28th

<u>Nationals</u> - November 18 through 22 This is not mandatory. You will want to be on the Nationals thread on Mighty for details.

\*All dates are subject to change

#### **Games:**

Games usually begin in mid to late August and continue through the beginning of November. Jr. High, JV and Varsity girls cheer at all away and home games. Most Varsity games are on Fridays and occasionally Saturdays. JV games are mostly on Mondays and Jr. high games vary.

Mascots and Sparkles only perform at home games. They will cheer at local and close (within an hour) games. The schedule will be on the Mighty App.

Any questions? Email Jena, Melissa or Brittany at cheer.admin@lcachargers.com