

Hello Cheer Families!

This is our “all things comp” letter! Welcome back to our returning families and for our newbies, we are happy to have you! Everyone that indicated that they were interested in joining the competition team is receiving this letter. Shortly we will be “offering” your child a place on the comp team through our website. You will receive an email that will direct you to accept or reject our offer. This will be an easier way to handle managing the teams and payments. Joining the competition team is an additional financial commitment above the sideline team. The cost is \$200, which goes to facility rental space, choreography, and competition fees. There will be no refunds after the start of choreography the week of August 11th.

Please read this entire letter and add dates to your calendars ASAP.

Competition season this year will start with a uniform fitting. ***This year we will have brand new uniforms just for the cheerleaders competing.*** Each uniform will be custom fit to your child and you will have the option of purchasing this uniform outright. There will be more information about purchasing options. Uniform fitting will be May 12th at Indian Brook Elementary as follows:

Mites 5/12 5-6p

Peewees 5/12 6-7p

Midgets 5/12 7-8p

Also new this season will be an evaluation for all cheerleaders looking to compete. This IS NOT a try out, all cheerleaders will be placed on their appropriate team. The evaluation gives the coaches and choreographer the ability to design a routine that will let each kid shine. It will ensure cheerleaders are placed in positions that suit their strengths and skills. The date is listed below and is set according to their team. If you have a conflict with this date, please let us know and we can arrange an alternative.

Choreography- 8/11-8/15

Megan will be coming back to choreograph our routines this year! These sessions will take place over two days for each team during the days of August 11-15 and are mandatory for all cheerleaders on the comp team. Most likely the schedule will have the Mighty Mites and Mites going in the morning from 9-12 on two days and the Peewees and Midgets will go 12-3 on two days each team. The location will be announced as it gets closer, but please mark off this week. If for any reason your child has trouble getting to or from these sessions, do not hesitate to reach out! We have lots of families willing to help.

Practice schedule

This season, comp teams will practice on Wednesdays and Fridays through September in addition to the sideline practice schedule which will be released soon. We will be using the gym at IBES in addition to the PSMS gym. The one exception is Halloween, there will be no practice that night, instead it will be on 10/30 at IBES. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE plan accordingly! We are sharing this information as early as possible so it allows families to do their very best to account for practices and comps well in advance.

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Commitment

Competition cheerleaders are required to attend all practices. We understand that there may be situations that have been previously planned (i.e. vacations, family weddings) or life events occurring. However, commitment to a competition team may mean prioritizing the activity over things like friend's birthday party, Friday night football games, etc. If any of those conflict with

any of the listed dates, please tell Lori or Michelle immediately. Missing a single practice impacts the entire team's ability to practice effectively. If there are excessive missed comp team practices (>2), than your child's spot on the team may be forfeited or their role in the routine significantly changed.

Fundraising

This year we will be doing more fundraising to help cover the costs of the uniforms. We will offer different options so cheerleaders can choose what works best for them. Our program is a nonprofit and does not have the means cover the costs of these uniforms. More information regarding fundraising will be coming out very soon.

Parent Meeting

This year's parent meeting for comp team will be August 27th, 7pm at Elmer Raymond during practice. Even if you have had a child compete in previous years, we ask that you attend.

Important dates:

Comp team evaluation and uniform fitting: May 12, 5-8pm at IBES gym
-Mites 5-6p, Peewees 6-7p, and Midgets 7-8p

Choreography: August 11-15

Parent Meeting: August 27, 5p Elmer Raymond

Jags Showcase: October 18, PSMS

Spirit Spooktacular: October 25

East Coast Showdown: November 1

OCYCA Championship: November 15

We're looking forward to another successful comp season and can't wait for it to all get started! Please reach out with any questions!

Cheers,
Lori and Michelle