

Dear Parents & Students:

We are very excited about this year's clinic and tryouts. The cheerleaders will cheer through the fall and winter sports. **Their primary function is to be a cheerleader.** Competitions are a privilege given by the school. SBA will only have a JV/freshman squad if the number of applicants warrants it

This letter is to inform you as parents about the requirements for tryouts and what is involved in being an SBA cheerleader. Please review these to make sure that your daughter is willing to make the commitment to be an SBA cheerleader. It is beneficial to have cheer experience but at the clinic we will teach the girls everything they need to know for tryouts.

Tryout Requirements:

1. Complete application/permission form
2. \$25 clinic fee (used to cover judges, coaches fees) payable to SBA
3. **Girls are to wear shorts with bloomers or bike shorts underneath their short and the sports bra underneath a t-shirt & cheer shoes**
4. Girls are to wear their hair in a ponytail & **no jewelry**
5. Review the requirements for being a cheerleader/ to make sure that you can commit **100%** before trying out
6. Clinic & tryouts are closed to all parents and other students.
7. Please mail the application/clinic \$25 fee to:
SBA /Attn: Cheer Applicants
8250 Varnavas Drive
Cordova, Tn 38016
You may also drop the application off in the high school office or bring it to the clinic

All returning and new cheerleaders are judged equally. Everyone will be judged on the same technical and performance abilities. **Each cheerleader/parent must realize that there is a possibility that your daughter maybe an alternate in a competition according to the division we enter or according to their ability. This decision will be made by the coaches for each competition.** If applicable and if the need arises during the upcoming fall/winter season we might pull a JV/freshmen cheerleader to varsity if needed. All scores are confidential and will only be seen by the sponsor and the principal.

Parent Requirements: Each parent will need to work at least one event

- **Each parent will be required to work a shift at the little girl cheer camp in June 27-30 9am-12pm**
- **Each parent will be required to work a shift at registration in August**
- **Each parent will be required to work a shift during Winter fest week in January to sell t-shirt during lunch 10:30-1:00pm**
- Juniors parents will be in charge of the senior gifts at the end of the year
- Mat maintenance –3 parents every month to help vacuum mats and Lysol mats
- **All Nationals payments must be made by credit card only**
- We will need a parent coordinator for the following events:
Little girl camp, camp crafts, camp check-in/check-out, Football game & Basketball games supervisor volunteers pep rallies, homecoming & Winterfest, game posters, team dinners, parties, goodie bags and snacks
- **Parents must arrange to get their child to all football games and basketball games**
- **Parents must make the coach aware of any class conflicts 1 month prior. Ex: Christmas Concert**

Cheerleader Requirements:

The student may not play any other sport except for those spring sports that begin after Feb 15 except for softball. Practice times may vary according to the availability of the school and the coach's schedule. We cannot work around other extra circular activities/team practice schedules

WE EXPECT ALL CHEERLEADERS AND PARENTS TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS SERIOUSLY AND COMMIT TO THE SQUAD 100%.

- **Payment of coach's fees will be prepaid. Coaches Fees are monthly payable to the coach April-January**
Practices: 2hrs/4 days per week which may increase to 5-7 days per week before a competition
- **Host the little girls cheer/dance camp: June 27-30 9:00am –12:00 cheer camp.** All cheerleaders are expected to be at this since they actually help run the camp **We will need parent supervision to help run the camp each day. Parents will be required to sign up and help at this fundraising event**
- Additional Tumbling Classes
- New Cheerleader Cost: This will be given out at the clinic or email me and I can send it to you.
- There could be additional expenses if cheer travels out of town to some competitions such as Camp, State, Regionals or Nationals. Each parent is responsible for getting their child to these competitions
- Cheer at Football games & varsity girls/boys basketball games & Pep Rallies

- **Uniform must be paid for in full at fittings by check or credit card. All other fees will also be due accordingly. All uniforms are yours upon ordering. There will be no exchanges or swapping among girls.**

Physicals will be needed by August 1. The form is on the SBA website under sports. You may go to your regular doctor or the school will have Saturday in May that the students may get a Campbell's clinic physical for nominal amount. date and time TBA. **Please make a copy of your physical in case the school or another sport needs it. It is not our responsibility to provide it to the other sporting teams since we are not under athletics.**

Juniors & Seniors please try to schedule your college visits in the spring and summers due to the fact that the fall and winter are very hectic with practices and competitions.

IF YOUR CHILD QUILTS DUE TO AN INJURY OR ANY OTHER REASONS THE FEES THAT HAVE BEEN PAID UP UNTIL THAT POINT ARE NON REFUNDABLE . THIS INCLUDES THE VARSITY ORDER FOR UNIFORMS, AIRLINE DEPOSITS AND PRACTICE UNIFORMS AND BAGS.

In January please do not plan anything during the weekends or weekdays due to practice schedule for Nationals. There is a possibility of practicing 7 days a week

Practice information

Uniform: Each cheerleader must wear the complete practice uniform chosen by the sponsor.

We have 2 cheer uniforms –one for competitions and one for games

Practice times: Monthly calendars will be emailed . We must share the dining hall with other SBA events so we have to be flexible. All practices are set by the coach and cancelled by the coach

Absent: Any missed practices besides from illness must be Okayed with the coach before you miss a practice. The more practices you miss the more likely you will become an alternate

Practice Setup/Take down:

Cheerleaders must have ALL tables/chairs moved and the mats put out before practice time.

ALL cheerleaders will stay after practice to put up the mats, tables & chairs

ALL cheerleaders will not leave until ALL trash and belongings are picked up

Significant Dates & Information

- **Parents must attend uniform fitting to order uniforms. PAYMENTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE FITTING. May 4 & 5**
- June 27-30 Little Girl Cheer @ 9am-12 **mandatory**
- August- 8 work registration selling class t-shirts
- August, September & October practice & games
- October-Cheer performs @ the 7th/8th PAA Cheer Competition **mandatory**
- November –practicing for competitions
- November –Cheer Regional (usually 1st or 2nd Saturday)
- November- **Mandatory** Parent Meeting – payment for Nationals due
- November –State Cheer Competition in Murfreesboro, Tn)
- December-January-February- practice TBA
- February –National Cheer Competition in Orlando, Florida Feb 9-13, 2012
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Sincerely,
Pam Gordon
SBA Cheerleader Sponsor

TRYOUT FORM

Please sign below stating you understand the commitment that you and your daughter are making.

I _____ parent of _____

I have read and understand the above requirements of cheerleading. We commit to all the above.

We will give 100% to the SBA cheerleading squad. **I UNDERSTAND IF MY CHILD QUILTS ALL FEES , UNIFORMS , BAGS ETC....ARE NON REFUNDABLE and NON RETURNABLE.**

Student Name: _____ Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

I accept the responsibility of all the above. I realize that this is a big commitment of time. I realize that I may be an alternate at a competition.

I _____ (cheerleader name) accept the position of:

_____ Varsity cheerleader only

_____ JV cheerleader only

_____ Either