

Riptides Cheer Squad Requirements

In order to tryout and be a member of the Riptides Cheer Team, there are a number of requirements you must meet. These requirements are mandatory and will be expected to be and/or have been met by every team member. Should you have any questions or feel you cannot meet the requirements for Tryouts and/or Membership on the cheer team, please feel free to talk to the coach at any time.

To be a member of the Riptides Cheer Teams, you must:

- *HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE!! No experience is necessary, but a good attitude is a MUST!!
- *Attend all practices as scheduled on the monthly calendars.
- *Attend All Competitions, Community events, performances, etc as determined by the Riptides Staff.
- *Be ON TIME for ALL practices and performances.
- *Wear the required uniform on event days.
- *Participate in Riptides activities and fund-raisers.
- *Sign and adhere to the Riptides Team Member Contract.
- *Promote friendship between, support, encourage, and RESPECT all other Riptides Team members.
- *Agree to abide by the Expectations, Rules, and Regulations set forth in the cheerleading constitution.
- *Understand the commitment of being on the Riptides Cheerleading Squad for the entire year as outlined in this packet, and set forth in the constitution.
- *Remain unified as a team during performances, exhibitions, competitions, etc., home and away, in order to promote spirit, and positively represent Riptides Cheer.
- *Attend Camp and all Summer Practices - with prior approval, accommodations will be made as necessary for Family Vacations and Summer School responsibilities. There will be a fair "maximum" put on the cumulative number of practices missed during the summer. Please talk to the Coaches for specifics.
- *Participate in Community Service Activities as determine by Coaches during the year (i.e. Coat Drive, Food Drive, etc)

Riptides Team Tryout Process

There will be two teams for Riptides- the competition team, and the show team. For the competition team, you must come prepared with the following:

Jumps: Toe Touch, Pike *optional jumps- front hurdler, side hurdler

Tumbling: Cartwheel, Roundoff, Bridge, handstand, forward roll

*optional tumbling: back walkovers, back handspring, back tuck- if you have tumbling skills be prepared to show them all! *

For the show team, the tryout will be based on the following:

Cheer: Motions/coordination, enthusiasm and pep, eye contact, voice projection, smile.

Dance: Rhythm, execution, personality, and smile

Overall Performance

*Requirements are subject to change at the discretion of the cheerleading coaches.

***Tryouts are to determine what you are capable of- don't let these requirements discourage you. If you have strong basic skills, we will work with you on developing additional capabilities!**

Tryout Apparel

Please wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes. No half tops, no bare midriffs please. NO baggy shorts or shirts. Clothes should fit snug against the body, but not too tight and no short-shorts. Hair should be neat and pulled away from your face fastened securely with a simple hair-tie, and if you have bangs, please pull them back with a bobby pin or clip. No jewelry (necklaces, watches, etc.) should be worn.

Riptides Permission Slip

2012-2013

I, _____, would like to try out for the Riptides Cheerleading Squad for 2012-2013. I have read and understand the responsibility and requirements of being on the team and I agree to abide by these expectations and the rules as set forth. I agree that I will need to adhere to the responsibilities, requirements, expectations, and rules as set forth in order to remain a member of the Riptides Cheerleading Squad.

Candidate Signature

Date

I have read and discussed the responsibilities, requirements, and expectations of being on the Riptides Teams with my son/daughter and he/she has my permission to try out for the 2012-2013 teams. I agree that he/she will need to adhere to the responsibilities, requirements, expectations, and rules as set forth in order to remain a member of the Riptides Cheerleading Squad.

Parent Signature

Date

This form must be turned in on or before April 27th.

There will be a mandatory parent meeting April 22nd at 5:30 for anyone who is thinking of trying out for cheerleading. Parents should come with your child so you can ask questions, and learn what will be expected of you throughout the year.

Riptides Cheerleading Squad Application

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE #: _____ CELL PHONE#: _____

E-MAIL
ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE #: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME(S):

PARENT # TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY: _____

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU CURRENTLY IN? _____ SCHOOL: _____

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND
INTERESTS: _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME TRYING OUT FOR A CHEER/DANCE TEAM?

IF NO, WHAT OTHER EXPERIENCES HAVE YOU HAD WITH A CHEER OR DANCE
TEAM? _____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE RIPTIDES CHEERLEADING SQUAD, AND
WHAT
WOULD IT MEAN TO YOU?

Thank you for your desire to be part of Riptides Cheerleading Squad!
See you soon!

Miscellaneous Information

Once the squad is decided, practices will be nights on a regular basis with additional days being added as necessary during the performance season. Practice days and times will be determined once tryouts are complete, as we will have to take into account how many girls we have for teams. Should you make a squad and quit halfway through the season, you will be charged with a \$100 fee. We are a team, and as such you must commit fully to the team. If you are not able to dedicate yourself to the squad and to practices, competitions, and keeping up with tuition, then all star cheerleading is not the sport for you. Tuition is due the first of the month. If you are not current with tuition, you will NOT be allowed to practice with the team! All star cheerleading is both a parent/child commitment, and once season starts, it is unfair to the team if you decide halfway through the year that this is not for you.

Summer Camp Dates

Should your child be selected for the competition squad, camp **is mandatory**. If you are unable to attend, please let the coach know right away, so that something may be worked out. There will be fundraising to help offset these costs. If finances are a concern to you, please do not let this affect your decision to try out! We will try and help out anyone who needs it to make this possible. There are various fundraising opportunities available for everyone. This year summer camp will take place at Great Wolf Lodge. The cost per girl is \$335. Camp will be August 6th-9th. Payment for camp must be paid **IN FULL by June 6th**.

Uniform Purchase

Each cheerleader will be required to purchase their uniform before season starts. Total costs for the uniform this year will be about \$250-300 dollars. Uniforms will need to be ordered the beginning of June, so once again, there are fundraising opportunities available to help offset the costs of uniform purchase. Both show team and competition team will have the same uniform. Uniforms should not be worn to anything other than performances and competitions. If you are not on time with your uniform payments, you will be charged an extra fee by the vendor for late orders. If you have more questions regarding the uniform and costs, please contact the coaches.

Competitions

The competition team will start their season in November/December through March. Each competition will have an entry fee that must be paid **before** competing. We are looking at competing in about 5-6 competitions next year. The average cost per competition is about \$45-\$75 per girl. Members of the competition team will be expected to attend each competition, each practice, and any other team function assigned. Members of the competition team are expected to keep up with all payments, and all tuition. If you are not current or on time for these, then your child will not be able to practice with the team. All Star cheer is a sport, and as with any other sports team, when one person doesn't follow through, it affects the ENTIRE team. If you feel that you cannot commit to the time, practice, financial responsibility, and hard work this team requires, please try out for the show team instead.

Performances

Both squads will have performances, including the winter performance at the gym, and the spring performance as well. The entire team will be in the 4th of July parade, and there will be other performances at various sporting function here in town. If you want to try cheerleading, but don't

have the time commitment for the competition team, or the skill level, then this is the team for you. You can learn basic skills, jumps, and tumbling, so that next year you can try out for the competition team.

Again, please do not let costs be a factor in your decision. The fundraising we do is more than enough to pay for your uniform, camp, and competition costs, **IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DO THEM!** This is a parent/child commitment, so please consider whether you have the time to help your child fundraise. If you do not have funds in your child's booster account when fees are due, then they will not be able to participate in camp, have a uniform ordered in time, and if competition fees are not turned in they will not be able to compete. Fundraising can cover the entire costs for the season, so please use it if finances are an issue. Once you put your funds in your booster account, **they are non-refundable**. Should your child decide to quit halfway through the year, you will not be able to have your funds returned to you. They will be put in the general booster account fund. Cheerleading is a year-round sport, so please keep that in mind if your child is wanting to participate in other activities. It is very hard on a team when one person quits halfway through the season, so please take time to talk to your child and see if they want to commit to the team.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE COACHES AT ANY TIME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON AND WORKING WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE COMING YEAR!!

Regards,
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