

Coyle Middle School 2009-2010 Cheerleader Tryout Information Packet

- Step One: Read the packet in its entirety
Step Two: Sign all forms included within
Step Three: Return all the requested information by Thursday, April 9th to the appropriate sponsor (6th grade paperwork to Ms. McGill; 7th grade paperwork to Mrs. Light)
*These forms, as well as the clinic fee can be turned as early as Monday, March 9th.



Note that no late or incomplete applications will be accepted and that there will be no exceptions to this rule.

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SPORTS -



Monday, March 9th
Mandatory Parent Meeting
C.M.S. Cafeteria
6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 9th
Application Deadline
\$10.00 Clinic Fee
4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 14th
Clinic
C.M.S. Old Gym
4:00-6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 15th
Open Gym
C.M.S. Old Gym
4:00-5:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 16th
Open Gym (7th)/Mandatory Mock Tryouts (8th)
C.M.S. Old Gym
4:00-5:00 P.M.

Friday, April 17th
Open Gym (8th)/Mandatory Mock Tryouts (7th)
C.M.S. Old Gym
4:15-6:00

W O R L D - C H A M P I O N S - T R O P I C A N



Saturday, April 18th
Tryouts
Austin Middle School
7:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

Monday, April 20th
Mascot Tryouts
New Gym
7:30 A.M.

Monday, April 20th
Uniform Fitting
Room 141
4:00-5:30 P.M.

Money Order: Special Effects
\$ 254.39

Money Order: TeamLeader
7th Grade \$186.67
8th Grade \$199.49

Monday, May 4th, 11th, and 18th
Practice
Old Gym
4:00-5:30 P.M.

***** Money Order: ACA \$271*** (May 4th)**

June 6th - June 9th
ACA Cheerleading Camp
Texas Women's University

Our Expectations

Before trying out for cheerleading, it's imperative that everyone is well aware of what we expect and the standards that we hold our cheerleaders to. The three most important requirements that both the candidate and his/her parents need to take into consideration for the duration of the '09-'10 year are good character, financial deadlines, and our district's constitution. If for some reason, you feel that you or your son/daughter cannot meet these expectations, you might want to reconsider trying out.

Displaying Exemplary Character

It is the belief of both coaches and our administrators that being a cheerleader is not only an honor; it is a privilege as well. Therefore, should you be chosen to represent Coyle Middle School, it is imperative that you follow all school rules and regulations as disrespect for authority, school personnel, school policy, fellow students, etc. will not be tolerated and may result in temporary or permanent dismissal from the squad.

Paying All Financial Obligations

Upon becoming a cheerleader, it is your responsibility to purchase the uniform and camp attire that have been selected by the sponsor, as well as pay for summer camp tuition. On April 20th and May 4th these fees need to be paid in full by money order to the following vendors: Special Effects, ACA, and TeamLeader. (Refer to the calendar for specific amounts.)

Reading and Abiding by the Garland Independent School District's Middle School Cheerleader Constitution

The GISD Middle School Cheerleader Constitution makes you aware of your rights, discusses our objectives, our philosophy and purpose, and specifically states what's expected of every cheerleader in its domain. To avoid future conflicts, it is **YOUR** responsibility to become well acquainted with the contents of this document, especially the "Deduction System" because it will be strictly enforced and **anyone who chooses not to abide will be held accountable.**

Responsibilities

In addition to cheering for games, which include both football and basketball, other mandatory events include 6th Grade Locker Night (typically the last Thursday before the first day of school,) the Garland Labor Day Parade, and any fundraising activities scheduled by the sponsors.

Please note that football games are typically on Tuesdays, while basketball games are played on Thursdays, and everyone is responsible for his/her own ride. 7th grade cheerleaders must arrive at these events no later than 5:00 P.M. However, 8th grade cheerleaders do not have to be present until 6:30 P.M.

Selection Apparel



Cheer Clinic/Open Gym April 14th, 15th, and 16th

PONYTAIL
NO JEWELRY
T-shirt
Knit Shorts
White socks
Tennis shoes

Mock Tryouts/Tryouts April 17th and 18th

PONYTAIL
NO JEWELRY
Cougar T
SOLID Black knit shorts
White socks
Solid white tennis shoes

Cheer Clinic

Only candidates who are academically eligible (refer to Fourth Six Week's report card) may participate, and although it is not a mandatory event, we highly recommend everyone attend. If for some reason a candidate chooses not to participate, he/she will have to rely on another candidate to teach him/her the material (cheer, chant, and dance) that will be scored by the panel of judges and so determines who makes the squad.

All participants will be charged a \$10.00 fee that is due no later than April 9th.

Cameras, camcorders, and picture phones are not permitted.

Parent Participation/Involvement

Parents are **not** to be in the building at anytime on April 14th, 15th, 16th or 17th while the candidates are assembled in the gym learning, preparing, or practicing their routines. This also applies to the actual tryout day itself at Austin Middle School. **Anyone choosing to enter the premises in spite of this warning will immediately be escorted out by a sponsor or the police.**

Day of Tryout Procedures



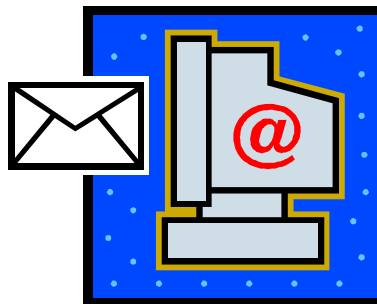
Morning

All candidates are to arrive at Austin already dressed in the specified attire and report to the cafeteria by 7:00 to warm up.



Evening Notification

Once all the candidates have tried out and the judges have the opportunity to tabulate and verify their scores, everyone will be dismissed and given an envelope from the sponsor that contains specific instructions and a website address where the official tryout results can be found.



Judging

Cheerleader selections will only be based on a performance before a panel of 5 judges. The high and low score of each candidate will be dropped, leaving the remaining 3 to be averaged and then calculated to 2 decimal points by a district-wide, computer-generated program.

Performance: Sequence of Events

Before any judging will take place, all candidates (7th and 8th grade) will perform the cheer, chant, and dance for the judges so they have the opportunity to see what the material should look like.

Afterwards, the contestants will exit the gym and tryouts will proceed as follows: In numeric order, each contestant will make his or her entrance, demonstrate three jumps, and then perform the cheer. Once all individual categories are complete, the candidates will execute the chant and dance in groups consisting of 3 or 4.

Who Will Make the Squad?

Each candidate will be scored on the following criteria:

Entrance :

Presence/Poise (5)
Tumbling during run-in (10)
Spirit/Enthusiasm (5)

Cheer :

Motion Technique (10)
Voice/Projection (5)
Incorporation
(Jumps/Standing Tumble) (5)
Memory (5)

Jumps :

Toe Touch (10)
Right/Left Herkie (5)
Optional Jump (5)

Chant :

Motion Technique (10)
Timing (5)

Dance:

Motion Technique (10)
Projection (5)
Memory (5)

The top ten 7th grade contestants who score 30% or higher and the top ten 8th grade contestants who score 35% or higher will be named as the 2008-2009 7th and 8th grade cheerleaders.

Disclaimers

Judges:

Every attempt is made to hire judges that have not worked with students in the Garland area. However, with the hundreds of camps in the state of Texas, attended by thousands of cheerleaders and taught by hundreds of instructors, it may be possible at some time that a member of the judging panel may have had some contact with a candidate who is trying out.

Professional judges with outstanding credentials and references will be hired for all tryouts. They will be instructed to judge the candidates based only on the mastery of the skills they see during the tryouts. Tryout results will not be challenged because of prior knowledge of judges and candidates.

Judges' Scoring

Scores and final results tabulated by a district-wide, computer-generated program will be non-debatable as every attempt of fairness has been attempted by having an administrator present at each phase of the tryout process.

Insurance:

As a cheerleader, your child is covered by the school insurance, providing that the proper GISD channels are followed. However, you are encouraged to have your own insurance or to take the additional school insurance.

Parent Meeting:

Unless prior arrangements have been made with the sponsor, all candidates and parents are encouraged to attend the meeting on March 9th.

Candidate Eligibility:

Even if a candidate cannot attend the Cheer Clinic due to ineligibility, they can however participate in the Panel of Judges portion of the tryout process.

Tryout information and packets for all GISD middle and high schools are also available at www.garlandisd.net Just follow the *Departments and Programs* link and select *Cheerleading!*

Confirmation of Understanding

I, the undersigned, have read the entire Coyle Middle School Cheerleading Application Packet and understand the contents within.

I also acknowledge that:

1. Candidates must be registered to attend Coyle for the 2009-2010 school year and may not try out for another GISD squad,
2. Parents, family, and friends are not allowed in the buildings any day during the week of tryout activities. If we are, we risk sponsor or police removal,
3. I will not contest the final decisions resulting from the Panel of Judges,
4. To receive my son's/daughter's scores in a timely fashion, I should turn in a signed request, as well as a self-addressed envelope along with the paperwork that's due on April 9th. If I miss this deadline, I can contact Mr. Merrill at a later date after tryouts are over,
5. I certify that all information I have provided to the sponsors is true and correct, and
6. Selected cheerleaders must:
 - a. always display a positive attitude,
 - b. abide by the GISD Cheerleading Constitution or be subjected to the consequences therein,
 - c. work hard in practice and in the classroom,
 - d. attend scheduled events,
 - e. provide their own transportation to and from games
 - f. participate in the squad fundraiser

Candidate's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian
Signature

Date

Garland Independent School District Middle School Cheerleading Constitution

I, _____, a potential 2009-2010 cheerleader at Coyle Middle School, acknowledge that it is my responsibility to commit myself to my squad and at all times promote school spirit and good citizenship- both in and outside of school, and epitomize INTEGRITY. With this in mind, I place my signature below to illustrate my commitment to my teammates, the athletes, and the school I will represent provided I am one of the top10 scorers at the tryouts held on Saturday, April 18th.

Not only have I been given a copy of the **Revised 5/2008** "Deduction System," but I have read, understand, and agree with the contents therein. Therefore, on the _____ day of _____, I pledge to be all I can be and to abide by this document. Should I choose to do otherwise, I WILL BE disciplined according to the information found on pages 8, 9, 10, and11, which could result in benching and possibly dismissal from the squad.

Cheerleader Signature

Parent Signature

As a parent, I have read through the constitution myself and know exactly what can and will happen to my son/daughter should he/she deviate from the specified guidelines. I also pledge to do all that I can to help him/her be his/her best and to show respect for rules and regulations. At times this may require me to take responsibility for my child by calling the sponsor or by providing documentation, but this is my duty and my part in ensuring equality and fairness within the squad.

Coyle Middle School Cheerleaders 2009-2010

Information Sheet



Please **NEATLY PRINT** the following information regarding the candidate and his/her parents or legal guardians.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First

Address: _____
Street

City Zip Code

Home # (____) _____ Cell # (____) _____

Date of Birth _____
Month Day Year

E-mail Address: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother: _____
Last First

Cell Phone: (____) _____

Father: _____
Last First

Cell Phone: (____) _____

Family E-mail Address: _____

