



2009 Cheerleading Tryout Packet

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Timeline of Events

Important Dates:

Thursday, April 2	Parent Meeting in Webb Library	6:00-7:00
Tuesday, April 14	Paperwork is due!	By 4:00
Tuesday, April 14	Instructor's Session	4:00-6:00
Wednesday, April 15	Instructor's Session	4:00-6:00
Thursday, April 16	Mock Tryout/Individual Practice	4:00-5:30
Friday, April 17	Open Gym with Sponsors	4:00-5:00

Judging Panel Tryout:

Saturday, April 18	At Jackson MST	Warm-Up:	8:30-9:30
		Tryout:	9:30-11:00

This is a closed door session. No parents will be allowed in the building for any reason.

Announcements/Postings of Winners:

Posting of 2009-2010 Cheerleaders will be available Sunday, April 19th on the internet. Candidates will receive this website (URL) after tryouts on April 18th.

Candidate/Parent Orientation Meeting

There will be a parent/ candidate meeting prior to tryouts to answer and discuss any questions about the packet and tryout process. All candidates and parents are **REQUIRED** to attend this meeting unless prior arrangements have been made with the sponsor.

Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2009

Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Place: Webb Library

GISD Centralized Middle School Cheerleader Tryouts 2009

The goal of the centralized tryout will be to provide a consistent, equitable and monitored tryout process for all middle school cheerleader candidates across the district.

The Garland Independent School District will hold a centralized tryout for the selection of the 2009-2010 cheerleading squads. This tryout will be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2009**. All twelve middle schools with cheerleading squads will participate in the tryout process. The tryout will be held at a north side and south side middle school location. At each campus the schedule will be as follows

Zone 1 Austin Academy

School	Warm-up	Tryout
Coyle Middle School	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	8:00 - 9:30
O'Banion Middle School	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	9:30 - 11:00
Classical Center at Brandenburg	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30
Lyles Middle School	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	1:15 - 2:45
Sam Houston Middle School	1:45 - 2:45	2:45 - 4:15
Austin Academy	3:30 - 4:30	4:30 - 6:00

**The school in the last time slot (6) will serve as HOST for the tryouts.

Zone 2 Jackson MST

School	Warm-up	Tryout
Hudson Middle School	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	8:00 - 9:30
Webb Middle School	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	9:30 - 11:00
Schrade Middle School	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30
Sellers Middle School	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	1:15 - 2:45
Bussey Middle School	1:45 - 2:45	2:45 - 4:15
Jackson MST	3:30 - 4:30	4:30 - 6:00

**The school in the last time slot (6) will serve as HOST for the tryouts.

Clinic Information

During the clinic, candidates will learn the cheer, sideline, and dance requirements for tryouts.

When:

Tuesday, April 14, 2009	4:00-6:00
Wednesday, April 15, 2009	4:00-6:00
Thursday, April 16, 2009	4:00-5:30
Friday, April 17, 2009	4:00-5:00

Where:

Competition Gym

Cost:

\$10.00- To be turned in before the clinic begins at 4:00 on Tuesday, April 14th.
Cash and money orders only, made out to Webb Cheerleading. Personal checks will **NOT** be accepted.

Attire:

T-shirt

Athletic shorts

Athletic shoes

No jewelry will be worn

Hair must be pulled back out of your face

Agenda of Events:

Day 1 and 2 (April 14-15):	Instructor's session to learn routines/practice
Day 3 (April 16):	Mock Tryouts and Individual Practice Time
Day 4 (April 17):	Open Gym with 2 sponsors present

Only students who are academically eligible may attend the clinics. Ineligible students may NOT participate in the clinic in any fashion. They may not even watch. Ineligible students may participate in the judging panel tryouts ONLY.

No video of the clinic will be allowed under any circumstances.

No parents will be allowed in the gym during the clinic under any circumstances.

Clinic participation is not a mandatory requirement in order for a candidate to tryout.

Explanation of the Judging Panel Tryout

Judges Panel

April 18, 2009

Time:

Warm-Up:	8:30-9:30
Tryout:	9:30-11:00

Order: The order of tryouts will be determined by a random drawing. After the drawing and after each candidate has been assigned a number, this number will be pinned to the front of the candidate's shirt. There will be **NO SWITCHING OF NUMBERS**. Switching numbers may result in disqualification.

Closed Tryouts: Parents and any non-candidates will **NOT** be allowed in the building on the day of tryouts. Tryout is at Jackson Technology Center for Math and Science.

Attire: All candidates **must** wear a plain white polo style shirt with short sleeves, green athletic shorts, and any type of white athletic shoe. Shirts and shorts **must** have no visible logo. The attire provision is to be strictly followed – no exceptions will be made. Hair **must** be pulled back away from face. **No** jewelry will be worn.

Tryout Process: Entrance, jumps, individual cheer, group chant, group dance

Procedures for Dismissal: ALL candidates will need to wait until the coaches dismiss them.

Disclaimer:

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 come in 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 skills that they see demonstrated during the tryouts. Tryout results will not be challenged because of prior knowledge of judges and candidates.

Sequence of Events for Middle School Tryouts

1. All candidates should walk in and perform all material for the judges as a group. It should be explained that this is only so the judges can see what the material should look like and that they will not be judged at that time. Full-out jumps and tumbling is not necessary but certainly welcome during this demonstration. Judges should put their pencils down during this time.
2. Candidates will enter the gym individually.
3. They will spirit, or tumble in, and approach the center of the gym floor, where they will wait for the judge's notification.
4. The candidate will then perform their three jumps (toe touch, L/R herkie, and a jump of their choice).
5. The candidate will then perform their individual cheer, and then exit the gym.

******* Once all candidates have completed 1-5, then we will begin with the group portion of the tryout!**

6. The candidates will enter the gym in groups of 3 or 4, and will walk to the center of the gym floor.
7. The candidates will perform their sideline/chant as a group.
8. The candidates will then perform the dance as a group, and then exit the gym.

******* There should be no tumbling or spiring in, in this portion of the tryouts. The candidates should merely walk in, perform the sideline/chant and dance, and then walk out.**



Judging Criteria for Middle School Cheerleaders

Entrance

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

Jumps

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

Cheer

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

Chant

- Motion Technique (10)
- Timing (5)

Dance

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

There are 100 points available from each judge.

The high and low score will be dropped.

The remaining three scores will be averaged.

Each candidate must score a minimum percentage of points in order to be placed on a cheerleading squad:

- 7th grade – 30%
- 8th grade – 35%
- HS Freshmen – 40%
- HS Junior Varsity – 45%
- HS Varsity – 50%

Explanation of How Cheerleaders are Selected

Judges will score the candidate's performance using the district-wide judges form (see previous page). Scores will then be tabulated by a person not connected to the tryout using a computer generated/GISD formula.

The district-wide formula for tabulating final scores is as follows:

- * Each judge may award up to 100 total points per candidate. The judges' scores will be averaged together to get the judges' average score.
- * Scores will be figured to 2 decimal points.
- * Each candidate must score a minimum of **30%** (7th grade) or **35%** (8th grade) of the highest possible score (100 points) in order to be placed on a cheerleading squad.
- * There will be no call backs.
- * In case of a tie, both candidates will be selected as stated in the cheerleading constitution.

As per district guidelines, each squad will consist of 10 cheerleaders. The candidates with the ten highest scores will be named cheerleaders for **Webb Middle School 2009-2010**.



Additional Information

Responsibility of being a Cheerleader:

Being a cheerleader is an honor. Those selected as members of the Webb Middle School cheerleading squad are expected to abide by and uphold all school rules and policies. In addition, cheerleaders are to adhere to the GISD Middle School Cheerleader Constitution.

- * Cheerleaders are to attend **all** practices determined by the coach (a minimum of one per week)
- * Attend **all** football and basketball games (including the basketball tournament)
- * Participate in cheerleading fundraisers
- * Provide own transportation to and from games
- * Participate in 1 or more pep rallies per year
- * Attend and participate in the Garland Labor Day Parade

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.

Individual Purchases:

Cheerleaders are required to pay a fee of approximately (and not to exceed) \$300.00 to cover uniform costs; approximately (and not to exceed) \$150.00 for camp/practice clothes; and approximately \$131.00 for the **NCA/ Garland Special Events Center Cheerleading Day Camp** (attending camp is not mandatory, but is strongly recommended).

Tryout Regulations:

An administrator will be present at all tryouts.

Candidates may tryout at only ONE GISD campus. It is the responsibility of each cheerleader candidate to ensure that Webb Middle School was selected on his/her choice of school form for the 2009-2010 school year. Tryout information packets to each middle school and high school in the Garland Independent School District are available on the district website: www.garlandisd.net. Follow the Departments & Programs link and select cheerleading.

Additional Information Continued...

It is the decision of each candidate to tryout for cheerleader. Any cheerleader removed from his/her squad for disciplinary reasons during the current year will not be eligible to try out for the following year's squad without the approval from the principal, sponsor and Director of Fine Arts.

If a candidate is academically ineligible or does not attend the clinic for any reason, it is the responsibility of that candidate to make arrangements with the sponsor or principal to receive a tryout number.

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www.garlandisd.net

Follow the Departments & Programs link and select Cheerleading



NCA Summer Camp Information

Dates: June 11-13, 2009

Place: Garland Special Events Center

Cost: \$131.00

Money orders payable to Webb Cheerleading due Tuesday, April 21st. This is separate from the uniform money orders!

Camp Practice Information

Practices will be held after school beginning April 21, 2009 in order to prepare for camp. There will not be practice the week of April 27 due to TAKS testing. Practices will be Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-5:00. Our final practice will be held on May 21, 2009.

All practices will be closed. Anyone other than cheerleaders and sponsors need to wait outside the building until practice has been released.

Camp Information Parent Meeting

Date: May 21, 2009

Time: 5:00 (after practice)

Place: Room C32



Uniform Fittings

Fittings will be held immediately after practice (5:00 – 6:00) on April 21 and 23, 2009. Fitting for camp/practice clothes and shoes will be held on April 21st. Uniform fittings will be held April 23rd.

We highly encourage parents to be present for uniform fittings.

Uniform and Camp Clothes Costs

From TeamLeader

Uniform:	\$89.99	
Lettering for Uniform:	\$20.00	
Briefs:	\$8.50	
Jacket:	\$40.99	
Monogram Name on Jacket:	\$9.00	
Bag:	\$15.99	
Monogram Name on Bag:	\$8.00	Sub Total: 192.47
		Shipping & Tax: 23.68

From Varsity

Shoes:	\$41.00	
Camp/Practice Clothes:	\$95.00	
(3 shirts, 3 shorts)		Sub Total: 136.00
		Shipping & Tax: 21.43

**The FULL TOTAL is due Tuesday, April 21, 2009. No exceptions will be made!
*You must pay via money order.***

Payable To	Amount	For
TeamLeader	\$216.15	uniform, jacket, & bag
Varsity	\$157.43	camp clothes & shoes
Webb Cheerleading	\$131.00	NCA Cheer Camp
TOTAL:	\$504.58 / cheerleader	

➤ Make sure your cheerleader's name is in the memo section of each money order.

***White below ankle socks and sports bras (2 white and 1 black) must be purchased individually. These are a required part of the uniform. See Miss Wagner or Mrs. Saffle for questions.

Paperwork and Permission Slips

The deadline for all paperwork and permission slips is Tuesday, April 14, 2009 BEFORE the start of the clinic. Each candidate must have turned in the following:

- A copy of each candidate's 4th six weeks report card
- A copy of each candidate's 5th six weeks progress report
- Signed copy of Webb Middle School 2009 Cheerleader Tryout Permission Slip and Rules Acknowledgement
- Signed copy of Closed Tryout Agreement
- Signed copy of Cheerleader Candidate Contract
- Teacher Recommendation Form
- Signed copy of Medical History/Release Form (This form is available at www.garlandisd.net - Follow the Departments & Programs link and select Cheerleading)
- \$10.00 clinic fee (cash or money order made payable to **Webb Middle School Cheerleading**) **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



Permission Slip and Rules Acknowledgment

My daughter/son, _____, has my permission to be a cheerleader at Webb Middle School. I understand that she/he must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the sponsors and principal at Webb Middle School and be present for all practices and games. I have read the rules and regulations and understand that the violation of any of these rules may lead to probation or temporary/permanent suspension from the squad. I understand and give my permission to my daughter/son to ride with the sponsor and/or other parents when necessary. **I understand that all forms must be completed and turned in by 4:00 on April 14, 2009** or my daughter/son will not be allowed to tryout.

I understand all estimated costs described in this packet.

I understand that no parents will be allowed inside Webb Middle School or Jackson Technology Center for Math and Science during tryouts.

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As a cheerleader, your daughter/son 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 additional school insurance.

My child has signed a choice of school statement for the 2009-2010 school year selecting Webb Middle School as her/his choice.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Closed Tryout Agreement

I understand that the **Webb Middle School** Cheerleader Tryouts are closed to all non-candidates and that I am not to be in the building on April 18, 2009.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

This slip must be signed and returned to Miss Wagner or Mrs. Saffle by April 14, 2009. There are no exceptions. **This is the deadline!**

Webb Middle School
2009 Cheerleader Tryouts
Cheerleader Candidate Contract

Date: _____

I, _____, have read the 2009-2010 Cheerleader Tryout Packet and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Garland Independent School District. I have also selected to attend Webb Middle School on my 2009-2010 Choice of School Form.

(Circle one) 7th grade 8th grade

Cheerleader Candidate Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature



Webb Middle School
2009 Cheerleader Tryouts
Teacher Recommendation Form

_____ is trying out for the 2009-2010 Webb Middle School Cheerleading Squad. Cheerleaders are held to a high standard and it is important to know if teachers believe the above student is a good candidate for representing Webb Middle School as a cheerleader. Please add any additional comments you see necessary.

1st _____ Attitude (Circle One) Excellent Good Poor
Teacher Signature _____

2nd _____ Attitude (Circle One) Excellent Good Poor
Teacher Signature _____

3rd _____ Attitude (Circle One) Excellent Good Poor
Teacher Signature _____

4th _____ Attitude (Circle One) Excellent Good Poor
Teacher Signature _____

5th _____ Attitude (Circle One) Excellent Good Poor
Teacher Signature _____

6th _____ Attitude (Circle One) Excellent Good Poor
Teacher Signature _____

7th _____ Attitude (Circle One) Excellent Good Poor
Teacher Signature _____

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