

CHEERLEADER TRY-OUT INFORMATION

A cheerleader's job is to improve student morale, boost team spirit, and help our school achieve the most worthwhile objectives in its interscholastic program. The following information has been prepared to acquaint you and your parents with the cheerleading program in the South Panola School District. The coaches and administration feel that it is necessary for you to understand exactly what is expected of you should you be selected as a cheerleader.

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- The applicant must have an overall academic **(the 4 core subjects; English, Math, Science, Social Studies)** average of 75 for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All cheerleader applicants will be judged on tumbling skills, stunting skills and floor performances. All judging will be done by judges from an outside company.

CANDIDATES MUST PERFORM A BACK HANDSPRING AND A RUNNING TUMBLING PASS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SQUAD.

****SPECIFIC TUMBLING IS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR THE BJH SQUAD****

COST

****A tryout fee of \$45 per NEW participant will be assessed. This will be used to pay the judges fees. This needs to be paid on the FIRST day of tryouts (Feb. 25, 2021). All checks are to be made payable to "SP CHEER".**

****IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON THE SP COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, YOUR TRYOUT FEE IS \$15. A PORTION OF YOUR FEE HAS ALREADY BEEN COVERED BY YOUR COACHING FEE THAT WAS PAID FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.**

Paying for personal uniforms, tumbling, shoes, camp and camp outfits is expensive. New cheerleaders will spend **approximately \$1,300**. Remember, this is an **ESTIMATE**. This total must be paid before AUGUST 1, 2021 or the cheerleader **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE** until the balance is paid in full.

PRACTICES and PERFORMANCES

You must attend every practice and/or performance. This includes summer practices and after school practices. Every cheerleader will provide their own ride to and from practices AND MOST COMPETITIONS. Every cheerleader must attend camps in the summer when scheduled. Camp dates are shown on the back page of this packet. More information concerning camps will be given out after the try out process is complete. Our sport is unlike many others in that we don't have "extras" or "alternates". Cheerleading is done in multiples of 4. For example, if 2 girls are out, it directly affects 8 girls total. It is very important, and REQUIRED, that you attend all functions and practices. When you miss, you keep the rest of your team from getting better. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated.

CALENDAR/GOOGLE CLASSROOM

All practices and performances are kept up to date on the cheer google classroom as well as a written calendar that will be handed out. We rarely change these dates from the original schedule if at all possible. Please keep in mind that some changes are out of our control. Please check the calendar/website before making any appointments.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

Performing cheer skills requires strength, ability, flexibility, and coordination. All members of the squad must be well coordinated and have exceptional timing in the execution of cheers and stunts.

****YOU MUST BE ABLE TO SHOW AN UP TO DATE PHYSICAL BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO TRYOUT. THESE WILL BE TAKEN UP ON DAY 1 OF THE TRYOUT CLINIC. I HAVE A COPY OF ALL CURRENT CHEER PHYSICALS.**

INSURANCE

According to the guidelines set forth by the Mississippi High School Activities Association anyone who tries out must have proof of insurance on file. This may be either school insurance or personal insurance.

BEHAVIOR

Each cheerleader is expected to maintain good moral behavior, show courtesy to the visiting teams, spectators, and to each other. Squads must be respectful of the visiting cheerleaders and the game officials. Honesty, dependability, and the ability to get along well with others is a must. Gum chewing is not permitted. No smoking, drinking alcohol, fighting or drug use at any time will be tolerated. Dismissal from the squad will result from any of these actions. Obscene language or gestures will not be permitted. Cheerleaders will be held accountable under the Student Code of Conduct. **SOCIAL MEDIA must be kept in good representation of the squad, your school, and community. Poor choices on social media can result in dismissal from the squad.**

****Out of School Suspension from school can result in removal from the squad at the coach's discretion.**

FUNDRAISING

All cheerleaders are expected to participate equally in all fund-raising activities that are sponsored by the squad. These, if any, will be discussed at a later time.

UNIFORMS

Matching uniforms (including socks, shoes, bows, and briefs) will be worn at all events. **If you don't match, you don't cheer.**

APPEARANCE

Cheerleaders must always look their best. Uniforms must be neat and clean. Hair must be off the face, and off the shoulders at all events. Make-up should be natural-no heavy eye make-up. Nail polish can be clear. Hair must be able to be worn in a ponytail while on the competition floor. **NO JEWELRY** is allowed in accordance to M.H.S.A.A. rules.

COOPERATION

The essence of cheerleading is participation. The squads become like family-jealousy has no place and will not be tolerated. We succeed as a team.

SCHEDULE FOR 2021 TRYOUTS

Feb 1 - Feb 12 Applications may be picked up. All applications are due by **8:00 A.M.**, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021. The applications should be turned in according to the following:

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED LATE!!!!

Mrs. Joy All 6th, 7th, 8th grade students at BJH

Mrs. Sara Helen Ware / All 9th, 10th, 11th grade students at
Mrs. Krissi Williams SPHS

Mrs. Rebecca Hawthorne Pope School (8th graders **ONLY**)

Feb 18 @ 7:00 There will be an informational meeting in the BIS Gym for all students and parents.

THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR FIRST TIME TRYOUT PARTICIPANTS. ONLY ONE PARENT PER PARTICIPANT WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GYM. EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT IS WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR PRACTICE ON FEBRUARY 18. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WITNESS, FIRST HAND, WHAT A DAY LOOKS LIKE. PRACTICE BEGINS AT 6:00 PM IN THE BIS GYM.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 @ BIS GYM 4:00 - 7:00 (CLOSED TO PARENTS)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 @ BIS GYM 4:00 - UNTIL TRYOUTS ARE OVER. (CLOSED TO PARENTS)

YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH (THURSDAY & FRIDAY) TRY-OUT SESSIONS IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WILL BE AN APPROVED SOUTH PANOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNCTION!

The attached application must be completed and signed by both the candidate and the parent of the candidate.

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SPHS CHEERLEADER (ALL PRICES ARE ESTIMATES BASED ON 2020 PRICES)

· VIROC choreography camp (only those on the competition team will be charged the camp/choreo fee) ** prices on this will come later. Usually about \$350 each girl.

- practice shirts (3 shirts - \$65)
- Varsity practice short package (3 pair - \$40)
- Backpack - \$55
- Poms - \$16 (for the set)
- Windsuit - \$100
- Shoes - \$90
- 2 sideline/camp bows - (\$20 total)
- 1 competition bow - \$15
- Solid navy body liner for sideline uniform - \$24
- Nike Pros - \$25
- Sideline uniform - \$150 (same as last 2 years)
- Competition uniform with custom liner (new last year - will be used at least 2 more seasons) - \$315

TOTAL - \$915 (this price DOES NOT include camp)

You are only required to purchase items you need. If you are a returner, you will only need to purchase items new to the 2021-2022 season.

BJH CHEERLEADER (ALL PRICES ARE ESTIMATES BASED ON 2020 PRICES)

Summer camp @ Mississippi State University \$420
(3 nights/4 days plus meals at UCA SUMMER CAMP)
(June 3 - 6, June 10-13, July 6 - 9) all tentative date options

- **Practice shirts (3 shirts - \$65)**
- **Varsity practice shorts package (3 pair - \$40)**
- **Backpack - \$55**
- **Poms - \$16 (for the set)**
- **Windsuit - \$100 (new last year)**
- **Shoes - \$90**
- **2 sideline/camp bows - (\$20 total)**
- **1 competition bow - \$15**
- **Solid body liner for under sideline uniform - \$24**
- **Nike Pros - \$25**
- **Sideline uniform - \$250 (same as last 5 years)**
- **Competition uniform (new this year) - \$300 ** see below**

** A 7th grader will possibly NOT need the competition bow or the competition uniform. 7th graders are not old enough to participate in any competition EXCEPT the MHSAA State Competition. If your 7th grader is chosen to participate in the MHSAA competition, we will know in plenty of time to order this uniform at a later date. We will use this competition uniform for at least 3 seasons. 8th graders are eligible for all competitions and must be willing to join the competition squad, if asked. This will include Nationals.

TOTAL - \$1100 (WITHOUT competition items BUT does include camp)

****MONTHLY COACHING DUES - \$90. – THIS FEE COVERS
COACHING, TUMBLING, CHOREOGRAPHY, MUSIC FOR
COMPETITIONS**

****MONTHLY FEES WILL NOT BE ASSESSED TO UPCOMING 7TH AND
8TH GRADE CHEERLEADERS UNLESS THEY ARE CHOSEN AND
ELECT TO BE PART OF STATE AND/OR COMPETITION TEAMS, OR
UNLESS WE DECIDED (BASED ON TALENT OF THE TEAM) TO
COMPETE JUNIOR HIGH. THIS DECISION WILL BE MADE THIS
SUMMER BASED ON NEED/TALENT ONLY.**

****THE COMPETITION SQUAD WILL BE NAMED LATE SUMMER.**

****ANY ITEM THAT YOU ALREADY OWN DOES NOT NEED TO BE
PURCHASED UNLESS YOU WANT ANOTHER ONE. YOU WILL NEED
TO TELL ME.**

**The uniform fitting will be Wednesday, March 17. Times will be
announced at a later date. \$250 deposit will be due at the time of the
fitting. ONCE ORDERED, ALL ORDERED ITEMS MUST BE PAID FOR
IN FULL EVEN IF YOU ARE NO LONGER ON THE SQUAD.**

GOOD LUCK!!

I, _____, have read the rules and regulations. I understand the responsibilities and privileges of being a cheerleader. I will abide by these rules to the best of my ability. I will cooperate fully with the coaches and all persons and organizations concerned to promote spirit and good sportsmanship. At all times, whether at school or away from school, I will conduct myself in a manner that best represents the students and faculty of my school.

Student's Signature

Student Email

Date

I give my permission for my child to try out for cheerleader in the South Panola School District. I have read the regulations and understand that there are financial obligations that we must fulfill for participation. I understand that my child must be covered by either school insurance or my own policy.

Parent's Signature

Parent Email

Date

School Insurance? ____yes ____no. If no, then please provide the name of your personal insurance company below:

Insurance Company

Policy # _____

Name of Insured

INSURANCE INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED!! YOU CANNOT TRY OUT WITHOUT PROOF OF INSURANCE

Please only return THIS page. Keep the rest of the packet for your information.