

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 at 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.

ACADEMIC 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 2021-2022 school year. We will pull your 1st semester report card to determine eligibility.

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 STANDING BACK HANDSPRING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SQUAD**
- ****A RUNNING TUMBLING PASS WILL BE ALLOWED BY CHOICE BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SQUAD****
- ****TUMBLING IS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR THE BJH SQUAD****
- All candidates will perform a cheer and a dance learned during the tryout clinic
- You will not be required to make up a cheer of your own
- We will look at stunting skills during the clinic

COST

****A tryout fee of \$45 per 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. 9, 2022). All checks are to be made payable to "SP CHEER".**

Paying for personal uniforms, tumbling, shoes, camp, and camp clothing is expensive. New cheerleaders will spend **approximately \$1,400**. Remember, this is an **ESTIMATE**. This total must be paid before AUGUST 1, 2022 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 not yet determined but will be by the end of February. 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 two girls are out, it directly affects eight 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 (Feb 9, 2022). 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, vaping, 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.** You will also be expected to match at all practices and functions when necessary.

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 with 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 2022-2023 CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Jan 3 - Jan 14 Application packets may be viewed online.

All applications are due by **8:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JAN 14**. There is a link to a google form within the online packet that must be received by the above date:

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED LATE! THE FORM WILL BE LOCKED!

Jan 18 @ 6:00 P.M There will be an informational meeting in the BIS Gym for all students and parents. One parent/guardian must be present with each applicant.

THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR TRYOUT PARTICIPANTS.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT IS WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR PRACTICE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WITNESS, FIRST HAND, WHAT A DAY LOOKS LIKE. PRACTICE BEGINS AT 4:00 PM IN THE BIS GYM. THE MANDATORY PARENT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER PRACTICE.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 9 @ BIS GYM 4:00 - 6:00 (CLOSED TO PARENTS)

THURSDAY, FEB 10 @ BIS GYM 4:00 - 7:00 (CLOSED TO PARENTS)

**FRIDAY, FEB 11 @ BIS GYM 4:00 - UNTIL TRYOUTS ARE OVER.
(CLOSED TO PARENTS)**

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

SPHS CHEERLEADER (ALL PRICES ARE ESTIMATES BASED ON 2021 PRICES)

- V!ROC choreography camp held during the summer (only those on the competition team will be charged the camp/choreo fee)
** prices on this will come later. Usually about \$300 for each girl.
- practice shirts (3 shirts - \$65)
- Varsity practice short package (3 pair - \$40)
- Backpack - \$60
- Poms - \$18 (for the set)
- Windsuit - \$110
- Shoes - \$90
- 2 sideline/camp bows - (\$20 total)
- 1 competition bow - \$15 (competition team only - tbd later)
- Solid navy body liner for sideline uniform - \$24
- Nike Pros - \$25
- NEW Navy sideline uniform - \$200
- White uniform with custom liner - \$315 - to be used on sideline and competition

TOTAL - \$967

(this price DOES NOT include camp, competition bow, or the cost of high school nationals - those items will only be purchased by those who need them)

You are only required to purchase items you need. If you are a returner, you will only need to purchase items new to the 2022-2023 season.

The uniform fitting will be Tuesday, March 1. Times will be announced at a later date. A \$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.**

JH CHEERLEADER (ALL PRICES ARE ESTIMATES BASED ON 2021 PRICES)

- We will be having a 2-day UCA Home Camp this summer. Camp will be held in the BIS gym. Camp will be held in early June, if possible. Camp dates will be given out shortly following tryouts (hopefully). The price will run about \$200 per girl.
- Practice shirts (3 shirts - \$65)
- Varsity practice shorts package (3 pair - \$40)
- Backpack - \$60
- Poms - \$18 (for the set)
- Windsuit - \$110 (new last year)
- Shoes - \$90
- 2 sideline/camp bows - (\$20 total)
- 1 competition bow - \$15 (competition team only - tbd later)
- Solid body liner for under sideline uniform - \$24
- Nike Pros - \$25
- Sideline uniform - \$250 (same as last 6 years)
- BJH competition uniform (new last year) - \$200
- SPHS competition uniform - \$315 ** see below

** A 7th grader will NOT need the SPHS competition uniform. 7th graders are not eligible to participate in competition at the national level.

** If an 8th grader is asked to join the SPHS competition team, we will know in plenty of time to get the additional uniform/bow ordered.

TOTAL - \$1102 (WITHOUT SPHS competition items BUT does include camp & JH competition items)

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

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

****THE HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION SQUAD WILL BE NAMED IN LATE SUMMER.**

****ALTERNATES TO THE SPHS COMPETITION SQUAD WILL PAY MONTHLY FEES & ATTEND ALL PRACTICES SO THAT MATERIAL IS LEARNED IN CASE YOU ARE NEEDED TO JOIN AT A LATER DATE. HOWEVER, YOU CAN DECLINE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE AN ALTERNATE. IF THIS HAPPENS, YOU WILL NOT PAY BUT WILL ALSO NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PULLED UP IF THE SITUATION ARISES.**

**** HIGH SCHOOL WILL PAY MONTHLY DUES THROUGH COMPETITION SEASON. THIS MAY BE JANUARY OR FEBRUARY DEPENDING ON WHERE/WHEN WE COMPETE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.**

**** EVERYONE CHOSEN TO THE COMPETITION TEAM MAY OR MAY NOT BE A PART OF ALL COMPETITIONS THAT WE PARTICIPATE IN. (someone may compete at state but not at nationals or vice versa)**

****JUNIOR HIGH COACHING FEES - \$60. - THIS FEE COVERS COACHING, TUMBLING, CHOREOGRAPHY, MUSIC FOR COMPETITIONS.**

****JUNIOR HIGH WILL ONLY PAY THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

**** ALL JUNIOR HIGH TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE ON THE JUNIOR HIGH COMPETITION TEAM. JUNIOR HIGH WILL COMPETE AT THE MHSAA STATE COMPETITION IN DECEMBER.**

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION BEFORE CLICKING ON THE LINK BELOW.

Once you have read all of the information in the packet, please click on the link to fill out the google form. WITHOUT A SIGNED GOOGLE FORM ON FILE, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRYOUT.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSj_Nr5sdvLhuP3XrRhspe0Rf6ONkiYrq6eIRxIP-qAxW6XA/viewform?usp=sf_link

The above link will go live on Monday, January 3, 2022.