



Step Ahead of South Florida, Inc., est. 1996
South Florida's Premiere All-Star Cheer Training Facility
National Champions Since 1998

All-Star Season Information 2021-2022

The training season begins in **May 2021** and ends in **April 2022**. (Teams earning a bid to Summit will train into May 2022. Summit is a post-season event and additional fees apply.) A typical training schedule consists of two days per week, with additional practices as we approach the competition season. Team members are expected to attend ALL practices, which include but are not limited to regular weekday practices, additional weekend practices, and choreography sessions.

Teams 1 and 2 (Tiny and Mini Novice)

Initial payment due at Registration and before the first day of class: \$350 Payment includes Annual Registration, 2 sets of practice clothes, deposit for routine choreography and music fee.

Monthly fees: \$150 (based on 11 months) Payment includes all season training fees, any additional or weekend practices, competition registration fees (2), balance of choreography and music. (For additional payment options, please see Angela)

(Items not included: NEW STUDENTS: Competition Uniform package, personalized warmup jacket ALL STUDENTS: Competition bow and goody bags)*

Team 3

Initial payment due at Registration and before the first day of class: \$400 Payment includes Annual Registration, 2 sets of practice clothes, 2-day skills camp June 5-6, deposit for routine choreography and music fee.

Monthly fees: \$180 (based on 11 months) Payment includes all season training fees, any additional or weekend practices, competition registration fees, coaches travel expenses, balance of routine choreography and music fees. (For other payment options, please see Angela)

(Items not included: NEW STUDENTS: Competition Uniform package, personalized warmup jacket ALL STUDENTS: Competition bow and goody bags)*

TRAVEL and LODGING expenses associated with any competition or team activity are not included.

Teams 4, 5

Initial payment due at Registration and before the first day of class: \$500 Payment includes Annual Registration, 2 sets of practice clothes, 2-day skills camp June 5-6, deposit for routine choreography and music fee.

Monthly fees: \$235 (based on 11 months) Payments include all season training fees, additional or weekend practices, competition registration fees (4) in-state competitions, coaches travel expenses, balance choreography and music fees. (For other payment options, please see Angela) *(Items not included: NEW STUDENTS: Competition Uniform package*, personalized warmup jacket* ALL STUDENTS: Competition bow and goody bags)*

TRAVEL and LODGING expenses associated with any competition or team activity are not included.

Teams 6,7,8,9

Initial payment due at Registration and before the first day of class: \$500 Payment includes Annual Registration, 2 sets of practice clothes, 2-day skills camp June 5-6 (Team 9 date TBA), deposit for routine choreography and music fee.

Monthly fees: \$235 (based on 11 months) Payments include all season training fees, any additional or weekend practices, competition registration fees (4) in-state competitions**, coaches travel expenses, balance of routine choreography and music fees. (For other payment options, please see Angela) **TRAVEL and LODGING** expenses associated with any competition or team activity are not included.

****TEAMS 6-9:** Any or all "Out of state" competitions or additions to the schedule will be decided on a "per team" basis and paid separately. Ex: NCA, CheerSport, or UCA. All competition calendars will be posted by August 1st.

(Items not included: NEW STUDENTS: Competition Uniform package, personalized warmup jacket* ALL STUDENTS: Competition bow and goody bags)*

ALL "NEW" ATHLETES: *Competition Uniform Package \$400, includes couture competition uniform (\$310) and Step Ahead personalized warmup jacket (\$90). \$200 Deposit Due August 15th, final payment \$200 due November 15th. For payment options, see Angela

ALL ATHLETES will purchase their own shoes. Varsity offers options, visit <https://proshop.varsity.allstar.com/StepAheadAllstars/home> for Step Ahead discounted pricing. You may also look at Omni Cheer, as they have a large selection of shoes and a variety of brands. (Any cheer shoe is acceptable for practice. Only white is permitted for competition.)

PARENT MEETING for all NEW athletes May 19, 7pm. Masks required. We will be distanced. Location: Step Ahead, 2nd floor

FUNDRAISING!!!! We will be offering many fundraising opportunities to off-set your season fees. To set up a payment plan and begin applying fundraising to your balance, please see Angela. A fundraising calendar will be posted by July 1st.

GET INVOLVED!!!! Many students have paid for their **entire season** through fundraising! Get started right away!!!

PAYMENT PROCEDURES:

The **initial payment** and **all signed documents** are due at Registration and/or before the first practice.

Everyone is required to submit the **Credit Card Authorization** form with a photocopy of the front/back of the card that is to be kept on file for the monthly payments. If you cannot provide a valid credit card for monthly payments, a debit card may be submitted for the monthly payments which will be automatically debited on the 1st of each month. Unless your account is PAID IN FULL at the beginning of the season, a valid credit card must be on file in order to process the monthly payments. All payments will be processed on the 1st of each month, unless an alternate date is selected on the Payment Authorization form.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to notify us if your card has expired or is no longer valid. If any transaction is declined, a **\$30 "decline" fee** will be assessed to your account. **Check or cash payments are acceptable**, if payment is received 7 days prior to the due date. Otherwise, the card on file will be processed for the fees pending. In other words.....**Please be advised:** If paying by check or cash, and the payment is not received ON TIME (meaning 1 week in advance), we will allow a grace period of 7 days and then your account will be charged with the credit card you have submitted. If the transaction does not process, for any reason, your all-star account will be charged a non-refundable \$30 "decline" "NSF" fee. All payments are due on or before the date posted. If your account should fall behind more than 30 days, a **10% late fee will apply** and your child will not be allowed to attend class until the account is current. **Any student that has a delinquent account will not be allowed to attend classes, including private lessons, competitions, or ANY team activity.**

In order to provide you and your child with the best instruction, state-of-the-art facility, we must be able to meet our financial obligations.

Therefore, it is imperative and expected that **ALL accounts be in GOOD STANDING.**

For sibling discounts and/or other payment options, please see Angela.

2021-2022 Calendar

The Step Ahead All-Star season begins in May 2021 and ends in April 2022*. Typical practice schedules consist of twice per week. On occasion, extra practices may be needed or practices may need to be cancelled. In addition to everything that is included in the all-star season packet, our fees are calculated to include the cost of operating a state-of-the-art facility, and the hiring of a professional, skilled, and trained staff. **Our fees do not increase or decrease based on the number of practice days in a given month. Season fees are calculated for the entire season and are not discounted or prorated due to absences or days off from practice.** The Step Ahead vacation days have already been calculated into our season fees. In order to assist us in having the most productive practices and another successful season, we ask that you plan your vacation days during the times we are closed. In the event of an absence during the season, please submit the Absent/Tardy form which is located in the FORMS area of the website.

*The season may run into the month of May if the team receives a bid to Summit. Additional fees will apply.

We will be **closed** on the days listed below. No Classes

May 31, 2021	Memorial Day
July 5-9, 2021	Independence Day Holiday Break
August 16-20, 2021	All-Star Summer Break
September 6, 2021	Labor Day
October 31, 2021	Halloween
November 11, 2021*	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 25-26, 2021	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 18, 2021-January 2, 2022	Winter Break
January 17, 2022*	MLK Holiday
February 21, 2022*	President's Day

**Decision will be determined by the coach.*

CHECKLIST

Due by Evaluations:

____ Annual Registration Form
____ Participant Skills Form
____ Photocopy of Medical Insurance

Due at 1st Parent Meeting*/ before the 1st day of class:

____ Payment Authorization Form
____ Initial Payment
____ All-Star Rules and Regulations

*Parent Meeting is for parents of athletes NEW to the all-star program.



ALL-STAR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All-Stars are expected to attend every practice. Coaches must be notified in advance of any absence. *Unexcused absences may result in suspension from team.* A signed absentee/tardy form must be presented before planned absences, or immediately upon 'return of unexpected absences. Please download Absentee/Tardy Form. In the event of an unexpected absence/tardiness, a phone call to the gym or your team mom will be necessary to verify absence/tardiness until your return. Please, do not post in the chat.
2. Parents are not allowed in the practice area without permission from the staff and should refrain from speaking to all-stars and coaches during practice. We will continue to follow guidance of the CDC. Only 2 parents allowed in the lobby at a time. Masks are required for all visitors. Upstairs viewing area remains closed. We ask that you respect and follow our safety protocols as they are designed for the safety of our athletes, staff, and Step Ahead families.
3. All-Stars will not be allowed phone calls during practice except for extreme emergencies. No cellular phones are allowed on the practice floor.
4. All-Stars are expected to be at practice *on time*. Excessive tardiness will result in disciplinary action. Vacations should be scheduled around the SA closing dates as to not interfere with practices, choreography, and competitions.
5. All accounts must be in good standing. Fees are due on or before the dates indicated. A 10% late fee will be added to any account balance that is 30 days overdue. Step Ahead reserves the right to pursue collections of any unpaid debt. Accounts must be current in order to do privates, additional tumble, stunt or stretch classes. Requests for privates must be made through the front desk.
6. Step Ahead is not responsible for any lost or stolen items: cell phones, jewelry, clothing, etc. Leave all valuables at home.
7. Team members should be dressed in practice uniforms at all practices. Team practices will consist of a minimum of two days per week with additional practices towards competitions, as needed.
8. Proper discipline and dress is expected at all team functions. Bad language and disrespectful conduct is unacceptable. Parents are expected to maintain proper discipline as well. Step Ahead reserves the right to ask any team member or parent to leave the team and the gym. In the event it is necessary to dismiss a team member, no refund will be issued and all financial obligations must be met.
9. All-Stars are expected to keep up school academics. Proper time management is an essential part of the Step Ahead All-Star program. Parents are asked not to use the Step Ahead All-Star program as a form of punishment. A Team is comprised of its members and suffers when one is missing. Being a member of a team should be considered a commitment that should be fulfilled.
10. An All-Star's commitment to the program is for the duration of the season. No refunds will be issued for absences or early departure from the program.
11. Step Ahead merchandise is available ONLY in the Step Ahead pro-shop. Privately embroidered/screened clothing bearing the Step Ahead name and/or logo is not permitted. ANYTHING created without prior approval cannot be worn or sold.
12. The Step Ahead website, team e-mails, and text messages from your team mom are meant to keep the parents and All-Stars informed. All-Stars and Parents are responsible for updating their emails and phone numbers in order to remain informed of all team communications. Please download WhatsApp, as that will be the primary information method.
13. Step Ahead reserves the right to video/photograph any Step Ahead all-star for instructional or promotional purposes. All SA choreography/routines are the property of Step Ahead, and should not be filmed, duplicated, or posted on the web without permission from the Step Ahead owners/directors.
14. No food, drinks, or gum is allowed in the practice area.
15. All requested documents must be filled out and submitted before participating in any Step Ahead activity/event.

Name of Athlete _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature _____

Date _____

CODES OF CONDUCT and MORE

TEAMS

Step Ahead reserves the right to:

1. Place its athletes on the team(s) it feels will best suit the athlete, the team, and the program.
2. Decide if an athlete may participate on more than one team.
3. Decide the position an athlete will have on their team(s). Ex: flyer, base, tumbler, etc
4. Request that an athlete/team take additional classes or camps to improve their skills.
5. Request that an athlete/team practice longer than the scheduled time or add additional practices, camps, or competitions if deemed necessary.
6. Replace, add, or dismiss an athlete for a period of time and/or indefinitely from a team or the entire program based on, but not limited to, the following: attendance, conduct, skills, or account status.

DRESS CODE

When training, competing, or representing Step Ahead, all athletes must:

1. Maintain a well-groomed appearance and good personal hygiene.
2. Wear the designated attire, socks, and sneakers.
3. Keep HAIR out of the face (if possible in a high ponytail) and wear a bow at all times unless otherwise instructed.
4. Keep NAILS short and groomed as to not injure or infect another athlete.
5. Remove all jewelry (except approved medical ID tags).
6. Adhere to the USASF image policy for all-star athletes.
7. Wear closed-toe shoes (sandals, flip flops, and other open-toed shoes are not allowed).
8. Immediately repurchase all lost or damaged articles and wear a matching substitute until the item is replaced.

CONDUCT

Step Ahead All-Stars AND parents must always:

1. Set a positive example for others to follow.
2. Be respectful and courteous to everyone.
4. Refrain from gossiping (including social media) or any form of verbal or physical confrontation.
5. Refrain from celebrating the misfortune or defeat of another person, team, or program.
6. Accept team placements and awards honorably.
7. Follow the program rules set forth by Step Ahead and represent the program at all times with dignity and class!

MEDICATIONS, ILLNESSES, AND INJURIES

1. Every athlete must have the Medications and Allergies Form on file.
2. All illnesses and injuries must be reported immediately if an absence is necessary.
3. In the event of a serious injury, which prohibits you from practice, a medical release from your physician will be necessary before resuming physical activities at Step Ahead.
4. Any athlete with a contagious illness should refrain from exposing it to others.
5. As a result of the continuing pandemic, COVID-19, strict protocols will be enforced for the safety of our athletes, staff, and SA families.
6. Should you suspect exposure to COVID-19, please notify us and follow the guidance for isolation according to the CDC.
7. Athletes should take all precautions to remain in their best physical condition.