



2018- 2019 Tryout Information

Parents and Athletes,

Thank you for your interest in Parrish Elite, LLC cheerleading! We are very excited to have you as part of our family! We are all very excited for another amazing year! There is a lot of information in this packet so please make sure to read everything carefully.

The “try out” process is more of a placement evaluation. We place athletes based on their technique, attitude, skill level, ability to work with others, and experience. Everyone will make a team, but we want to make sure that everyone is put on a team where they will succeed. Going into this process we know that both athletes and parents have a “dream team” that they are hoping to get placed on. What we want and where we will grow the most are sometimes two different things. Please accept team placements with a positive attitude and know that we are placing your athlete with their best interest in mind.

Competitive cheerleading is a year-round sport. There is a lot of time and effort put into our program by our staff. Their knowledge and dedication to both your child and the sport are what is going to make this year GREAT! We are very dedicated and expect the same level of commitment from our athletes and their parents. We will always do our very best ensure we are making the right decisions for your child.

We do have some exciting news for Season 3. First, we have invited Spirit FX to come do our team choreography this year! They are one of the top choreographers in our industry and we are excited to welcome them into our gym. This is going to allow our teams to spend the summer conditioning and getting ready to hit that score sheet harder than ever! Secondly, we will be moving in the near future. We are currently looking at some prospective new buildings to call our new home. We are hopeful that we will have a more definite timeline and address in the coming weeks.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at tryouts!

Cheerfully,

Ashley Fialkowski

Owner/Head Coach

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Parent Information

Meetings:

May 7, 2018 @ 6PM

And

May 14, 2018 @6PM

Frequently Asked Questions

What are your ages?

We offer programs for children ages 5-18. All teams are determined by an athlete's age and skill level as of August 31. There are competitive teams for each age group: Tiny- 5-6, Mini- 5-8, Youth- 6-11, Junior- 8-14, Senior-10-18.

How do you pick teams?

Cheerleading teams are scored by 7 categories: Jumps, standing tumbling, running tumbling, partner stunts, tosses, pyramids, and dance. Our goal is to place athletes on teams where they are going to be most successful. We will place first by stunting ability, secondly on tumbling ability, and lastly by jump technique. Example: there are two athletes of the same age who stunt equally well. We will then look at their tumbling skills to determine which athlete will get the place on the team.

How many times a week do you practice?

Teams will practice two days a week and tumble one day a week. This means each cheerleader is required to be here three days a week. Before competitions we add Saturday practices. Times will vary depending on the teams. **ALL PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY.**

How much does your program cost?

All-Star cheerleading is expensive. Our program is designed to cover everything except travel, parking fees, entrance fees for families and lodging fees for competitions and any bid competitions. The total cost of the program for a year is about \$2700 including uniform. There is a detailed breakdown in this packet of payments and payment schedules. Fundraising through the Parrish Elite Cheerleaders will be available. There is also a \$30 fee to register your athlete with USASF. This allows athletes to compete at sanctioned events for the year.

What is your attendance policy?

Cheerleading is a team sport: if one person is absent, it affects the entire team. Athletes are only allowed 3 unexcused missed practices before they are removed from the team; This is something we will be strongly enforcing. If an athlete misses a practice before a competition, they may be moved from their spot. Missing practice as a punishment, or for homework, or for the common cold are not acceptable. During the summer months, we are more understanding about missing practice due to vacations, we do ask that you please let coaches know ahead of time.

How many competitions do you attend?

Currently we have 6 competitions scheduled, one each month starting in December and continuing through April. There are other competitions we may attend depending on the strength of the team and if bids to those events are awarded. The competition schedule is ONLY available at the front desk in the gym. If a team is given a bid there will be additional competition fees due unless it is a paid bid.

Program Costs

All-star cheerleading in an expensive sport. There will be fundraising opportunities through the Parrish Elite. Below you will find information regarding monthly costs and payment schedule.

- Monthly tuition. Tuition includes all scheduled practices, any mandatory camps, extra practices and one-one hour tumbling class per week. The first athlete tuition is \$120 and every athlete after that is \$80. Siblings in tumbling and **NOT** in cheer, or extra tumbling classes will receive a 25% discount.
- Monthly All-Star Fees covers the cost of competition entry fees. If your team wins a BID there will be additional cost for competition fees.
- Uniform costs. The cost is split into three equal payments and will be paid by August 31st. Level 1 teams may have used uniforms for purchase, or you may keep your old uniform, Level 2 teams will have to purchase new uniforms.
- All-Star Cheer Gear includes the following: practice bow, competition bow, music fees, choreography fees, shoes, shoe covers and warm-up jackets.

MONTH	ALLSTAR FEES	UNIFORM	MONTHLY TUITION	TOTAL CHARGES
MAY 20, 2017	\$50 commitment fee to tryout			\$50
JUNE	\$150	\$100	\$120	\$370
JULY	\$131.25	\$100	\$120	\$351.25
AUGUST	\$131.25	\$100	\$120	\$351.25
SEPTEMBER	\$131.25		\$120	\$251.25
OCTOBER	\$131.25		\$120	\$251.25
NOVEMBER	\$131.25		\$120	\$251.25
DECEMBER	\$131.25		\$120	\$251.25
JANUARY	\$131.25		\$120	\$251.25
FEBRUARY	\$131.25		\$120	\$251.25
MARCH	\$0		\$120	\$120
APRIL	\$0		\$120	\$120
MAY	\$0		\$120	\$120

Important Dates

May 7, 2018- Parent Meeting 6pm

May 14, 2018- Parent Meeting 6pm

(only have to attend 1 parent meeting)

May 21-23, 2018- Team Evaluations 6-8pm (must be present all three days)

July 1-July 7, 2018 – Gym is Closed

August 23-24, 2018- Choreography Camp Team A (Mandatory)

August 25, 2018- Choreography Camp Team B (Mandatory)

August 26, 2018- Choreography Camp Team C (Mandatory)

*More important dates will be added after the season has started. During Competition months please be prepared for extra practices during the week and on weekends.

Rules and Gym Policies

- **NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED ON THE MATS.** (With the exception of water bottles)
- **NO JEWELRY (EARRINGS, RINGS, NECKLACES, BRACELETS, NOSE RINGS, BELLY RINGS)** Our staff will not be responsible for jewelry that gets ripped out of someone's body.
- **Keep nails short.** If an athlete's nails are long they could scratch someone else. A good rule of thumb, if you are looking at your palms and you can see your fingernails, they are too long.
- Cell phones are to be put away and on silent during practice.
- Please don't take away cheerleading as a punishment. If one person is missing the entire team suffers.
- Each team will have their own facebook page. Please look to this facebook page for updates. All updates will be done through the group facebook page.
- Calling or emailing us is the only acceptable forms of letting us know you will be absent if there is a serious illness that requires the athlete to be absent. Other than that, an absentee form needs to be filled out, submitted, and accepted at least 1 week prior to an athlete being absent. Please be aware that no, we cannot stop you from not coming to practice, however if your athlete is absent may be placed in a less important spot as to not continually impact the rest of the team.
- Only registered athletes are allowed on the mat.
- **NO GOSSIPING.** Gossiping and rude comments will not be tolerated. Negative comments or gossip will not be tolerated on social media.
- Our staff is here to coach cheerleading and tumbling. If there is a conflict between the athletes and/or the parents, please deal with it outside of the gym.
- Only clean cheer shoes are allowed on the mat. Please do not wear street shoes or shoes that have been outside to practice.
- Athletes must maintain a passing average in school to participate in this program.

Competition Policies

- Make sure to have your athlete to the meeting place on time. Punctuality is a **MUST** (You will be notified of the meeting place prior to meeting and you will have your Team Mom's contact information for questions about meeting places.)
- All athletes must stay in the same accommodations for competitions. If it is an overnight competition, there will be a block of rooms under "Parrish Elite, LLC" that you **MUST** book before deadline. If you didn't book within the deadline, and you can't get a room at the same hotel, your athlete can be suspended from the team for that competition.
- It is your responsibility to pay the hotel for your accommodations.
- All athletes and parents are expected to be on their best behavior when representing Parrish Elite. They are to set a good example and should not gossip about other teams.
- Athletes are required to be in their rooms at a reasonable hour.
- We will clap for other teams and wish them good luck. Sportsmanship is a **MUST**.

Attire and Dress Code

- Athletes are expected to wear close fitting clothes for the safety of all athletes.
- Athletes are to wear gymnastics shorts. Please don't wear loose fitting shorts that allow someone to see your underwear. However, please wear gymnastics shorts that fit.
- Boys must wear shirts that cover their chests and mid sections to practice for safety reasons.
- Girls may wear sports bras. Bras must completely cover all cleavage and be supportive enough to avoid indecent exposure. **AT COMPETITION, YOU MUST ALWAYS HAVE YOUR MIDRIFF COVERED EXCEPT WHEN IN WARM UPS AND IN COMPETITION. IF YOU ARE NOT IN THESE AREAS YOU MUST BE COVERED.**

Attendance

- Attendance is **MANDATORY**.
- The only excused absences are: vacation if the vacation form is received before practice is missed, illness that is contagious (we will require a Dr. note or a \$25 fine), and/or death in the family. If you are injured you are still required to be at practice. It is important to show your team the same support they show you by showing up to practice. School events that do not count towards your grade are not excused absences. Jobs are not excused. Each athlete is only allowed **3** unexcused absences. After that you could be asked to leave the program.

Financial Policy

Payments are due on the 1st and incur a late fee of \$25 after the 5th. If payment is not received by the 10th, the athlete will be asked to sit during practice. Everyone is required to have an autopay check on file. We will automatic bill you on the 11th if we have not received payment. If payment does not go through you will be billed for any additional charges. Because we are a new gym and have vendor fees and bills that have to be paid promptly, we will be strictly enforcing our financial policy. If you are having a problem paying your bill, please contact us before your bill is late. If your account balance remains after 30 days, your athlete will be dis-enrolled from the program. If there still remains a balance, you will be sent to collections.

FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE. NO EXCEPTIONS. If your athlete drops out of the program for any reason, including being asked to leave, you will not be given a refund.

If your account is not in good standing your athlete will not be allowed to have private lessons or participate in camps or practice.

Rights Reserved

- We reserve the right to place your child on the team that we feel appropriate for the child.
- We reserve the right to assess your child's skills at any time and re assess their team placement.
- We reserve the right to close practices to parents. It is not our goal to separate you from your child and we will do what we can to allow you to be able to watch your child practice. However, parents can be distracting. Due to safety and coach-ability of some kids, especially the younger kids, it is sometimes better to close practice.
- We reserve the right to change or add practice times, create and modify meet times and locations depending on competition schedule and availability.

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