



2018-2019 FULL SEASON COMPETITION CHEER TEAM INFORMATION PACKET

Thank you for choosing United All Stars! We are excited that you will be joining us for the 2018-2019 Cheer Season. If you were with United last year - thanks for returning and if you are brand-new to the United Cheer Family - welcome!!! It's going to be a great year!

United All Stars is the home to over 200 competitive cheer, All Star Prep Cheer, Cheer FUNdamentals, tumbling and dance athletes. The program is owned and operated by Mindy DeBaun and staffed by her husband Chuck, daughters Amanda and Jacey and some of the best coaches in Iowa.

At United All Stars, we pride ourselves on obtaining the highest level of training and certifications. All of our coaches are educated and credentialed by the United States All Star Federation. Competitive Cheer is for the serious student who is committed to being the best.

We at United Promise to work hard giving your child every available opportunity in the cheer industry to be the best athlete they can be!

Welcome to United!!!

Mindy



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MONTHLY TUITION FEES:

At United all tuition fees will be automatically deducted monthly on the 5th of each month. Tuition for competitive cheer is from June through April. The fee for all competitive cheer is \$124.12 per month.

TUITION INCLUDES:

Two cheer practices (1.5 hours each) and one tumbling class per week.

Additional Fees for Competitive Cheer:

- Annual Gym Membership per family \$50.
- Annual Insurance/Registration fee per athlete of \$52.
- Annual USASF Fee of \$30 per athlete.
- Mandatory Uniform (Youth, Junior and Senior Teams) (New this year 2018-2019 season) \$375.
- Mandatory Uniform (Tiny and Mini Teams) (New Last Season) \$155.
- Mandatory Competition Bow \$30
- Mandatory Practice wear (two outfits) approximately \$120.
- Mandatory Cheer Shoes - \$95 approximately depending on which style is chosen – We use Nfinity!
- Warm-up Jacket – If already purchased – does not need again.
- Backpack – If already purchased – does not need again.
- Choreography Fees per Team –
 - Senior/Junior/Youth Team - \$310.
 - Mini/Tiny Team - \$200.
- Competition Fees/Coaches Fees – These will be listed on the Competition Schedule once it is determined. These fees are not included in the monthly tuition. They are however added together and divided into three payments for the parents.
- **As per every year – should you wish to have a payment plan with United for all fees – this can be arranged through the office. Just ask for this information.

All Questions will be directed to United's office. Our coaches are not to discuss financial situations with students or parents.

****NEW THIS YEAR – Should an account be delinquent in any way – your child will be asked to sit out of practice until the account is caught up-to-date.**



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COMMUNICATION:

At United we use many ways to communicate with our parents and athletes.

- Email (Please check your email at least every other day – as many notifications are sent out from the office).
- Text Message – Make sure that in your account you have checked the box to receive text messages from United.
- Cheer Team Facebook Pages – This is a vital part of communicating with parents and athletes as well as posting pictures and videos. A team mom/office staff member or coach will set up this Facebook page and it will be a private page. Mindy will be included on all these pages.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

At United we do try to work with schedules and to the best of our ability work around things: However, we ask that parents and athletes understand that they are committing to a TEAM! It takes everyone on the TEAM to have a successful practice. So, this needs to be a commitment. It is extremely hard when we are working around multiple volleyball, basketball, track and other sports as we never have a full practice and the continuity of the team starts to breakdown with people missing from practices.

We ALL enjoy having family time and vacations and we want to ensure that these can happen. All scheduled time away should be addressed **AHEAD OF TIME** with the Team Coach and Mindy. Please try to plan your vacations around competitions and choreography.

Missing a scheduled practice for a birthday or other events is **NOT AN EXCUSED ABSENCE!**



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UNITED'S COMPETITION POLICIES:

COMPETITIVE SEASON: The competitive cheer season is from June through April. The teams begin practice the 2nd or 3rd week of June and go through the summer.

- All competitive cheerleaders will have choreography during the summer, usually towards the end of July or first part of August. This is **MANDATORY** for the cheerleader to be at their choreography dates. Dates will be announced at the Mandatory meeting.

Competitive cheerleading is a team sport requiring regular attendance by all team members. Every cheerleader is expected to attend all practices, functions, performances and competitions.

There are many different levels of cheer to participate in from Tiny Novice of 3-4 year olds to Higher level teams of 18+ year old athletes. Full competitive cheer, All Star Prep Cheer and Rec Cheer. How many competitions are based on the age and level of the teams.

- Full Competitive Cheer – 8-9 competitions – most within 3-4 hours of driving
- All Star Prep Cheer Teams – 2-3 competitions per season – most within 2-3 hours of driving
- Rec Cheer Teams – No competitions – but possible performances

Registration for the 2018-2019 Season is on Monday 5/21/18 or Tuesday 5/22/18 from 4-8 p.m. Skills assessment/team placement days are on Wednesday 5/23 and Thursday 5/24 with Final Skills Assessment on Friday, 5/25. ****Every child makes a team – it is just deciding what team best fits the child and where they might be needed with their skills.**

After the skills assessment/team placement days – there will be a **MANDATORY** Parent Meeting and Team Placement Reveal. **This will be on Monday, June 11th at 7 p.m. (At this time fundraising will be turned in also).** One parent is required to be at this meeting and the athletes will be handed their **TEAM** card at the end of the meeting. You must be at this meeting in order for your child to be placed on a competition team. During this meeting team reveals will be announced, choreography schedule, competition schedule, uniform reveal, practice-wear reveal and more will be discussed.



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COMPETITION POLICIES CONTINUED:

Skills Assessment: If your child is placed on a team for a skill that they performed at skills assessment and then loses the skill throughout the season, there is a chance that they may lose their spot on the team and be replaced with another child with the skill. There is also a possibility that if a child acquires a new skill during the season, they may be asked to crossover onto another team.

All competitive athletes will have a full uniform depending on which team they are on and warm-up. Athletes are required to wear warm-ups to and from competitions.

COMPETITIONS: For new parents – competitions are scheduled with the companies and they are NEVER CANCELLED. We usually do not get the performance order for a competition until the Monday before. All competitions are listed on the competition sheet with hotels that the teams stay in. All parents are required to book their own rooms and figure out travel to and from competitions. Hotel fees are negotiated by the number of rooms we need and then a block is set by Mindy. When at all possible – athletes are asked to stay in the team hotels! All athletes are required to be at all competitions and support all the United teams. When there is a long competition day – Mindy will arrange for different teams to support each other. Do not make plans with family/friends until you know what the schedule looks like – AS ALWAYS our first priority is to compete.

COMPETITION FEES: All competition fees are totaled together for the year and divided into three payments. These fees are listed on the competition table for the year. ALL fees are non-refundable! Should an athlete choose to leave the gym – fees will not be refunded.

JEWELRY: Jewelry is NOT ALLOWED when the athletes are practicing or performing. NO JEWELRY MEANS NO JEWELRY!!! Do not get your child new piercings during the season – as they will HAVE to take it out for practices and performances. No exceptions! Our insurance is null and void if they are wearing jewelry.



Welcome To United All Stars

We look forward to another amazing year of Competitive Cheer!

Cheer and Dance is our Passion and we cannot wait to share it with our athletes!!!

Mindy DeBaun – Owner/Coach