

G.H.S. Cheerleading Team Leadership

Tryout Information

2021 – 2022

Dear GATOR Candidate: I am so excited that you are considering trying out for this position. I want to make sure that you understand what it means to be a Captain and what is expected of you. Please read through this information carefully and make sure that you are completely devoted and up to the task before continuing on this journey. Please go over this information with your parents as well to ensure that they are willing and able to support you in this endeavor.

It is important to look at yourself and analyze the reason you want to become a captain. You must want more than the title of Captain. You must desire to be a servant leader and be the team's most devoted member. Keep these requirements in mind as you make your decision:

- ❖ You will dedicate many additional hours to the team throughout the summer and the school year.
- ❖ You must maintain exemplary grades.
- ❖ You must be a role model to your team and peers.
- ❖ Maintenance of excellent attendance is a must.
- ❖ You must be able to critique and guide your peers with compassion and respect.
- ❖ You should be an outstanding performer and strive to grow in your cheer and or dance ability and technique.
- ❖ You must support the coaches, whether you agree with them or not. We will turn to you for your opinions, but you must remember that final decisions are the coaches to make based on what we feel is best for the team.
- ❖ You must be able to treat everyone fairly and equally, putting the needs of the team and what is right above yourself and friendships. You have to put differences aside.
- ❖ Being a leader inside and outside of school and practice is non-negotiable. It takes much longer to build or repair a reputation than it does to destroy it.
- ❖ The captains/major and coaches will work as a cohesive team.
- ❖ The following character traits are necessary:

Creative, Organized, Self- Motivated, Compassionate, Enthusiastic, Cooperative, Respectful, Humility, Confidentiality, Confidence, Dedication, Dependable

As you ponder the above information, please keep in mind these final thoughts: Not everyone trying out will make captain/major, or you may not receive the position you desire. I expect you to handle this in a mature manner. I expect you to remain on the team when earning your position on the squad; you are a valuable member and can serve in other areas. A strong captain/major program is the backbone of the team and we expect more from them than other team members. An extreme level of dedication is required for this position and continual

sacrifice comes with the territory. You will be expected to take initiative and take control of situations when necessary. You must earn respect and should not consider yourself above anyone else on the team. As a captain, you are a leader and this is a service position that requires hard work. It is not a position of royalty. If you choose to continue on this journey, I am proud that you have chosen to set your goals high and serve your team! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to visit with the GRULLA HIGH SCHOOL Cheer Team Coaching Staff.

Go GATORS!

GHS Cheer Team Coaching Staff

Gator Leadership Criteria

Head Cheerleader Requirements & Regulations:

1. Student must be a Senior on Varsity with at least one year of Varsity experience with the GHS cheer program. (In the case that there is not a Senior who meets all the requirements, a Junior will be selected.)
2. Student must have a dance routine of minimum 2:00.
4. Student must have passed every six weeks the year prior.
5. Failure to maintain a passing average in all classes and/or abide by the extra-curricular student code of conduct will result in permanent removal from the head cheerleader position and or drill team major leadership role. In this instance, the coaching staff will determine a new head cheerleader and or major.
6. Student will complete the application and interview process.

Varsity Co-Captain Requirements and Regulations:

1. Student must be an incoming Junior/Senior on Varsity.
2. Student must have a dance routine of minimum 1:00.
3. 1-2 students will be selected to serve as captain and lieutenant.
4. Student must have a minimum of 1 year prior experience on the Varsity GHS cheerleading and or dance/drill team.
5. Student must have passed every six weeks the year prior.

6. Failure to maintain a passing average in all classes and/or abide by the extra-curricular student code of conduct will result in permanent removal from the co-captain cheerleader and or captain leadership role. In this instance, the coaching staff will determine a new co-captain cheerleader and or captain.

7. Student will complete the application and interview process.

Student/Parent Contract for Grulla High School Captain & Co-Captain candidates due by the following tryout dates.

Cheer: June 24, 2021 Coach Gracie Salinas

Candidate Name: _____ ID#: _____

I. Candidate:

I understand that I must meet the eligibility requirements to try out for the leadership program and I must be clear of all financial obligations to the district and booster club. I understand that I will have additional obligations and responsibilities. I will be expected to be self-disciplined, fairly administer discipline, give orders and set an example for other Grulla Gator Cheerleaders. I understand that I will be expected to attend Leadership Meetings over the summer and outside of normal team practice times during the year. I understand that more will be expected of me than a regular squad member and I am willing to give what it takes to be an exceptional leader. I understand that my coach has the right to discipline me for falling short of her expectations of a Captain which could include dismissal from the leadership position. I understand that other school activities or an outside job may not interfere with my obligations to the Gator Cheerleaders. I understand that I am expected to attend all GHS Cheer Team activities, mandatory or optional. I understand that it is my duty to uphold and abide by the GHS Cheer Constitution. I will support the coach at all times. I will accept her decisions and not expect an explanation. I understand that, as a leader, I will be a goodwill ambassador for the Gator Cheerleaders and Grulla High School and will accept this responsibility with pride and dedication. This means that I must set an excellent example in and out of school and cheerleading activities. Being a leader is a rewarding and fulfilling responsibility. Great things will be expected from you. In signing this form, I make a commitment to my team, my coaches, and to myself to accept the office offered graciously and fulfill all obligations assigned. I am expected to serve a complete one year term.

II. Parents:

My child, _____, has my permission to try out for the Gator Leadership position. I have read and understand all additional obligations and responsibilities that will be expected of her, including financial obligations. I will encourage and support her in this journey. I will partner with the coach in holding her accountable to these obligations and responsibilities that she is choosing to take on.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Gator Leadership Application

1. Describe your leadership style.

2. If you were a captain of the squad, what would you do differently from the leadership in past years?

3. What would you do the same?

4. Why do you want to be a captain?

5. What qualifies you to be a captain?

6. List 3 personal goals & 3 team goals:

-Explain how you plan to accomplish these goals:

7. List 3 Pep Rally themes:

8. Camp Ideas (Think about Big Sis/Lil Sis, Team gifts, etc. How do you Envision Camp?):

***DUE ON Tryout Day**

Cheer: June 24, 2021 10:00 am