

Welcome to **MIDWEST ATHLETICS** Information Meeting



2020-2021



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Midwest Athletics

2020-2021 All Star Cheerleading Competition Team

We are excited that you have chosen to become part of our premier All-Star Cheerleading Team.

Midwest Elite Dance Center branched into the Elite world of All-Star Cheerleading in 2017 with tremendous success!

Our main goal is to teach and lead with teamwork, dedication, leadership, and the value of team commitment.

Meet the Staff:

Stacie Hawley
Owner
Head Coach

Jeff Calvin
Team Manager

Abbey Mueller
Cheer Director

Selena Hurley
Coach

Jazmine Meacham
Coach

Stephanie Snider
Coach

Grace Tilley
Coach

Bobby Snaglewski
Coach

Included in this packet:

- Try-Out Information
- Rules & Regulations
- Code of Conduct
- Miscellaneous All-Star Information
- Financial & Time Commitments
- Registration Form & Financial Agreement
- Waiver of Liability and Rules & Regulation Confirmation

Clinic & Try-Out Information

Midwest Athletics Try-Out Clinic – July 13TH & 14TH

Try-Out Clinics are designed to prepare your cheerleader for the day of tryouts. These sessions are required to tryout for Midwest Athletics. Ages 7 to 16 yrs. with Birth Year of 2004-2017.

✿ TIME: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

✿ COST: \$25.00 PAY AT DOOR

Try-Outs

Try-Out will be held on Wednesday, July 15th @ 7:30pm

Items due at Try-Outs for those that do not attend clinic:

- Waiver of Liability and Rules & Regulations Confirmation
- Registration Form & Financial Agreement

Cheerleaders should arrive 10 minutes early with the following:

- Black Shorts, Sports Bra or Plain White T-Shirt
- High Pony Tail with Cheer Bow
- White Gym Shoes with White No-Show Socks

Announcements of squad placements will be available at a later date.

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Midwest Athletics – Rules & Regulations

- ❖ Parents agree to provide support, care, and encouragement of children while participating in the All Star Cheer Program
- ❖ Parents encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating respect and positive support of all cheerleaders, coaches, and parents at practices or competitions or any other event.
- ❖ Parents will carefully review the rules and regulations with their child and adhere to the rules.
- ❖ Parents understand that a violation of these rules may result in the suspension or termination of their child's participation in Midwest Athletics.
- ❖ Cheerleaders will treat team members and coaches with kindness and respect, regardless of race, gender, creed, or ability by refraining from rude or abusive language, actions or gestures. Parents should help encourage this behavior throughout participation in the program.
- ❖ Cheerleaders agree to have a positive attitude among the team, teammates, and coaches. Demonstrates the positive aspects of cheerleading while participating in Midwest Athletics.
- ❖ Cheerleaders will pay attention to coaches and follow their directions.
- ❖ Cheerleaders may be asked to leave at any time if coaches feel they are being disrespectful or uncooperative. If this scenario happens, they are given an unexcused absence.

Spirit/Sportsmanship

Midwest Athletics encourages team spirit and sportsmanship throughout the season. Spirit means:

- ❖ Following the rules
- ❖ Respecting yourself, your coach, your team, and your community
- ❖ Optimizing your cheer experience by meeting other team cheerleaders in the area and sharing cheer experiences
- ❖ Learning the sport of cheerleading and pursuing better skills and not just saying, "I am a Cheerleader."
- ❖ Always have integrity when communicating with your connection and make interactions positive and uplifting for others
- ❖ Looking beyond yourself and putting your team first

Code of Conduct

- ❖ There will be no arguing or questioning of the coaching staff's decision at competitions or practices.
- ❖ Parents, relatives, friends and cheerleaders are never allowed to speak with competition officials for any reason,
- ❖ All squad and routine decisions are left to the discretion of the coaches.
- ❖ Please feel free to talk to your coach about anything; remember to do it at the appropriate time. For example, approaching a coach in the middle of practice would not be an appropriate time.
- ❖ No profanity or abusive language.
- ❖ Never post any negative comments or videos of the routine on social media. #justdontdoit This will result in Immediate Termination from the Team
- ❖ Practices may be changed or added at any time during the season,
- ❖ Anyone threatening to quit or pull their child from the team will be dismissed from the program immediately.
- ❖ Anonymous emails, letters, texts, tweets, etc. will be ignored.

Practices and Competitions

- ❖ Practice attendance is **CRITICAL!!!**
- ❖ Practices are designed to teach cheerleaders tumbling, dance technique, stunts, cleaning of a routine and other important information they will be using for competition. Therefore, it is imperative that your cheerleader attends **ALL** practices.
- ❖ Parents must have the cheerleader arrive **10 minutes** early and be ready to start practice on time. Parents must return for pick-up **10 minutes** before practice completion for announcements or in case of early dismissal.
- ❖ Cheerleaders are to participate in all aspects of practice. Practices include but are not limited to routine/stunt review, running, stretching, strength training, stunting, tumbling, jumping, conditioning, and flexibility.
- ❖ Cheer/Gym shoes are to be worn throughout the entire practice.
- ❖ Cheerleaders are to wear their practice wear (assigned) with hair should be pulled back into a ponytail with practice bow.

Attendance

- ❖ Cheerleaders are required to attend all practices, competitions, and performances.
- ❖ A cheerleader is allowed **4 Unexcused absences** throughout the season. Cheerleader may not miss practice the week/weekend of the competition.
- ❖ Advance notice of an absence should be given **1 week** prior by emailing Abby Mueller.
- ❖ Contact Abby Mueller if your cheerleader will be late for practice.
- ❖ If a cheerleader misses **50%** of the practice it is considered an absence.
- ❖ Tumbling Classes are considered practice and the same rules apply. Tumbling classes must be made up if missed.
- ❖ Choreography camp is **100 percent mandatory!!!**
- ❖ Attendance begins September 8, 2020.

Cheer Skills

The skills taught are consistent with universal cheerleading skills and include the following techniques:

- Stunt Building
- Motions
- Jumps
- Cheer Dance
- Cheer Tumbling

Cheer stunt skills that are above the shoulder level should not be practiced or performed without the presence of a coach and/or two spotters. This pattern of safety is crucial to the safety of your cheerleader and it is her responsibility to not participate in any activity that does not have a coach and/or spotter.

Competitions

Cheerleaders will be required to arrive **TWO HOURS** prior to competition, unless otherwise told by the coaching staff. Cheerleaders competition schedule will have an arrival time, warm-up time and performance time. Cheerleader must arrive by the arrival time. If a cheerleader arrives more than **15 minute** late they will be charged a **\$25.00** fee.

Upon arrival, they should be ready to begin warm-up and stretching with the coaching staff. Cheerleaders should always arrive at competition in proper uniform, accessories, and cheer shoes. Warm-Ups should be warn to the competitions. If a cheerleader is not in the appropriate uniform, she will not be allowed to participate. Cheerleaders are not permitted to wear leggings or tights under their spanks and skirts, as they can be a safety hazard while stunting. If you have concerns, speak with a member of the coaching staff.

During competitions, cheerleaders are to stay together. Cheerleaders must always be focused on competition and coach in order to be prepared for the day.

Disciplinary Action

It is the policy of Midwest Athletics that disciplinary action will only be taken as a last resort and that every attempt will be made to avoid situations likely to lead to such action through positive encouragement to correct negative behavior.

A Cheerleader may be suspended from competitions/events for excessive absence without approval or notice, excessive tardiness without approval or notice and excessive insubordination to the coach.

A Cheerleader may be dismissed from the program for causing irresponsible discord among team members, causing negative influence among team members and conduct that negatively impacts the team.

Any violation of rules that are deemed necessary may constitute a phone call to parent/guardian by the coach. If Cheerleader requires a second call to parent, the cheerleader will be dismissed from the program.

Monthly Fee Schedule: YOUTH & JUNIOR

This fee schedule below is meant to give you and your family the financial commitment that will be required to participate in Midwest Athletics. We will work with families with this commitment, contact Jeff Calvin with questions and options.

Tuition Payments are paid at the Front Desk or online and are due by the **10TH OF EACH MONTH**. A valid credit/debit card must be kept on file at all times. If tuition is not paid by the **11th** of the month, tuition will be charged to that card. If payments fall behind 30 days, your cheerleader may not be eligible to participate in practice, performances, or competitions.

Tuition will be spread out over **10 months beginning August and ending May**.

| Monthly Studio Fees | Monthly Competition Fees** | Total Monthly Tuition Payment |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$141.00 | \$49.00 | \$190.00 |

Studio Fees Include

- Team Practices
- 2 x Tumble Classes
- \$25 Annual Registration Fee

Competition Fees Include

- 2 x Practice Sets (Custom Sports Bra and Shorts) ~\$150
- Practice Bow ~\$20
- Coaches Fee ~\$115
- Comp Bow ~\$25
- Make-Up Kit ~\$25
- Music Fee ~\$50
- USASF Membership Fee \$25
- USASF Insurance \$25
- Choreographer Accommodation- \$50

Total Monthly Payment may be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Sign up for automatic payment to have the tuition taken automatically on the 10th of each month.

Fees Not Included in the Total Monthly Tuition

- Competition Registration Fees Charged 30 Days prior to the Competition (~\$80.00 for 1 Day Competitions)
- \$150.00 Choreography Fee due the first day of Choreography
- Registration Fees for US Finals or D2 Summit (this will be determined on bids received)
- Travel Expenses such as lodging and vehicle expenses (MOST COMPETITIONS WILL NOT REQUIRE HOTEL)

Multiple Children: The second child will receive a 20% Discount toward Monthly Studio Fees only.

*****If your athlete is a dancer as well please see Abby or Jeff*** Explanation of accounts**

Uniform and Accessories

Uniform fittings will be scheduled in August. The uniform and competition shoes are not included in the Total Monthly Tuition.

Uniform: \$350.00 Girl/\$_____ Boy (Already Rhinestone and will be used for 2 years)

Comp Shoes: \$100.00 (NFinity Vengeance)

Warm-Up: \$65.00 Jacket

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Tuition will be spread out over **10 months beginning September and ending June**.

| Monthly Studio Fees | Monthly Competition Fees** | Total Monthly Tuition Payment |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$110.00 | \$29.50 | \$139.50 |

Studio Fees Include

- Team Practices
- 1 x Tumble Class
- \$25 Annual Registration Fee

Competition Fees Include

- 1 x Practice Sets (Custom Sports Bra and Shorts) ~\$75
- Practice Bow ~\$20
- Comp Bow ~\$25
- Make-Up Kit ~\$25
- Music Fee ~\$50
- USASF Membership Fee \$25
- USASF Insurance \$25
- Chorographer Accommodation \$50.00

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Registration Form & Financial Agreement

This form must be turned in on the first day of Clinics

Athlete Information

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| <u>Athlete Name:</u> | | <u>DOB:</u> | |
| <u>Grade</u> | | <u>School:</u> | |
| <u>T-Shirt Size:</u> | <u>Short Size:</u> | <u>Height:</u> | <u>Weight:</u> |

Parent/Guardian Information

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| <u>Parent/Guardian #1 Name:</u> | | <u>Parent Guardian #2 Name:</u> | |
| <u>Address of Parent/Guardian #1:</u> | | <u>Address of Parent/Guardian #2 (if applicable)</u> | |
| <u>Home Phone:</u> | <u>Cell Phone:</u> | <u>Home Phone: (if applicable)</u> | <u>Cell Phone:</u> |
| <u>Email Address:</u> | | <u>Email Address:</u> | |
| <u>Emergency Contact:</u> | | <u>Emergency Contact Phone Number:</u> | |

Insurance Information

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| <u>Insurance Provider:</u> | <u>Policy #:</u> |
| <u>Insurance Provider Phone Number:</u> | <u>Group #:</u> |

I, _____, have read over all **FEES** and **FINANCIAL** expenses covered in the informational packet for the Midwest Athletics team and agree to make my monthly payments and stay current throughout the entire cheer season. I agree to maintain a valid credit/debit card on file and that card will be used if tuition is not pad by the 11th of the month. I also understand there will be a **\$300 quit FEE** if I decide to pull or leave the cheer squad after making the squad and our first practice has started.

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

X _____
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Waiver of Liability – Rules & Regulations

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Waiver of Liability:

I, _____, (parent or legal guardian), hereby agree to give permission for my cheerleader to participate in any and all classes, competitions, and events offered by Midwest Elite Dance Center, LLC competing under Midwest Athletics. I, parent or legal guardian, hereby release Midwest Elite Dance Center, LLC, as well as its coaches and employees, from any liability, claim, injury, harm, damage, loss or action which may result from my cheerleaders participation in dancing, cheerleading, stunting, or tumbling instructions.

Cheerleaders and parents are responsible for following all the policies and procedures of Midwest Elite Dance Center, LLC competing as Midwest Athletics. Be it known that within the limits of your cheerleader training and experience the necessary precautions are taken to protect the cheerleader from physical injury resulting from such participation, including in the lobby areas and parking lot, will not be the responsibility of Stacie Hawley, Midwest Elite Dance Center LLC, competing under Midwest Athletics, and any of its' coaching staff.

Please understand that we do not provide supervision in the lobby area or parking lot, if injury should occur while waiting, this is not the responsibility of Stacie Hawley, Midwest Elite Dance Center LLC, competing as Midwest Athletics, and its coaches or staff.

Rules and Regulations:

I have read the Midwest Athletics rules and regulations Contract provided in this packet. I have read it in its entirety and understand its contents. I understand the responsibility my child is undertaking by becoming a Midwest Athletics cheerleader.

I agree to fully support my child and will encourage them to fulfill their commitment. I also understand that by signing this contract I am bound to not use my child's participation in this program a form of punishment as I realize that it also punishes their team and entire Midwest Athletics program.

I also understand that being an Athletics member is a commitment on the parent as well. I realize I am representing Midwest Elite Dance Center completing as Midwest Athletics and always conduct with class and responsibility. I understand that any athlete or parent that does not abide by the rules and regulations contained in the contract, that is consistently, negative, or acts in a manner that jeopardizes that name and reputation of Midwest Athletics program, will be subject to removal with no refund.

In addition, I agree to give Midwest Athletics full permission to seek medical attention and/or take any actions deemed necessary including but not limited to drug testing to ensure the safety and wellbeing of my child and those around them.

X _____
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

X _____
Cheerleader Printed Name

X _____
Cheerleader Signature