

2020/2021 Sideline Tryout Packet

Dear Candidate/Parent or
Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in the Windsor High School Cheerleading Program. It is important that parents and candidates are aware of what is expected during the week of tryouts, as well as what will be expected should your son/daughter be selected as a squad member. There is a great commitment on the part of each student selected as a Windsor High Cheerleader and their parent. We hope you will find your experience rewarding.

The tryout dates for the WHS Cheerleading Squad will be as follows:

- **Tryout Clinics - ZOOM - May 26-28th**
- **Official Tryout - ZOOM - Tentatively May 31st**

**2nd and final round tbd-watch website:
windsorhsathletics.weebly.com**

Tryout Clinics are available to all athletes to learn skills prior to the Official Tryouts. Throughout the past weeks, tryout material has been posted in our team app, BAND. During the clinic days, candidates will go over the tryout material and procedures. On the day of tryouts, each candidate will be assigned a number and time to perform in front of the Official Tryout Judges via ZOOM. Tryout results will be posted by midnight the day of tryouts.

The application attached must be completed and turned in via email (jordynvehmeyer@gmail.com) by MAY 24th to be eligible to tryout. Please attach a headshot of the applicant. Reach out with any technical difficulties.

Cheerleading is a big commitment and requires many hours outside of school. This commitment requires enthusiasm and dedication from both cheerleaders and their parents. We hope each of you will be willing to give your support to your daughter/son and their squad, as we prepare for a successful school year!

Thank you,
Coach Jordyn
May
2020

Dear
Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Your daughter/son is interested in trying out for the 2020/2021 Junior Varsity or Varsity Cheerleading Squad(s). If your daughter/son is chosen to represent Windsor High School as a member of the squad, it will not only be an honor, but also a major commitment. The responsibilities are numerous and MUST be fully understood in advance. This packet is designed to provide you with a comprehensive list of policies, procedures, and expectations. It is important to realize that practice and game schedules are typically set well in advance and should therefore be considered MANDATORY. Schedule changes not in control of the cheerleading coaching staff will be made known to squad members as soon as possible.

Becoming a cheerleader requires a substantial financial commitment. In order to offset some of these costs, all squad members will be required to participate in fundraising activities; i.e.-car washes, concessions, camps and clinics, etc., and any other events deemed necessary for the program. Members of both Cheerleading Squads will be responsible for (not limited to) the purchase of all cheerleading equipment, shoes, clothes, camps and clinics. This is outlined in the cheer packet.

As a member of the squad, your daughter/son will be responsible for maintaining a good academic record;a 2.0 g.p.a. or higher.

All members are required to follow the rules set forth in the Cheerleading Contract and the Student Handbook/Athletic Code. Please review the requirements listed in this packet with your daughter/son. Should you agree to make the commitment, please sign the attached permission form and have your daughter/son make it available during the tryout clinics.

Please contact Jordyn Vehmeyer, jordynvehmeyer@gmail.com with any questions.

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Cheerleading

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Thank you for your interest in Windsor High School Cheerleading! Cheerleading at Windsor is a serious commitment and is not to be taken lightly. Please make sure that you review all the rules and expectations. Please start conditioning and working on skills now, as there will be a lot to learn during the clinics. If you have questions, please make sure that you email prior to the first night of clinics. This is a great sport to become involved in. Do not be overwhelmed or afraid to try out. We wish you the best and thanks for choosing to be part of our successful program. If you have a problem with expenses, do not let this stop you from trying out.

Please contact Coach Jordyn about this.

Expectations and Regulations

Windsor High School Cheer

ACADEMICS

The WHS Cheerleading program expects academics to be each participant's first priority. WHS cheerleaders are expected to turn in bi-weekly progress reports demonstrating satisfactory grades in all classes.

ATTENDANCE

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Attendance at all practices, games, fundraisers, rallies, and community events is mandatory. A participant who misses three (3) times during the school year may be dismissed from the squad for the remainder of the season. If a cheerleader is absent from the practice before a game they will be required to attend the game, but they must sit out.

If a participant is absent from more than 2 blocks of school on a practice or game day, she/he may not participate in any event. In the case of an extended illness, a parent/guardian must contact the coach. It is the responsibility of each athlete to report directly to her/his coach any illness or injury that would result in a missed game or practice.

Schedules will be given out at the beginning of the season. However, cheerleaders will need to be flexible due to the need to add or change practices due to facilities, games, weather, rallies, homecoming, etc.

Sports or activities that are not sponsored through WHS cannot replace a WHS Cheerleading event, practice, game, camp and/or any cheerleading function.

Any personal commitments, such as vacations, doctor appointments, work, or participation in a club sport during the season are not considered as an excuse for missing practice. Attendance at games is extremely important, and absences hurt the entire team. Please give coaches ample time to work around absences so the rest of the team can still practice/perform.

ATTIRE At practice, athletes must be wearing appropriate workout attire at all times.

Hair

must be up and out of the athlete's face.

At games, athletes are expected to show up game day ready. This includes full uniform, shoes, and hair and makeup done to coaches discretion.

Each cheerleader is responsible for the proper care of his/her uniform. Each cheerleader will be fully responsible for the replacement of any uniform in his/her care that becomes damaged or lost.

All cheerleaders should wear their WHS Cheerleading uniform to school on game days (unless otherwise specified by the coach). If you are sitting out due to non co-curricular reasons, you will sit out in full uniform. (This could be warm-ups, shirt & shorts, and/or uniform; it is up to the coach's discretion.)

TRANSPORTATIO

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If a bus is provided, cheerleaders must ride the athletic bus to and from the event. They must be in full uniform or warm-up to travel in. We do not travel to any cheerleading function in street clothes. If a bus is not provided, it is up to the Parent/Athlete to get the athlete to the destination.

If a parent/guardian is going to pick up their cheerleader at an home or away game, the coach must speak or have visual confirmation of the parent. Otherwise how we arrive, is how we will leave.

Your parent is the only one you are allowed to leave a game with, not friends UNLESS your parent/legal guardian has told the coach otherwise.

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In order to achieve maximum success as a squad, each individual must demonstrate a good work ethic and be willing to work for the good of the squad. Respect for other squad members and the coaching staff is imperative. The same is asked of parents towards other kids on the team and the coaching staff. Negative behavior may result in suspension from participation in one or more games or dismissal from the squad.

Parent participation is appreciated. Decisions about coaching and program management are solely the responsibility of the coaching staff. We ask that the parents support and adhere to the decisions made by the coaching staff. If you have a concern please contact the head coach.

COMMUNICATION

If a cheerleader is sick or absent for any reason, they must contact their coach well before practice begins. Failure to inform the coaching staff of any absences could result in sitting out a game(s), event(s), and/or dismissal from the squad. Practices, Games and Performances are MANDATORY. Letting the coach know an hour before a game or right before practice is not acceptable.

EXPENSE

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Below you will find an itemized list of some of the expenses that you will encounter this year. Hopefully, this will give you an idea of what to expect financially. The largest sum of money will be paid in the beginning. However, some items may be purchased over time. Great care is taken by the coaches to keep the cost as low as possible.

All bills must be paid on time & in full before any clothing can be distributed. No items will be ordered unless they are paid for first.

I. Mandatory Expenses:

- **Uniform*-** \$260.45
 - i. Uniforms are purchased by the athlete, and do not need to be returned at the end of the season. They are the athlete's property and their responsibility to maintain and replace if needed.
- **Pom Poms* -** \$16.00
 - i. Once team placements are released, a link will be sent out to order the correct Pom Poms individually.
- **Practice Clothes -** \$27.00
 - i. Practice clothes include a shirt and shorts to be worn during practices, choreography, etc.

- **Shoes*** - **ANY** white cheer shoes of your choice. Most athletes prefer the Nfinity brand.

- **Bow** - \$8.95 **II**.

Optional Expenses:

- **Sports bra** - \$44.99

- i. Sports bras are customized for WHS Cheer

- **Warmup Jacket** - \$118.90

- i. Jackets are highly encouraged for Varsity Athletes, as it gets cold at the games. We decided on new jackets this year, but jackets from previous years work too.

- **Cheer Bag*** - \$55.00

- i. Once team placements are released, a link will be sent out to order the correct bag individually.

Items followed by “*” means that it is the same item as previous years, and does not have to be purchased again.

If a cheerleader quits, they will be responsible to pay for any pre-ordered items, re-choreography fee, uniforms, and/or outstanding balances.

Any additional costs will be given with plenty of time in advance.

FUNDRAISERS

There will be plenty of fundraising opportunities to help offset some of these costs. Participation from every athlete is imperative in helping lower these costs.

If you have any fundraising ideas that you would like to share, please reach out to the coaches!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Parents, pictures will be taken of the cheerleaders on various occasions. By signing the constitution below, you are giving your consent for your child's pictures to appear on any Windsor High School advertisement, website, and/or social media.

Every Windsor Cheerleader will be held responsible for all statements and

images posted on social media sites. Inappropriate statements/images may result in removal from the cheer program. Cyber-bullying of any kind, as well as derogatory remarks towards administration, other schools/programs, teammates or coaches will NOT be tolerated. In any case to determine whether a statement/image is considered "inappropriate", a meeting with the Coach, Cheer Director, and Admin will take place and proper disciplinary actions will follow.

Each situation will be dealt with on an individual basis, potentially resulting in removal from the team.

WHS CHEERLEADING PROGRAM

If you were on the team the year before, it does not guarantee you a spot the following year. A veteran can be cut, or a person who is on Varsity can be placed on JV for the following year.

A cheerleader may be moved FROM VARSITY TO JV OR JV TO VARSITY at the coaching staff's discretion at any time. If a cheerleader does not know the material or maintain the required skills (i.e.-tumbling, stunting), they may be removed from an upcoming event or possibly the program.

Part of a coaches job is to know where you are at all times during practices, games, and special events. Consequences will be issued for failure to follow the coaches direction or to stay in assigned areas during events.

Coaches reserve the right to make changes/additions to the rules as needed. In addition, if you have any questions or concerns, please respect the following chain of command: Squad Coach, Cheer Director, Athletic Director, School Principal.

WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TRYOUT APPLICATION

Candidates Information:

Name: _____ **Current Grade:** _____

Current School: _____ **Years Experience:**

Email: _____ **Phone #:** _____

**Parent/Guardian
Information:**

Name: _____ **Phone #:**

Email:

Emergency Contact:

Name/Relation: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Please list any health conditions in full detail:

My daughter/son, _____, has my permission to try out for the Windsor High School Cheerleading Program for the 2020/2021 school year. My daughter/son and I understand the financial obligations that must be met as set forth in this tryout packet, if selected as a cheerleader. We also understand that the school and/or coaches assume no responsibility for accident or injury that might occur during any cheerleading activity, including tryouts.

We have read the tryout information concerning the cheerleading organization and the tryout procedures. We are satisfied that it is a privilege and not a right to be chosen as a WHS cheerleader for the 2020/2021 school year. We also understand that not everyone can be chosen.

Signature of Athlete: _____

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____