

GARFIELD HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TRYOUT INFORMATION

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the GHMS Cheerleading Squad! All interested candidates should take careful consideration of the commitment and dedication it takes to be a member of this squad.



Responsibilities of the Cheerleaders:

1. Promote and uphold school spirit
2. Build character
3. Maintain good sportsmanship among teammates, students and opponents
4. To encourage crowd involvement
5. To represent your school in a positive manner at ALL times

There will be two clinics held in the Middle School Gymnasium for prospective cheerleaders to prepare and learn the material they will be judged on at try outs. It is mandatory that you attend these clinics to learn so that you are prepared for your try out. All three days of tryouts are MANDATORY.

The dates for clinics are as follows:

Cheer Clinic #1 Friday, May 19th 2:30-4:00pm

Cheer Clinic #2 Monday, May 22nd 2:30-4:00pm

Cheer Try-Out Wednesday, May 24th 2:30 until done

Attire: You must wear athletic shoes, shorts/pants, and a school appropriate t-shirt. No crop tops. NO BOOTS/SANDALS or CONVERSE, no jewelry, no gum, NO EXCEPTIONS. This is for your safety. Hair should be pulled back.

* Cheer clinics, try-outs and practices: **are closed**. This means friends and siblings are not permitted to be there.

Scoring Categories for Auditions:

Spirit/Personality: eye contact, smile, enthusiasm, rapport

Jumps: sides,, toe touch

Split: go as low as possible, hold for 3 seconds, not sloppy when getting up

Cheer: sharp motions, unity with group, voice projection, enthusiasm

Extra: Candidates will have the opportunity to show the judges another skill for consideration. For example: tumbling, heel stretch, double jump.

TRY OUT RESULTS AND MONEY DUE:

Results of the try out will be posted on the school athletics website on the last day of school, in the evening.

An order form for cheer items will be sent via the student's Google account. Those who make the squad are to fill out this order form ASAP.

For those who make the squad, payment for clothing (approximately \$130) will be due the first week back to school, August 14th. Check or cash. Checks should be made out to Garfield Heights City Schools Booster Club. Payment can be turned in directly to Coach Smith in room 308 in a labeled envelope or into the office. Receipts will be given at the time of payment. This payment will include t-shirt, bag, shoes, body suit, briefs, hair bow, sweatpants, and sweatshirt. They will be used for both seasons and are yours to keep.

Communication with the Team

Cheerleaders should check their Google account frequently for updates. The uniform order form will be here as well as the practice schedule. Cheerleaders can print their schedules and share with parents and guardians. Any changes to the schedule will be made online so it is important that cheerleaders log on frequently.

Practice Schedule

Cheerleaders can expect to practice 2-3 times per week with football games being once a week August-October and basketball games being 1-2 times per week November-January.

Fall/Winter Squads

Candidates will indicate whether they are interested in trying out for the Fall Squad, Winter Squad, or both. You can only play one sport per season! It is possible to make both teams.

Eligibility

You must be passing 5 classes at the end of this year's 4th Quarter to be eligible for Fall Season next school year. You must be passing 5 classes at the end of 1st Quarter to be eligible for Winter Season next school year. Keep your grades up! You are a student FIRST and an athlete second.