

WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS!

Completed Applications are due by August 26, 2011 @ 2:00

Dear Prospective Cheerleader,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Winter Springs High School Cheerleading Squad. Being part of the Winter Springs High School Game Squad Cheerleading Group is a privilege. We want to be known as a group of students whose purpose is to enhance school spirit and get the crowds motivated at school functions.

Cheerleading is a group activity and requires a lot of teamwork. Together as a team we will display our athletic abilities through stunting, tumbling and cheerleading on our teams.

Being part of this organization is a lot of fun, but also a lot of work. We want only those that feel that they can give 100%. It takes many hours of practice, sore muscles and a lot of dedication, not only on the part of you but also your family.

Throughout this packet you will find some basic information about your responsibilities if selected as a cheerleader. Please read this information over carefully and think about whether you are ready to make a commitment to cheerleading at Winter Springs High School. If you are, we welcome you and wish you all the best during tryouts.

Before participating in the tryout clinic you must turn in the following:

- Cheerleading Application
- Must have a 2.0 un-weighted or higher
- Copy of your birth certificate
- A current physical

**DO NOT TURN IN AN APPLICATION UNLESS YOU HAVE ALL OF THE
ABOVE ITEMS.**

All of the above again must be turned in **TOGETHER** to Ms. Kelly 5-111 by August 26
@ 2:00

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!



WSHS Application for Cheerleading Tryouts

My child _____ has my permission to participate in cheerleading tryouts at Winter Springs High School. I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations by the Coaches and Seminole County Public Schools. **Attending everyday of clinic is MANDATORY.** I have read the rules and regulations and understand that the violation of any of these rules may lead to temporary or permanent suspension/dismissal from the squad. I understand that a **completed packet** must be turned in by **Aug 26, 2011 @ 2:00, or my child will not be allowed to tryout.**

I understand that diverse, unbiased qualified judges will evaluate my son/daughter and we agree to abide by the decision of the judges. I further understand that no scores or explanations will be issued before, during or after tryouts.

I give permission for a member of the WSHS coaching staff to review my child's grades to confirm eligibility. I understand all cost involved with participating. I understand that if my child makes varsity they will be **required to cheer competition.** Furthermore, I understand that cheerleading is a year long sport and should my son/daughter be elected no provisions will be made for any other extracurricular activity or sport.

I understand the very nature of the activity carries the risk of physical injury. I understand the risk and will not hold Winter Springs High School or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident or injury at any time.

Parent /Guardian (Print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

I am interested in being a cheerleader at Winter Springs High School. I understand the risks involved as stated above. **If elected, I agree to make cheerleading my top priority to all other extracurricular activities or sports. I understand that provisions to take part in those activities will not be made, and I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by all coaches and principal of Winter Springs High School.** I promise to cooperate and follow the instructions of all cheerleading coaches.

Student Signature: _____

Grade level for next school year: _____

Emergency co _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship to you: _____

DO NOT WRITE ON BELOW THIS LINE

Parental Consent: Yes or no	Physical: Yes or no
Birth certificate: Yes or no	Report Card: Yes or no
GPA: _____	Date received: _____

TRYOUT CLINIC INFORMATION

Time, Dates, and Location of Tryouts:

Tryout clinic will be held Aug 29-31, from 3:00-5:00 each day in the cafeteria. The final tryout will be held on Sept 1, with the first group starting at 3:00. Final tryouts are open to all (except girls trying out). Admission is \$2.00 and no one will be allowed in after each group has begun.

Tryout Attire: If you do not wear the correct attire you will not be permitted to participate that day. Plain white T-Shirt or tank with out writing on it, black shorts, athletic shoes and socks must be worn throughout the clinics. NO jewelry will be allowed (navel and tongue piercings included.) (If you have on any jewelry you will not be permitted to participate that day). Each prospective cheerleader will be assigned a number to wear for the entire time of clinic and tryouts.

Selection Criteria:

Each prospective cheerleader will be evaluated daily on the following criteria:

Cheer/chant	Jump
Dance	Showmanship

BASIC REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 un-weighted GPA each semester

If a cheerleader's GPA falls below a 2.0 they will be removed from the squad. Receipt of an F for any class during any 9 week grading period will result in suspension until the grade is improved. Receipt of an F any semester grade constitutes automatic dismissal from the cheerleading squad for the remainder of the season.

- Participation in all cheerleading activities and fundraisers is MANDATORY

The commitment to cheerleading takes priority over all other after school functions. Each scheduled practice, prep rally, game, competition, fundraiser and special event is mandatory. During football season there will a minimum of 2 practices a week. Any practice session shall be approved beforehand by the appropriate coach. Cheerleaders must furnish their own transportation for these days.

PARTICIPATION IS OF THE UPMOST IMPORTANCE!

- Appearance should be neat, clean and appropriate for all cheerleading activities.
 - A) Practice attire should consist of proper cheerleading shoes, properly fitting athletic shorts and shirts.
 - B) If hair is long enough, it should be pulled back in a complete ponytail for all cheerleading activities.
 - C) Game/Prep rally/competition attire should consist of proper uniform, cheerleading shoes, bows, bloomers, Poms, and possibility Turtle Neck.
 - D) No jewelry should be worn during cheerleading activities

- Be respectful at all times

Being respectful, lying, fighting, or leaving an activity without permission, and consistently being tardy will not be tolerated. This refers to not only cheerleading activities but as well as in school activities. Disrespect to Teachers, staff members and fellow students will not be tolerated. WSHS cheerleaders should act like a role model at all times arriving promptly to class and being prepared.

- Cheerleaders who quit will not be eligible to try out for the next cheerleading season. Situation not mentioned above will be dealt with at the consideration of the coach, athletic director, and Seminole County Code of Student Conduct. See the citizenship policy handout.

CHEERLEADERS ARE CONSIDERED LEADERS OF WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENT BODY. AS SUCH, EACH CHEERLEADER IS EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDING DISMISSAL FROM THE SQUAD.

Additional Information

Mandatory Cheerleading /Parent Meeting

There will be a MANDATORY meeting for all girls that make the squad and their parents on Friday Sept 2 @ 5:00 in the Media center.

Practice Schedule

Cheerleaders will start preparing for the season as soon as tryouts are finished. A practice schedule for the spring season will be handed out at the parent meeting.

Transportation

Cheerleaders are responsible for their own transportation to and from practices, fundraisers, and social events.

Camp

Cheer camp is mandatory for every Winter Spring High School Cheerleader.

Financial Obligations:

Requirements:

\$ 50.00 Uniform rental fee

\$ 150.00 Camp

\$ 320.00 Camp Pack including Shoes, bloomers, bows, camp attire, poms, bag and t-neck

**Total: 520.00 There will be team fundraising to help with the fees.
(This does not include tax, and shipping)**

Extras:

Warm ups, long sleeve, jersey and sweatshirt.

½ the fees are due no later than Sept 16, 2011 and the remaining payment is due by no later than Oct 3, 2011. All fees must be paid in full before items are issued to the cheerleader.

Citizenship Policy

Your child is now a WSHS role model. Not only do they represent our high school as a whole, their cheerleading team but the community as well. Fellow students, teachers, staff and parents will be watching their every move. Your child needs to represent herself as a lady both in and out of school. You could possibly be removed from your team based on your actions. This decision will be made at your coaches' discretion.

(Kept this in mind even when using social networking sites; such as, facebook and myspace. Do not post any pictures or make any comments that you don't want seen.)

Demerits

1- Late

1- For not dressing out in **complete** proper uniform. (Includes all events)

2- Detentions

3- For missing an event

1-7 Referral (Coaches discretion)

1-7 Disrespect (Coaches discretion)

Once your child has reached 3 demerits they will be benched a game, if they miss the practice before a game they can not cheer (that is a FSHAA rule). Once they reach 7 they will be removed from the squad.

If your child quits or is removed for whatever reason they are not allowed to tryout for cheerleading for that next season.