

MIDWEST CHEER ELITE

TRY - OUT PACKET



2010 - 2011

Ages 5 yrs thru 11 yrs old
Monday, May 10th and Tuesday May 11th
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Ages 12 yrs thru 18 yrs old
Wednesday, May 12th and Thursday, May 13th
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Dance Team Sign Ups
Youth Hip Hop May 17th
Senior Hip Hop May 18th
(Come in anytime between 5pm and 7pm)

WHAT TO BRING TO TRYOUT EVALUATIONS

Filled out tryout packet

Wallet size photo

Copy of Birth Certificate

WHAT TO WEAR TO EVALUATIONS

Blue or Black Shorts

Blue or Black T-shirt

Tennis Shoes

Hair in Ponytail away from face

Bow or Hair ribbon is optional

No Jewelry

Please arrive early so that we can promptly start tryouts at 6:00 PM

**** Must attend both days of tryouts for your age group****

****TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED TO
PARENT VIEWING****

If you have your completed paperwork done ahead of time you may turn in early and receive your tryout number to avoid waiting in line on the day of evaluations.

Midwest Cheer Elite
2010 - 2011
ALL-STAR TRYOUT PACKET

Welcome to Midwest Cheer Elite. We are excited that you have chosen to become part of our family and Northwest Ohio's best all-star cheer and dance program. In the following pages you will find an outline of our:

- * Program Rules, Parent/ Cheerleader Codes of Conduct
- * Midwest Cheer Elite All-star Policies
- * Important Dates
- * Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)
- * Financial Commitment
- *Much More...

Please take the time to read and understand all of the material enclosed.

After you have read your packet thoroughly, please complete:

- * Credit Card/ debit card information sheet
- * Financial Commitment Page
- * Tryout Form
- * Roster Information for Team Rep
- * Midwest Cheer Elite Member Information Form
 - Medical Release Form
 - Photo Release

Please be prepared to turn in all of these pages along with a copy of your cheerleaders' birth certificate and your wallet size photo. You may keep the remaining parts of the tryout packet to reference throughout the season. Any questions may be addressed to:

Melissa Yeager – Co-Owner/All-star Director Toledo
Tanya Roesel – Co-Owner /All-star Director Cincinnati
Wendy Zuhlsdorf – MCET Booster President
Angie Charville – Front Desk Manager

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Midwest Cheer Elite 2010 - 2011

Midwest Cheer Elite Program Rules Parent/ Cheerleader Codes of Conduct

- * If you ever have a problem, with anything, please do not hesitate to contact the gym, Coach or the owner. We are here for YOU.
- * If you have any questions or concerns that need immediate attention please use the following chain of command:
 1. Owner
 2. Front Desk Manager
- * It is your responsibility to wear the appropriate practice wear to every practice
- * Any additional clothing items (sweats, long pants, etc), cell phones, school bags or gym bags must be kept in cubbies in the parent area, not in the gym. Cell phones must be turned off.
- * No profanity or abusive language
- * Please keep in mind the gym is not a babysitting service. We want our all-stars to use the gym as often as possible, but no child should be dropped off at the gym unsupervised.
- * You must arrive at all practices, competitions or any scheduled event on time. Punctuality is a **MUST**.
- * During practice your opinion does not count. All squad and routine decisions are left to the discretion of the coaches.
- * Please feel free to talk to your coach about anything; just remember to do it at the appropriate times. For example, approaching a coach in the middle of a practice would not be an appropriate time.
- * Never post any negative comments on any websites or chat rooms
- * You may not use the word "Midwest" or any derivative of that word or your team color or team nickname in any form as a user name on website or chat rooms
ie: mccemom@aol.com, midwestgirl@fuse.net
- * No one is allowed to post Midwest Cheer Elite all-star music, choreography, routines, stunts, etc on any website. This includes, but is not limited to "My Space", "FaceBook", "You Tube", etc.
- * No drinking of alcoholic beverages on the property including parking lot or lobby area.
- * Every year we go through losses and additions of team members. The dismissal/ addition of a team member is solely the coach's decision.
- * Practices may be changed or added at any time during the season.
- * Anyone threatening to quit or pull their child from a squad will be dismissed from the program **immediately**
- * Please do not take valuables to the gym; we are not responsible for unattended items
- * Only cheerleaders and coaches are allowed in the gym. Parents are not permitted in the gym to spot or coach their child or anyone else's.
- * No one is allowed to yell onto the floor or to try to make contact through the parent viewing window during tumbling classes or practices. **This is extremely distracting to all involved.**
- * It is the parents' responsibility to know what is going on with your squad. Check your email and the website regularly, each cheerleader also has a folder at the gym.
- * Withholding a child from practice or a competition should never be used as a form of punishment.
- * Each team will be required to watch and support all teams at competitions. We will be traveling with our Cincinnati location frequently this year and we will support both gyms.
- * Parents, relatives, friends and cheerleaders are **never** allowed to speak with competition officials for any reason.

* Parents are *never* allowed to represent Midwest Cheer Elite under any circumstances concerning accommodations, competitions or any other situation.

- All Midwest Cheer Elite cheerleaders and family/friends will show good sportsmanship at all times.
- There will be no arguing or questioning of the coaching staff's decisions at competitions.

* The All-star Director may change, add or subtract any rules at any time.

* **All practices are closed to parents.** Parents may view the **last 10 minutes** of practice. Parents are welcome to stay for all tumbling and flex zone classes, just not team practices. This helps to have the athlete focused on practices and to cut down on gossip from the lobby.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, POLITE MANNERS AND A KIND DISPOSITION ARE MANDATORY AT ALL COMPETITIONS AND PRACTICES. THIS PROGRAM PRIDES ITSELF ON SETTING A HIGH STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR. PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE ON THIS ENDEAVOR.

Tardiness

- You are considered tardy to practice if you are not on the practice floor ready to practice when your practice BEGINS. This means; appropriate practice wear on, shoes on and tied, hair up, snacks and drinks taken care of, ready to go.

Absences

All-star cheerleading is the equivalent of a "travel" baseball/softball team or an "all-star" volleyball or soccer team. We expect 100% dedication to your team. That means attendance is mandatory.

Excused Absences include:

- * A school function that results in a grade for that class
- * A death in the family
- * A contagious sickness, but you must first talk with the All-star Director

Unexcused Absences include, but are not exclusive to:

- * Jobs
- * Dances, birthday parties, concerts, banquets, family reunions, etc
- * School projects, and homework or tests
- * Traffic or long distance driving. If you are driving two hours to tryouts, you will be driving two hours to practice at least twice a week, please take that into consideration. Please plan accordingly for traffic.

There are precious few hours that we have these teams together, every moment must be used. It is extremely important you get to practice on time and try not to miss. Excessive tardiness or absences will result in dismissal from your team. If you are tardy or absent from a competition you will be immediately dismissed. Also, you must attend practice if you are sick and not contagious, let your coach know what is going on, but your presence will be needed at every practice. On August 1st, mandatory practices begin. No absences will be allowed during the week leading up to a competition. (No Exceptions). We cannot stress how important your attendance is, there is choreography, stunting, formations, etc taught at every practice, if you miss that information, you hold the entire team back.

***Competitions** – everyone is required to attend all competitions. If you are not able to attend a competition you are still required to pay for that competition, as we are having to replace you. We understand things come up but we need adequate notice in order to redo the routines.

*** Choreography – Camp to learn our routines is mandatory. If you are unable to attend due to previous scheduled vacation you are still responsible for the fee as you will still be learning the routine.**

Injuries and Conditioning

* Parents need to note that cheerleading is a highly competitive and dangerous sport. The stunts and tumbling could lead to injuries. These include but are not limited to bruises, pulled or strained muscles, torn or strained ligaments, broken bones, dislocations, paralysis or even death. We at Midwest Cheer Elite, Inc take every precaution to limit these injuries. Unfortunately, we can not prevent them all. In the event that your child is injured we will take every necessary step to ensure your child's well being.

* All-star cheerleading is a very strenuous sport. Therefore, all of the athletes in our program are expected to be in top physical condition. This includes flexibility, strength and endurance. If needed, you may be required to take an additional tumble or a stretch/stunt class. All extra classes are billed to your Midwest Cheer Elite account.

***NO ALCOHOL AND NO TOBACCO.** If anyone is caught drinking, smoking or using drugs or if there is an eating disorder they will be expected to take the necessary steps to quit and/or receive help. We will, of course, help in any way we can.

*All-stars are expected to take a minimum of one tumbling class per week while flyers must take a flex zone class in addition to their tumbling once a week. Tumbling and Flex zone classes are unlimited and you may come to tumbling or flex zone class more than once a week if there is space available in the class. If it is not your normal night of tumbling you should either call or stop in before the class to make sure there is enough room.

Travel

* Hotels are the responsibility of the parents.

* There must be a parent in every room, no exceptions.

* Each cheerleader must have a chaperone at every competition. It is not your coach, team mom or Midwest Cheer Elite staff's responsibility to be your child's chaperone.

* It is your responsibility to pay the hotel directly for your room.

* Proper travel attire will be discussed with each team prior to an out of town competition.

Midwest Cheer Elite will reserve a block of rooms at a hotel of our choice. Due to the size of our program, we are limited in our hotel selections. Safety and price is also a major factor when choosing a hotel. Be prepared to spend around \$100 a night for accommodations. We will do our best to negotiate a lower rate; however we want everyone to know what to expect. You will make payments directly to the hotel, not to Midwest Cheer Elite or MCE Boosters.

Dress Code

* No sports bras only. Sports bras should be worn under t-shirts or tank tops. Please, no bra straps showing. We have male on staff that has no need to see the girl's undergarments. Parents, please enforce this rule!

* If your child is a flyer or is taking a flex zone class, they should always wear briefs under their shorts.

* NO JEWELRY AT ALL!! Wearing jewelry of any kind could result in an injury to your child or to another child.

* Please keep nails at a reasonable length.

Competition Dress Code

* Everyone will purchase a competition t-shirt this year. This will be the only t-shirt that you are permitted to wear to the competitions.

* You may wear your uniform top, competition t-shirt/team shirt and warm up pants with briefs under them to competitions.

* Carry your skirt in your bag or on a hanger until you put it on.

* You must wear the correct shoes to and during competitions. You may wear your competition slides also.

* Under no circumstances are you allowed to wear jewelry at any time during the competition day. This could result in your team being disqualified.

* All hair and make up must be complete BEFORE entering the competition venue. No rollers or inappropriate attire.

- If you are not competing or have been dismissed from your team obligations, you may wear your black warm up pants, a Midwest Cheer Elite T-shirt and tennis shoes. You are still representing Midwest Cheer Elite and must present yourself in such a way.

Invoices

* You will receive your invoice by the 1st of the month; Invoices are due in full by the 15th of the month.

* Payment can be made by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, cash or check;

* Invoices not paid in full by the 15th of the month will receive a \$50 late fee and the athlete will be unable to participate until the invoice is paid in full (no exceptions)

* Booster funds can be used to pay for anything but tuition

Competitions

* All competitions will be chosen by the coaching staff

* All teams will travel

* Some teams may travel more than others.

- Regular competition season begins in October 2010 and will run through the first week of May 2011
- Some teams may attend All Levels Championship in Cincinnati, depending on if a bid is received.

Important Dates

May 15th - All-star Cheerleading Fittings, Payments, Paperwork due.
(Mandatory) 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

May 17th – Youth Team Hip Hop Sign Ups 5:00 – 7:00 PM anytime

May 18th – Senior Team Hip Hop Sign Ups 5:00 – 7:00 Pm anytime

May 28th thru 31st - Memorial Day Weekend; gym closed

Week of June 1st - Team Practices Begin on Tuesday the 1st

June 11th – June 13th – Gym Closed – Coaches Conference

June 20th - Father's Day; no practices

June 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th – Choreography Camp – Junior and Senior Teams - Mandatory

July 1st – July 5th - Fourth of July Holiday; no all-star practices

July 6th - practices resume

July 8th – 11th – Choreography Camp at Midwest Cheer Elite Mini and Youth Teams – Mandatory

August 1st - mandatory practices begin

September 3rd – 6th - Labor Day Weekend; gym closed

October 24th – Cheersport Columbus, Ohio (**All Cheer Teams**)

October 30th - Cheerpower Spookfest; Columbus, Ohio (**All Cheer and Dance Teams**)

November 13th – The Big Jam, Detroit, MI (**All Cheer and Dance Teams**)

November 20th & 21st – All-star Challenge, Cincinnati, OH (**All teams, excluding tiny team**)

November 24th - 27th - Thanksgiving Weekend; gym closed - Gym open on November 28th

December 11th & 12th – WSF, Indianapolis, IN (**All teams, excluding tiny team**)

December 20th - January 1st - Christmas Holiday; gym closed

January 2nd - mandatory practices resume

January 9th - Midwest Cheer Expo – Seagate Center Toledo, OH (**All Cheer and Dance Teams**)

January 29th or 30th - JamLive, Cincinnati, OH (**All Teams, excluding tiny team**)

February 18th – 21st - Cheersport Nationals, Atlanta, GA (**All Teams, excluding tiny team**)

March 5th – Americas Best, Warren, MI (**All Cheer and Dance Teams**)

April 22nd – April 29th – Gym Closed for Easter Weekend

May – All Level Championship TBA (date not available yet)

FAQ'S

***Q: How do we get our uniforms?**

* A: We will have our cheerleading uniform fitting on May 15th from 9am – 1 pm this is a mandatory date; You will have your uniform before the first competition . Dance fittings will be scheduled and announced at a later date.

*** Q: When can my child "move up?"**

A: We reserve the right to move a child at any given time

*** Q: How do you select teams?**

A: We select teams to be the most competitive in each level based on age, ability, maturity and overall needs of the team.

*** Q: Can my daughter fly?**

A: If the coach feels your daughter should be a flier, then she will be

*** Q: Why do parents sit in the parent area and bad mouth the coaches, kids or other teams?**

A: We have no idea! We will not tolerate that behavior at Midwest Cheer Elite.

We look forward to another amazing season! Please help us by following the guidelines set forth in this packet. It is much easier for the coaches and cheerleaders to do their job when they do not have to worry about outside issues. When you have read and understood everything in this packet, please fill out completely all appropriate forms and turn into the front office by the 1st day of tryouts. Incomplete paperwork will not be accepted. If we do not have your completed paperwork by the set tryout dates, your child will not be allowed to tryout.

**ALL GYM AND BOOSTER CLUB FEES FOR THE PRIOR SEASON MUST BE PAID
IN FULL BEFORE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRYOUT FOR THE
UPCOMING SEASON!**

Welcome to Midwest Cheer Elite!

Financial Commitment
2010 - 2011
Midwest Cheer Elite, Inc
2010-2011 All-star Season payment policy

Everyone will provide a credit card number for monthly payments. You must provide a full credit card/debit card information; this will be entered into our computer program and used only for the monthly invoice *if you have not paid by the 15th of the month.* You may pay by check or cash before or on the 15th, but payments not made by 9pm on the 15th will be automatically drafted.

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Type of Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp Date** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Midwest Cheer Elite Prices and Payment Due Dates:

Tuition for Mini-Senior Cheer Teams and Dance teams is \$80.00 every month. Tumbling is \$42.50 and billed every other month. Flex Zone for flyers \$32.50 billed every other month. Tuition for Hip Hop teams is \$80.00 per month. If you crossover from cheer to dance then cost is only \$40 per month for the additional team.

*****There will be a \$50.00 deposit due on May 15th to hold your spot on the team*** This will carry over to your June tuition and the balance of \$30 tuition will be paid in June*****

**Uniform Top and Skirt (cheer) deposit \$162.50: Due Date: May 15th
Briefs \$25.00: Due Date: May 15th
Shoe Choices \$80.00 (evolution – last years' shoe)
\$90.00 (phoenix – new shoe): Due Date: May 15th
Hairbow \$25.00: Due Date May 15th**

**Choreography/ Music Fee \$200.00: Due Date: June 15th
Uniform Top and Skirt 2nd payment \$81.25: Due Date June 15th**

**1st Competition Installment: \$198 - Due Date: July 15th
Competition t-shirt \$12.00 - Due Date: July 15th
Hip Hop Uniform 1st payment \$75.00 – Due Date: July 15th
Deposit Warm-up Pant payment \$12.50 – Due Date: July 15th
Deposit Warm-up Jacket payment \$50.00 – Due Date: July 15th**

**2nd Competition Installment: \$198- Due Date: August 15th
Duffel Bag \$40.00 - Due Date: August 15th**

**3rd Competition Installment: \$198 - Due Date: September 15th
Uniform final payment - \$81.25 - Due Date: September 15th
Hip Hop Uniform final payment - \$75.00 - Due Date: September 15th**

**4th Competition Installment: \$198 - Due Date: October 15th
Final Warm-up Pant payment \$12.50 – Due Date: October 15th
Final Warm-up Jacket payment \$50.00 – Due Date: October 15th**

5th Competition Installment: \$198 - Due Date: November 15th

****Installments consist of All competition fees, coaches fees, yearly registration fee and competition room fees for the competitions****

****Eye make-up will be similar to last years' make-up** Everyone will need to purchase lipstick. Details will be sent out later to where to purchase your make-up.**

**** This means that by December you are only paying tuition and tumbling fee's**

**** If we attend All Level championships at the beginning of May an additional competition fee will be added depending on what bid we receive****

**** These fee's are for single teamers only; if you choose to double team, you will be billed monthly for the crossover costs and tuition. Tuition for crossing over to another cheer or dance team is \$40 per month****

**** These fee's above do not include tuition and tumbling; tumbling will be billed every other month beginning in June.**

Midwest Cheer Elite Prices and Payment Due Dates:

TINY CHEER TEAM

Tuition for **Tiny** Cheer team is \$40.00 every month. Tumbling is optional and if you choose to tumble the cost is \$42.50 billed every other month.

****There will be a \$25 deposit due on May 15th to hold your spot on the team**This will carry over to your June tuition and the balance of \$15 tuition will be paid in June****

Uniform Top and Skirt (cheer) deposit \$75.00 – Due Date: May 15th

Briefs \$25.00 – Due Date: May 15th

Hairbow \$15 0 Due Date: May 15th

Choreography and Music 1st payment \$62.50 – Due Date: June 15th

Uniform Top and Skirt 2nd payment \$25.00 – Due Date: June 15th

1st Competition Installment: \$100.00 – Due Date: July 15th

Competition t-shirt \$12.00 – Due Date: July 15th

Choreography and Music 2nd payment \$62.50 – Due Date: June 15th

2nd Competition Installment: \$100.00 – Due Date: August 15th

Duffel Bag: \$40.00 – Due Date: August 15th

3rd Competition Installment: \$100 – Due Date: September 15th

Uniform Final Payment: \$25.00 – Due Date: September 15th

4th Competition Installment: \$100 – Due Date: October 15th

5th Competition Installment: \$100 – Due Date: November 15th

****This means that by December you are only paying tuition and tumbling fees****

****Installments consist of All competition fees, coach's fees, and yearly registration.**

****We get a conference room at several of our competitions and those will be billed accordingly after we get the contracts from the venues** these meeting rooms help make our competitions stress free****

****Eye make-up will be similar to last years' make-up** everyone will need to purchase lipstick. Details will be sent out later to where to purchase your make-up.**

****If we attend All Level championships at the beginning of May an additional competition fee will be added depending on what bid we receive****

****These fee's are for single teamers only; if you choose to double team, you will be billed monthly for the crossover costs and tuition. Tuition for crossing over to another cheer or dance team is \$40 per month****

****These fees above do not include tuition and tumbling, tumbling will be billed every other month beginning in June.**

Midwest Cheer Elite accepts checks, money orders and all major credit cards. All correspondences to Midwest Cheer Elite must be made through the front office. Statements are given out the 1st of the month. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the front office.

We have fundraisers available thru the boosters. Each year families take advantage of booster sponsored fundraisers. It is possible to pay for an ENTIRE season on the fundraisers they offer. If needed, please take advantage of these fundraisers so your child can participate. For more information please email the booster President: president@mcetboosters.com

If there is a financial problem, please talk to Melissa Yeager immediately.

Your coach will not be able to advise you on these matters.

There will be no refunds made to anyone who is asked to leave the program or that quits a team. This includes all monthly fees and any monies paid into your account.

Midwest Cheer Elite
2010 - 2011
Statement of Commitment
Financial Commitment

I have read and fully understand my financial commitment to Midwest Cheer Elite, Inc outlined in this tryout packet. I understand that my commitment is for the 2010 - 2011 all-star competitive season. I understand that I am giving my credit card/debit card information, that information may be used if I do not meet payment deadlines to Midwest Cheer Elite, Inc. I understand that I will forfeit any monies paid if I choose to leave a team or am asked to leave the program. I understand that I am entering into this program of my own free will.

Parents Signature _____ Date: _____

Policies and Expectations

I have read and fully understand all codes, rules and expectations in this tryout packet. I understand that I am entering into this All-star program of my own free will. I understand what is expected of me as a parent and an all-star. I will conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner and uphold the standards that are expected of me as a Midwest Cheer Elite all-star.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Athletes Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Midwest Cheer Elite All-stars
2010 - 2011**

Athletes Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

Subdivision: _____ School _____

2010-2011 Grade _____ Birth date _____

Home Phone Number _____

Medical Condition/ Allergies _____

Cheerleader Cell: _____ Email: _____

Mom Name _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Dad's Name _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Please circle T-shirt and Jacket Size:

T:shirt: YS YM YL YXL/AS AS AM AL

Jacket: YS YM YL YXL/AS AS AM AL

Midwest Cheer Elite
2010 - 2011 All-star Registration

Athlete's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Athlete's Cell # (____) _____

Mother's Name _____

Work # (____) _____ Cell # (____) _____

Father's Name _____

Work # (____) _____ Cell # (____) _____

Parents Email Address: _____

Date of Birth _____ Age as of August 31, 2010 _____

Current Grade _____

Previous Cheer Experience: _____

Previous Dance Experience: _____

Previous Flyer Experience: Yes or No (circle one)

Previous Base Experience: Yes or No (circle one)

Previous Back spot Experience: Yes or No (circle one)

** Are you interested in cheering for more than one team? Yes or No

** Are you interested in dancing for more than one team? Yes or No

***Please remember that cheering/dancing for multiple teams does require an additional tuition, which is half the price of the first team's tuition.