



Special Needs Cheerleading coming to NEO starting in 2010!



NEO All Stars is the longest running all-star cheerleading program in Ohio and is proud to join 200+ All Star Gyms throughout the USA in offering this very special program to some very special athletes! The special needs cheer program is open to children and young adults, boys and girls, ages 8 - 25.

Why choose competitive cheerleading as the sport for your special needs child?

- Build Self-Esteem, Motivation, Work Ethic and a Sense of Belonging and Accomplishment
- Practice Cognitive Skills with Dance Steps, Formations, Tumbling, and Timing Exercises
- Social Interaction in a Team-Oriented, Positive Environment
- Fun, Energetic Workout

Young people with special needs are often looked at differently. Too often, people see what they cannot do. As a result, they are offered few opportunities to play in sports or participate in social activities with normally developing peers. Cheerleading is very popular among children and teens. We at NEO want to make sure that every child with special needs has the opportunity to participate in the sport of cheerleading. Children with disabilities who participate in cheerleading as a sport develop improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self confidence and a more positive self image. They grow mentally and socially through their activities, exhibit boundless courage and enthusiasm, enjoy the rewards of friendship, and ultimately discover not only new abilities and talents, but “their voice” as well.

Why It's Important

NEO's primary goal is to create a permanent Special Needs Cheerleading Squad within our community, staffed by cheerleader volunteers and coaches that will teach interested students with special needs, ages 8 to 25. During the NEO practices, the focus is on having fun while learning new skills. The cheerleaders will have the opportunity to attend cheerleading competitions.

Information

A \$75 registration fee is due at registration. This team will compete at 3-4 competitions. Please call the gym at 330-244-9464 or email Dawn at cheerapc@aol.com for more information or to register. Practices start in July.