Welcome to FAME All-Stars!

Welcome to FAME All-Stars. We hope that you have a long and rewarding relationship with the FAME family. Please keep in mind that this handbook does not contain all of the information you will need as a concerned parent and / or athlete. We hope to at least acquaint you with our company policies and that the handbook answers most of your questions.

In our first 7 years FAME ALL STARS has established itself as one of the top programs both in the Eastern United States and nationwide. To date our teams have accumulated over 236 National Titles, 10 Program Champion awards, 65 State Titles, 30 Grand Champion titles, 31 bids to the Cheerleading Worlds, Choreography awards, and other numerous and impressive specialty awards throughout the years. By attending some of the most competitive and prestigious tournaments in the World, our athletes and teams made a name for our gym and solidified FAME All-Stars as a successful and respected program that ranks among the nation’s elite. This year FAME All-Stars was ranked 11th BEST PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES by American Cheerleader Magazine.

We are excited about our 8th season and are glad you have chosen the road to FAME along with us!

At Virginia Cheer Academy our mission is building self-confidence, self-discipline, teambuilding and everlasting friendships through cheerleading. We pride ourselves on setting high standards for our athletes, coaches, and parents. We stress the importance of utilizing talents to the fullest potential so that every athlete has the opportunity to achieve his or her dreams. Our goal is to instill good ethical standards and high moral and academic achievement. We are solely dedicated and committed to training athletes at a heightened level in the competitive all-star cheerleading world. We take pride in watching our athletes grow day by day to their futures of which we are honored in having a part of.

Virginia Cheer Academy is also an Equal Opportunity Employer. While we encourage diversity in our parents, coaches, and athletes we demand a high level of respect and professionalism with all three. It is our differences that make us strong, it is our standards, common goals and work ethic that makes us FAMOUS.

Virginia Cheer Academy / FAME All-Stars is an organization whose success depends on the success and happiness of its FAMILY. We strive to promote a family atmosphere that all of us can be proud of and feel safe in.
WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE FAME ALL STARS?

FAME has proven itself as a competitive, consistent, and nationally recognized program for the last 7 years. We have the most loyal, certified, talented, and experienced coaches in Virginia. We are dedicated to see each child progress to their fullest abilities and pride ourselves on being more than coaches, but mentors and positive influences in each child’s life. Our coaches put pride into each and every team we have from our youngest beginner teams to our highest level senior teams.

Although FAME is one of the biggest programs in the country, we are a family. Our many achievements have stemmed from consistent and strong coaching, dedicated athletes, and successfully competing at local, regional, and national competitions.

A common misconception is that FAME is “more expensive” than other programs. This could not be more untrue. Over the years we have established an upfront, detailed, and organized payment plan that does not “nickel and dime” our parents. Also, being a larger program, we are able to obtain discounts on many things from uniforms and practice wear, to travel and competitions. One thing we will not do is hide cost that will appear to you later.

When you come to FAME you will train in a top notch facility, be instructed by amazing coaches, and become part of one of the top programs in the country, for a cost that is lower than most of our competitors. So what are you waiting for? It’s time for you to walk the red carpet……………………at FAME ALL STARS!!!!

ATHLETE RULES OF CONDUCT

- No profanity or abusive language
- If an extracurricular activity regularly interferes with our mandatory practices or competitions, you will have to choose which activity you will continue
- Each team will be assigned other teams to watch at competitions, you are required to at least watch your assigned teams
- All athletes will show good sportsmanship at all times
- FACEBOOK & SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES ARE TREATED AS IF SPOKEN IN PERSON TO YOUR COACH AND YOU ARE THEREFORE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING SAID ON THESE. TRASH TALKING, BAD MOUTHING, OR DISRESPECTING TEAMMATES, COACHES, OTHER PROGRAMS OR FAME WILL NOT BE TOLERATED
- You are required to pick up after yourself...don’t leave empty drink/food containers lying around the gym. This is your facility so take pride in how it looks!!!

GYM DRESS CODE

- Athletes will be required to wear FAME practice wear and adhere to the practice wear calendar. If an athlete forgets to wear practice wear, they will condition regardless of the reason. If you have lost your practice wear, please contact the office to purchase new practice wear.

COMPETITION DRESS CODE

- You must wear your complete uniform
- At no time should your skirt be worn over your pants or shorts
- You may wear your FAME jacket/warm-up at anytime
- All athletes MUST be in complete uniform for ALL award ceremonies
- All jewelry should be removed prior to going to warm up – YOUR COACH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLDING YOUR JEWELRY
TARDINESS AND ABSENCES

- Excessive tardiness and absences are both harmful and disruptive to the team and very discouraging for the coaches and the other athletes on the team. Every single person is vital to the success of the team. If a child is constantly late or is missing practice unexcused, proper actions will be taken with the best intentions of the team in mind.

**Summer Practices.... We realize that families take vacations during the summer. Please communicate these dates directly to Erica and your Coach. Summer practices are a great time to work on individual skills. Coaches are prepared to spend a lot of time tumbling and stunting during these practices** While every effort should be made to attend practices, all Practices become MANDATORY After Choreography.

**Inclement Weather Policy:** every reasonable attempt will be made to open our doors for business on regular scheduled practice days. However in the event of severe weather conditions, the gym will decide whether to open or not.

Private Lessons

Privates are an excellent opportunity for FAME athletes to grow and excel their skills. While we value the results they provide they must be conducted in the following way. All privates will be set up through individual instructors. Payments for Privates are paid directly to the coach. Please know there is a maximum of 2 children allowed in a private. Please do not ask a coach to put more than 2 children in a private. IF YOU HAVE A BALANCE OF ANY TYPE AFTER THE 10th of The Month You will NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO PRIVATES.

Parent Rules of Conduct

- Good Sportsmanship is mandatory at all competitions, practices, and gym functions
- Under no circumstance should you enter the practice area at the FAME gym or any warm up area at any competition.
- Do not try to yell or get your child’s attention on the floor during practice at the FAME gym or any warm up area at any competition.
- Do not gossip about other children, coaching staff, other teams. If this becomes a problem it will result in closed practices at anytime
- Please feel free to speak to your coaches at anytime, just remember to do it at the appropriate time. Do not interrupt practice or team meetings. Please ask to speak in private if the matter is sensitive or confidential.
- If you threaten to quit or pull child from the program, you may be dismissed from the program immediately
- It is your responsibility to know what is going on with your team...please check individual folder, email, and website regularly.
- Please do not punish your child with practices or competitions. At that time you are punishing the entire team/program
- Never speak or approach a competition official such as a judge
- Please respect the decisions the coaching staff at FAME make. We have years of experience and will make the best decisions for the entire team/program
**PARKING LOT**

- There are MANY children going in and out of the gym. Safety is a top propriety so please slow down and watch for children.
- Please discuss with your child to ensure they wait for pickup inside the gym & not in the parking lot

**COMMUNICATION and FEEDBACK**

- We are always looking for ways to improve so please feel free to share recommendations and concerns.
- Parent meetings are always available and can be scheduled through your coach or directly through Erica.

**FUNDRAISING**

- Fundraising will be conducted to help offset fees for families in need.
- Fundraising Information will begin being distributed in Mid May

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

- Please carefully read the information below as it explains the tuition, competition fees and other charges. Questions should be directed to Erica at 757-817-0214 or by emailing FameCentralGym@yahoo.com.

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Crossover Cheerleaders:

**If your child double teams there is an additional $25 monthly charge and approximately $200.00 in additional competition fees**  
This will be collected in 2 payments of approximately $100 each due in September & October.

**If you have more than 1 child cheering at the youth level or above, you will receive a monthly discount of $25.00**  
This discount only applies to regular paying athletes. Tiny Tots do not apply as they are already receiving a discount.

**Competition Fees**

- This fee will vary depending on the team. Each team has a different competition schedule
- Competition fees are collected by monthly payments of $100.00 in addition to monthly tuition (this additional monthly payment will end once competition fees are paid for. Projected to be completed in December)
- There are no refunds for competition fees that have been billed for any reason.
- Level 1 & 2 Teams should plan on $500 - $550 with 1 - 2 Travel Comps
- Level 3 & 4 Teams should plan on $600 - $700 with 2-3 Travel Comps
- Level 5 Teams should plan on $700 - $800 with 3 – 4 Travel Comps
**Choreography Fee**

All athletes are charged a 1 time choreography fee that covers music, choreography, and the choreographer’s travel expenses. This is part of the way FAME remains on the cutting edge by inviting very qualified choreographers to help with the creation of their routines. **Please Reserve the Last week in July and the first week in August for all Teams to Receive Choreography.** Exact Dates TBA. Choreography fee is $150 for Youth & Up, $100 for Mini’s & $75 for Tiny Tots. This fee is Charged in July in place of the $100 monthly competition fee payment. (ie. Your July Payment will be Choreography Expense + Gym Tuition. (No Competition fee that month)

***Level 5 Teams may have higher choreography fees***

**Uniforms and Practice Wear**

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**Payments**

- Payments are due on the 1st of each month, all payments made after the 10th will have a $15.00 late charge added to the account
- Fame accepts cash, all major credit cards and personal checks
- Do not make a cash payment without getting a receipt
- Checks: all checks should be made payable to FAME Central (there is a $30.00 return check charge), if at any time during the season you have more than 2 returned checks, FAME will no longer accept personal checks from you
- All athletes with a balance on the 10th of the month will be sent home with a statement (you need to contact the office immediately to arrange payment)
- Monthly statements are not sent home so please remember that tuition is due on the first of the month
- If your account becomes more than 2 months delinquent, your account will be sent to collections, and your child will not be able to participate until your account is brought up to date
- It is your responsibility to keep up with your account. If you do not keep up with your account we will hand statements & invoices to your child to take home.
- During All Gym Closings and Breaks Full Gym Fees still apply

**REFUND POLICY/QUITTING THE TEAM**

- FAME requires a 30 day written notice if your child will be leaving the program. This notice should be emailed to Erica at FameCentralGym@yahoo.com.
- No refunds are given for competition fees, choreography or tuition for any reason at any time. If you quit the team prior to a competition, you will NOT be refunded any competition fees
- Please note your account will continue to be charged until written notice is received.
**Contact Information**

Phone: 757-817-0214                 Erica’s Email: FameCentralGym@yahoo.com

**Competition Fees are non-refundable even if your child does not compete.** It takes a lot of hard work on behalf of the coaches and the teams to get a routine ready for competition. If your child decides to quit, we must find another person to replace him/her, train them and get them ready to compete. Therefore, competition fees are not refundable even if your child leaves prior to the competition or does not attend the competition for some reason.

**REFUND POLICY:** NO refunds are given on clothing, competition fees, choreography or tuition for any reason at any time! If you quit the team prior to the competitions or if you miss a competition, you will NOT be refunded the competition fees.

**Statements:**
Statements are not sent home monthly. It is your responsibility to remember that your child’s tuition is due on the first of each month and to stay up to date on your account. A statement will be sent home if your account is 10 days past due. If you have questions about your statement, please contact Erica at 757-817-0214 or FameCentralGym@yahoo.com.

**Payments:**
FAME will accept cash, personal checks or credit card payments. **DO NOT AT ANY TIME** give your payments to any of the coaches, including Erica. It is very easy for these payments to get lost when we are coaching or walking around the gym. Please place all payments in the tuition box at the snack bar. Please be sure to include your cheerleaders first and last name on the memo section. Our mailing address is 120 Newsome Drive Suite L, Yorktown, VA 23692. You may also call in a payment if you are using your credit or debit card. **We strongly recommend that you get a receipt from the front counter if you are paying with cash. We are not responsible for cash payments if you did not get a receipt.**

**VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Coaches are **NOT** authorized to make ANY TYPE of payment arrangements with you. You must speak with Erica directly to adjust your account. Coaches cannot reduce your competition or gym fees or tell you that you are not responsible for paying something. Any payment arrangements not authorized by Erica will not be honored.

**Financial Hardship:**
If there is a financial problem, please speak with Erica *immediately*. Your coach will not be able to provide you with the answers you need. Your questions need to be addressed to Erica personally. We will do our best to work with your situation, but you must let us know and not let it get out of control. Outstanding balances will result in your child losing their spot on their squad.

Please Sign the Handbook and Financial Agreement on Page 7 and return to the Fame Central Office along with the rest of your registration paperwork and payment. Please hold on to this copy of the Fame handbook for your reference. We are excited about working with you this season!!!! Please let us know if you have any questions.
This Agreement is made and entered into this ______ day of ____________, 2011, between Fame Central, LLC dba FAME All stars ("FAME") and ________________________________ ("Responsible Party").

The Responsible Party, as parent/guardian of ________________________________ ("Athlete") hereby agrees as follows:

1. I have read the entire Handbook and understand the commitment, standards and significant financial obligation involved with joining a team and I agree to abide by the policies set forth therein.

2. I understand that competitive cheerleading is a time consuming sport and it is my intention for my Athlete to remain at FAME throughout the entire season. However, if I remove him/her for any reason, I understand and agree that competition fees and tuition are non-refundable regardless of whether my Athlete attends a competition.

3. I agree to pay all fees due in full each month beginning the first month my Athlete joins the team and continuing until he/she is removed from the program or the season ends.

4. I agree to make payments on the first day of each month unless other arrangements have been made with Erica in the office.

5. I understand and agree that if my balance is not paid in full by the 15th of each month, there will be a late fee of $15.00 added to my account.

6. I understand and agree that if my account becomes more than two (2) months delinquent, it will be sent to a collection agency and I will be liable for any and all fees associated with collection of the account, including attorney’s fees.

7. I understand and agree that if my account becomes delinquent, my Athlete may be asked to sit out of practices and competitions until the account is caught up and I will not be refunded any money for those missed practices and/or competitions.

8. I understand and agree that if I remove my Athlete from the program, I must provide a 30-day written notice to Erica by emailing FameCentralGym@yahoo.com and that charges will continue to accrue until written notice has been received.

_________________________________________  ________________________________
Responsible Party – PRINT NAME  Responsible Party – Signature

_________________________________________  ________________________________
Cheerleaders Name- PRINT NAME  Cheerleaders- Signature
How to Register for FAME ALL-STARS for the 2011-2012 Season

- Read the Entire Handbook and Financial Agreement for the 2011-2012 Season. Sign page 7 and turn in to the Office
- Complete the Tryout Form and return to the Fame Office
- Fill out the Registration and Release Form
- Pay Registration Fee for the 2011-2012 Season

Registration Fees

Registration Prior to April 15
$100---Registration Fee
Includes Yearly Registration Fee
Includes Evaluation Fee
Includes May Tumbling
Opportunity to Purchase Uniform at $175
Opportunity to Pre-Purchase Practice Wear
Tiny Tot Registration is $50 and includes Friday tumble (no evaluations) Ages 3-5

Registration from April 16 to April 30
$125---Registration Fee
Includes Yearly Registration Fee
Includes Evaluation Fee
Includes May Tumbling
Opportunity to Purchase Uniform at $175
Opportunity to Pre-Purchase Practice Wear
Tiny Tot Registration is $50 and includes Friday tumble (no evaluations) Ages 3-5

Registration after May 1st
$150-Registration Fee
Includes Yearly Registration Fee
Includes Evaluation Fee
Tiny Tot Registration is $50 and does not include tumble after May 1 (no evaluations) Ages 3-5

FAME Central Team Evaluations- Please come any time on your age specified day
May 18th 5:00-8:30 pm Ages 6-11
May 19th 5:00-8:30 pm Ages 12 and up **** All Level 5 athletes please come this day***

Registration Checklist (All items below should be collected and turned in together)

_____ Registration/Emergency Release Form
_____ Tryout Form
_____ Signed Handbook and Financial Agreement
_____ Registration Fee Payment
FAME ALL STARS TRYOUT FORM 2011-2012

FIRST NAME___________________ LAST NAME___________________
HOME PHONE__________________ PARENT CELL__________________
CHILD CELL___________________
PARENT EMAIL______________________________________________
CHILD EMAIL________________________________________________
AGE (AS OF AUG 31, 2011) _______BIRTHDAY______ GRADE 11-12 _______

TUMBLING SKILLS (PLEASE LIST YOUR HIGHEST UNSPOTTED SKILL)
STANDING__________________________________________________
RUNNING___________________________________________________

STUNTING
I AM TRYING OUT AS A (PLEASE CIRCLE) BASE  BACKSPOT  FLYER

I WOULD LIKE TO DOUBLE TEAM YES____ NO_____ 
I understand that by checking “Yes” I may or may not be put on 2 teams. However if selected I understand that there are additional fees. Fee’s include $25 a month and up to $250 in additional competition fees.
I also understand that by double teaming I am committing to two teams for the season. I will not be allowed to “drop” a team.

__________________________  __________________________
Athlete Signature          Parent Signature