

2021 Football Cheerleading



Cheer Clinic Information:

*Spring/Summer

*TWO clinics to prepare for tryouts

*Group tryouts scored by a panel of judges

TICKET TO TRYOUTS: Packets are to be completed and turned in at tryouts.

A current physical and a COVID waiver is **REQUIRED** to tryout.

No packet AND/OR no *current* physical, no tryout. **NO EXCEPTION!!**

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All forms are to be completed and turn in at tryouts. It will be used as your ticket to enter.

Tryouts:

You will be judged on the following areas:

- Cheers
- Chants
- Drum line
- Toe touch
- Hurkeys (both left and right)
- Spirit
- Appearance
- Smile

The coach will also take into consideration the following:

- Attendance
- Behavior including both present and past
- Attitude
- How well you get along with others
- How well you represent the school
- Previous season behavior

Requirements:

- Packets must be turned in, **NO PACKET NO TRYOUTS NO EXCEPTION!**
- A current physical
- A least a 2.0 gpa at the point of tryouts
- **NO** history of discipline

Summary of Rules and Regulations

Discipline:

*We will NOT tolerate any discipline. No fighting, No truancy, No Profanity, No bullying, etc. Any issue will result in *dismissal* from the team. Anyone involved will be removed. No warning will be given **and** no meetings will be held.

Previous cheerleaders will be reviewed thoroughly based on actions or lack of during previous season(s). History of any behavioral issues or drama *will be* a factor in the coach's decision. If COVID restrictions continue to be in place, there will be a limit of cheerleaders chosen. Therefore, all candidates will be very thoughtfully selected given less practice time and a shorter season.

School Attendance:

*ONLY excused absences!! Consequences from unexcused will be administered on an individual basis. Tardy to school, class, and/or practices will result in consequences. More than *THREE* tardy's and/or unexcused absences will result in dismissal of the team. Again, we have no time to waste.

Grades:

*Student must maintain a 2.0 gpa at all times. Grade check sheets will be given. More than one unsatisfactory will result in the student not cheering at the upcoming Friday game. Grade check sheets will be due on the Thursday of the week it has been administered. No grade check, no cheering. School is a priority above cheer. It is a privilege to cheer not a necessity.

Final Forms:

***ALL** athlete eligibility forms are to be signed *electronically* through Final Forms. The coach will NOT allow anyone to *attend or participate* without all forms complete. This will **not** count as an excused absence. More information will be provided once the team is chosen.

Parent meeting:

There will be a MANDATORY team meeting with all fall athletes. This meeting will provide all information and changes regarding being an athlete during the pandemic, including risks, prevention, and missing practice when experiencing sign/symptoms.

Attitude:

Coaches expect the following attitude from their students:

- Maintain a positive cheerleading attitude
- Respect your **ALL** adults, including and not limited to teachers, administrators, other coaches, team leaders, parents, etc ;
- Respect each other

Inability to retain a good attitude may result in *dismissal* from the team, following two meetings.

Behavior:

*No problems while you are in or out of your uniform. At all times you represent Whetstone! This include any social networks, in public areas, etc. ANY behavior issues will result in *dismissal* from the team. ONE warning will be given, no second chances.

Practice:

*Practices will be held two-three times a week, time TBA. All practices are **MANDATORY**. If you need to miss practice you will not cheer, unless excused. Whether or not the reason for missing practice is excused or not will be up the Coach discretion. WORK is not an excuse. No student will be given permission to leave practices early on a weekly basis. This will result in an unexcused absence.

*Student must have practice clothes and shoes. No jewelry is to be worn during practices or games. Chewing gum during practice or games will not be tolerated. Shoes will be worn the entire practice. Students who do not have the correct attire or give the coach a hard time to put their shoes on will be sent home.

Games:

*Football games will be held every Friday for ten weeks beginning in August. Schedule is subject to change if COVID restrictions are in place. We will cheer at both home and away games, unless told otherwise. We will ride the school bus to all away games, and *return* back to the school as a team.

Other Events:

*Cheerleaders will be invited to other events *besides* football games, such as volunteering opportunities, community outreach, other sporting events, etc. The coach will provide the dates of any upcoming events within a timely notice. Students are expected to attend.

Transportation:

*Each student is responsible to make arrangements to and from Whetstone for practices. In addition each student is expected to have prior arrangement from Whetstone for bus pick up/drop off on game days. Student who do not have prior transportation arrangements may potentially be penalized on an individual basis, including removal from the team. With the new strict restriction in place, all students will be dismissed AT the time provided on the schedule. Students must IMMEDIATELY leave school property. Please plan accordingly. If this may be an issue please reconsider trying out.

Expense:

*Expect a rough *estimate* of about \$300-\$500 for all supplies per student. This estimate is not expected all at once. Fundraising may be done to help reduce the cost down. ALL fundraisers are mandatory for all students as participation in fundraisers is a team effort. All profit is placed into a team account for the current season and future seasons. Fundraisers are done in a safe manner to protect us all. A more concrete price list will be issued soon after the team is chosen.

Uniforms:

*Uniforms are optional for purchase for all team members. ALL seniors are to order uniforms so they can keep them. For the remainder of the team, uniforms can be provided by the coach/school to use for the season. Uniforms will be collected at the team banquet post season. Regardless if purchasing a uniform or not, each student is expected to purchase the remaining items individually by the due date provided by the coach. The head coach is willing to help with ordering but will not order on behalf of the student. It is the responsibility of both the parent/guardian AND the student that all supplies are ordered on time. Ordering information and instructions will be provided at a later time.

Team Bonding

*There will be many team bonding opportunities throughout the season. Though it is not mandatory given the extra expense, it does allow for the students to interact with one another out of their cheerleading uniform. The most popular team bonding time is before every game. The times will be announce with a reasonable notice. COVID does place a restriction on possible team bonding experiences.

Team Meeting

*All students and their parent/guardian is expected to attend a mandatory in person/virtual team meeting. This meeting is informational but gives us all a chance to meet each other and understand team expectations. It is also a chance for parents to socialize amongst each other, bring up fundraiser ideas, and form a parent group. More information on the parent meeting will be provided during tryouts.

Tryout Packets

*All students and a parent/guardian must complete each section of the packet. Packets serve as each students “ticket to entry” into tryouts. The head coach will collect packets before tryouts begins. Late packets will *not* be accepted.

COVID

All coaches will be required to wear a face mask when within 6 feet of students. Students and coaches will wash their hands before AND after clinics/practices. Students will not be allowed to share any items OR leave the assigned practice area. Any items left behind will be discarded, this includes clothes. When possible, coaches will enforce social distancing. We all want to stay healthy, safe, and COVID free while at cheer practice!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the head coach through email:

Kayshla_diaz08@yahoo.com

Thank you for your interest!

Please detach the remaining information and turn in your completed forms at tryouts.

PACKET CONTENT EXAMPLE

WHETSTONE 2021

FOOTBALL CHEERLEADING INFORMATION PACKET

Student Information:

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE LEVEL: _____

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: _____

CAN YOU TUMBLE? _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

HOBBIES: _____

Parent Information:

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

Cheerleading Questionnaire

Define cheerleader.

What makes someone a good cheerleader?

Explain a time when you worked hard to achieve something you really wanted.

There is drama between cheerleaders. The coaches are unaware and the team is talking about it. How do you address the issue?

Parent/Guardian Consent

I _____ (print parent/guardian) fully understand and have read the rules and regulations overview with my child. I understand I must attend the virtual mandatory informational team meeting. I also understand I am expected to order the uniform and all supplies via instructions provided by the Coach.

I understand the responsibility of my child representing Whetstone in and out of uniform, during the season and post season. If they do not abide to the rules I understand the coaches may take that into account when choosing their team.

I give _____ (print student name) permission to try out for the **2021 Whetstone High School Football Cheerleading Team.**

Parent Signature

Date _____

Student Signature

Date _____

This form must be signed before the time of tryouts, otherwise the student will not be permitted to try out and will be sent home.

Incomplete packets will not be accepted.