

# Spanish Fort High School Cheer Packet 2021

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March 17\*\* Parent/Guardian Meeting 5:30 pm-Spanish Fort High School Library  
**MANDATORY ATTENDANCE FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN & CHEERLEADER**

March 23 All forms (except teacher recs) and \$35 fee must be completed and received by 2:30pm

March 23 Tryout Clinic (3:30-5:30)

March 25 Mock Tryouts 3:30 until finished, \*teacher recs due\*

March 26 Tryouts 3:30 until finished, results will be posted on the SFHS Website under

Cheerleading. An email will be sent to all new cheerleaders with fitting/meeting information.

## Cheerleading Packet Requirements

- Must have current physical on file or obtain a new one (included in packet)
- Acknowledgement of Regulations/Financial Obligations, & Emergency Information Form
- Discipline Clearance Form (transfer students only)
- **Provide**— Copy of a valid insurance card & copy of first semester report card
- **Cost**— \$35.00 (checks made payable to SFHS Cheer, please include 2 phone numbers on checks!)

\*Application packets will be available at parent meeting.

We are planning on attending cheer camp June 28-July 1. This is subject to change due to restrictions.

**This is mandatory.** Parents will be required to take cheerleader to and from camp.

## Tryout and Clinic Information

**Tryout Clinic:** March 23, 2021; 3:30– 5:30 pm @ SFHS Old Gym

The gym will be open at 3:10 pm; instruction will begin at 3:30. This means that the students must be stretched and ready to jump/cheer/dance/tumble at 3:30 p.m. CLOSED TRYOUTS!

**NO spectators or filming will be allowed at clinic.** (NO EXCEPTIONS)

If you are tardy to tryout clinic for any reason, you are responsible for the choreography you missed.

**What to wear:** Athletic shorts, tee shirt, & athletic shoes, NO JEWELRY, hair up in a ponytail and away from face - You will not be allowed to participate in clinic if you are not properly dressed; please do not wear just a sports bra and/or compression shorts!

# Tryouts

Friday, March 26 @ 3:30 p.m. in SFHS Old Gym  
**THERE WILL BE NO LATE ENTRIES ALLOWED!**

The gym will be open at 3:10 p.m., and tryouts will begin at 3:30 pm. This means that each girl/ boy must be stretched and ready to tryout promptly at 3:30 p.m. No spectators or filming will be allowed at tryouts.

**What to Wear:** Black athletic shorts, solid white t-shirt (for girls, we suggest a sports bra underneath), white athletic shoes or cheer shoes, hair up with red, white or black ribbon (no writing on ribbon), and ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY. \*Same for Mock Tryouts\*

## Skills & Procedures

### **A. Tryout Judging**

*See scoring on attached sheet.*

1. Chant
2. Cheer
3. Dance
4. Jumps- front hurdler, toe touch, and jump of choice (may include one tumbling skill: examples toe touch back handspring, toe touch tuck, double toe touch, double toe touch back handspring, double toe touch tuck)
5. Tumbling– see attached scoring scale with passes
6. Fight Song- video will be uploaded on website
7. Free spirit– 15 seconds of free spirit will be performed at the beginning of the tryout and spirit will be expected to be performed throughout the tryout

### **B. Recommendations**

All potential cheerleaders must have **first semester** teachers for the current school year (2020-2021) fill out recommendation forms for each cheerleader. This includes both driver's education and health if taken first semester. IF the cheerleader participated on a school cheer team last year, then a coach recommendation must also be filled out.

Cheerleaders are chosen based on talent, work ethic, teamwork, reliability, poise, attitude, ability, personality, sportsmanship, and spirit. Coaches have the final say as to what candidates make the squad.

*Tryout Notes:*

- Tumbling mat will be provided for tumbling portion only (not Fight Song or jumps)—any tumbling will have to be performed on the mat without a spotter.
- Tumbling performed at tryouts will be expected all year!
- Applicants will draw numbers on Tuesday to determine tryout order/grouping

## **REGULATION LIST**

Spanish Fort High School Cheerleaders are role models for the student body and are representatives of SFHS in the community. All cheerleaders are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that exemplifies a model SFHS student both on and off campus.

### **ACADEMIC AND SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS**

- ◆ In order to try out for the Varsity team, the student must be a rising junior or senior. In order to try out for the junior varsity team, the student must be a rising freshman or sophomore. Students in grades 9-11 must be currently enrolled and attending classes at Spanish Fort High School. Students in grade 8 (rising freshmen) must live in Spanish Fort zoning limits or currently attend Spanish Fort Middle School.

- ◆ Students must have a ***first semester*** GPA of 2.5 or at least a 75% average (calculated from all grades) for middle school students. The season begins the day the team is posted and ends the first day of tryouts for the following year (or at the time of removal from the team).
- ◆ In order to try out, students must be in good discipline standing and must remain in good standing with the school. All school violations are subject to removal from the squad based on the punishment given by the school and the severity of the situation. We must receive teacher recommendation forms from ALL of your teachers. Participants will give each teacher a recommendation form. That teacher will then fill it out and return it to the coach. Middle school teachers will turn in to the front office. Cheerleaders SHOULD NOT see these once filled out. If a cheerleader turns in the forms directly, the score for that teacher will be “zero”.
- ◆ If you do not attend SFMS, you may provide a stamped envelope and have your teachers mail them.

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- ◆ Any cheerleader who ***quits*** and/or is removed from the squad for any reason gives up the right to try out for the squad the following year.
- ◆ Academic Quarter Grades: Progress reports and report cards will be reviewed at time of distribution by the coach. Any cheerleader with a *D* or an *F* in ANY class on their progress report will be placed on academic probation. If a cheerleader has a D/F on a report card, he or she will be removed from the squad. He or she will be subject to removal without probation. See *Probation* heading.

### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- ◆ Cheerleaders are expected to pay for all expenses pertaining to cheerleading including but not limited to camp, uniforms, clinics, gifts, etc. Fundraising will help with expenses and cheerleaders are **required** to participate. There will be a minimum requirement for each fundraiser and cheerleaders who do not sell the required amount will be required to pay the buyout balance.
- ◆ All balances due must be paid in full before the camp.
- ◆ The first payment must be received before any uniforms or camp apparel orders can be placed for the cheerleader. We will be ordering most apparel through the myVarsity portal and no orders are able to be placed until every bill has been paid so keep this in mind.
- ◆ Cheerleaders must meet all purchasing deadlines set by the coach. All fees and payments should be made by cash, credit/debit card (via PayPams), or check or money order and made payable to Spanish Fort High School and will be receipted. Specific payment methods for each order will be communicated.

### **TIME RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- ◆ Cheerleading comes before other activities/employment. Cheerleaders **should not** have any kind of employment (including tutoring/babysitting/internships/etc.) that affects football OR basketball season (**including** post-season/playoff games and practices). Cheerleaders will not be allowed to leave practice early and/or games/events early for any reason.
- ◆ Cheerleaders will be expected to not only attend games and practices but also make signs and banners, decorating the gym and school, planning and participating in pep rallies, loading and unloading equipment, etc. as directed by the coach. This includes remaining after school or arriving early to complete these duties.

### **COMPETITION CHEER:**

- ◆ All cheerleaders who make the JV or Varsity squads will be on the Spanish Fort High School Competition Squad.
- ◆ We will possibly be attending classes at a cheer gym. This will be required. All monies for classes will be paid directly to whatever gym we attend.
- ◆ Flags, signs, megaphones, etc. will be purchased from the cheer account. Money will also have to be raised for entries to competition(s).

### **ABSENCES/TARDIES and GAME/PRACTICE BEHAVIOR**

- ◆ Only the coach or an administrator can excuse an absence. Any absence from a game and/or practice must have prior approval from the coach.

- ◆ Documentation for approved absenteeism is required. Routine appointments, such as hair, dentist, doctor, orthodontist, orthopedist, DMV, portraits, dress fittings, etc.; other club meetings; internships; and other activities should be scheduled around practices/performances/games. Unless it is an emergency it will be unexcused.
- ◆ Cheerleaders must be present at school at least half a day on game days and practice days to participate per AHSAA. It is the responsibility of the cheerleader to inform the coach of any potential absences to games or practices.
- ◆ Cheerleaders will ride the bus or drive to and from all games. Parents are expected to provide transportation for their cheerleaders within 15 minutes of an event ending or the return of school from the event.
- ◆ No cell phones are allowed at practice or games. All cell phones will be collected and stowed away prior to a game or practice. This ensures that the cheerleader's undivided attention will be devoted to his/her team.
- ◆ Please refer to the Cheer Guidelines and demerits sheet for questions.

### **UNIFORMS AND APPEARANCE**

- ◆ Cheerleaders should arrive for an event fully dressed in uniform (including hair/make-up) and remain in uniform until the event is over. No facial piercings or excessive ear piercings; **all** jewelry must be removed for practice and games (this includes cartilage and belly button piercings). Jewelry of any kind in cheerleading is not allowed at camp or by the National Federation of State High School Association. No unusual non-traditional hair dyes or colors will be permitted. **Uniforms are not to be worn outside of school functions unless approved by the coach.**
- ◆ You are not permitted to allow someone else to wear or borrow a uniform or any other cheer related items for any reason. **This includes outerwear.**
- ◆ Cheerleaders will wear camp clothes to practice.
- ◆ Please refer to the Cheer Guidelines and demerits sheet for questions.

### **PROBATION**

- ◆ If a cheerleader is on probation for any reason, he/she will still be responsible for any required duties for that period of time. He/she will not be allowed to cheer at games or pep rallies. The cheerleader will wear his/her uniform to the games during probation and must sit with the coach during games.
- ◆ Academic probation will be used if a cheerleader has less than satisfactory grades. When progress reports are issued, grades will be evaluated. If a cheerleader has a D/F in ANY class when progress reports are issued, he/she will be placed on academic probation until the grade(s) improves the grade to at least a C. The cheerleader will be on probation until report cards are issued (approximately four weeks). If the grade is still unsatisfactory, he/she will be removed from the squad and will forfeit the right to tryout next year.
- ◆ If a cheerleader is placed on academic probation more than once, the cheerleader may be subject to dismissal from the squad.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- ◆ Cheerleaders are ambassadors for the school. We will rely on parental support to monitor each cheerleader's social media posts. Inappropriate use of social media that compromises the school's reputation will not be tolerated. This includes the use of profanity and/or inappropriate attire/activities.
- ◆ Please refer to the Cheer Guidelines and demerits sheet for questions.

### **CONDUCT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- ◆ Cheerleaders at all times will abide by the Student Code of Conduct. This includes off campus as well. If it is not permitted on campus, you cannot do it off campus.
- ◆ Cheerleaders should be mindful with the use of social networking; you are an ambassador of the school and will be accountable for your actions.
- ◆ Conduct unbecoming of a cheerleader, which reflects negatively upon the reputation of the school and/or squad may result in immediate dismissal from the squad.
- ◆ Please refer to the Cheer Guidelines and demerits sheet for questions.

**ALL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS WILL BE LEFT TO THE COACHES' DISCRETION!**

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RULES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

My daughter/son and I have received, read, and understand the rules, and regulations governing her/his role as a Spanish Fort High School cheerleader. As a parent/guardian, I understand that it is my responsibility to see that these are followed. If such rules are broken, she/he will be removed from the squad. The dismissal of any cheerleader is at the discretion of the coach and NO parent meetings with administration and/or Athletic Director will be allowed. I have read all six pages of this packet.

I agree to pay all money owed for cheerleading in a timely manner and according to designated deadlines. These deadlines apply to all cheerleaders. The coach reserves the right to alter the number of monthly payments according to yearly costs and for returning cheerleaders when appropriate.

I agree to all of the financial responsibilities listed on page three including fundraising requirements. I understand that the following fees are only for camp and uniform requirements. Other fees may be due throughout the year for choreography, gymnastics, etc.

\*A specific estimate of each payment will be available after the fittings, once it is decided what is going to each order. We will try our best to break up payments but make no guarantees about how much will be due and when.

**Approximate\*\* Total Cost: \$1,350.00-\$2,000.00**

\*This includes camp, uniforms, camp outfits, poms, shoes, ribbons, bloomers, warm-up suit, backpacks, rain jackets, & **megaphone (varsity only)**.

\*\* Prices will vary depending on items needed for returning cheerleaders. Prices will also vary depending on JV or Varsity requirements (megaphone, letterman jacket, etc.). A detailed order form with pricing will be provided.

## **ALL FEES DUE MUST BE PAID BEFORE CAMP.**

Alternative payment plans are available upon request.

I understand that should my daughter/son quit or be dismissed from the squad that I will pay the balance owed on her/his account at that time, and I will forfeit all deposits made payable to the squad. I also understand that my daughter/son will not be eligible to try out the following year. All fees are due in full and will not be reimbursed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (home)

**Complete and Return This Page**

Spanish Fort High School  
Emergency Information Form

Please print

Athlete's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Athlete's email \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's SS# (must have for emergencies) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email (main contact) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Office phone \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital preference \_\_\_\_\_ Ambulance preference \_\_\_\_\_

Known allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Known physical problems \_\_\_\_\_

Present medications taken \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

**Proof of insurance must be attached to this form.**

Please list the name and phone number of one individual who will be called should we be unable to contact you. Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ If we are unable to reach your family doctor, may we use any available physician? (please circle) YES NO

Please be assured that every effort will be made to contact you and/or your family doctor before any major decisions are made concerning the treatment of your child.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize the cheerleading coach(es) or designees to act on my behalf in regard to hospitalization and medical treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Spanish Fort High School  
Cheerleading Tryout  
Checklist of Required Materials

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Current Physical (if not on file)

\_\_\_\_\_ Attended Mandatory Parent Meeting

\_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledgement of Regulations

\_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Information

\_\_\_\_\_ Discipline Clearance (new students only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment \$35

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Insurance Card

\_\_\_\_\_ Report Card (1st Semester)

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Coach Rec Forms

Cheerleading  
Teacher Reference Form

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Level** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Course** \_\_\_\_\_

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**First semester average in class** **A B C D F**

**Additional comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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