



2023-2024 HTHS Cheerleading Tryout Packet

Dear Cheer Applicant & Parent/Guardian,

It's that time of year for HTHS cheerleading tryouts!

The purpose of this packet is to let you know the time commitment, expectations, and costs associated with cheerleading at HTHS. It will also address the tryout schedule, and any questions or concerns parents/guardians/students may have. If you have any further questions about tryouts or expectations for the team, please contact the coaches at the information listed below.

Both cheerleader applicants and parents/guardians should read the contents of this packet very carefully - **there are new requirements as we head into the 23-24 season.** Being selected as a Ranger cheerleader is an honor and privilege. The cheerleaders selected have a responsibility to the school, squads, as well as their other members.

Applicants must complete the necessary attached form and bring it to Coaches on either the first day of clinics or the first day of tryouts.

Good luck and thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the HTHS Cheer Squad!

Any questions?

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PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR 23-24 TRYOUT INTENTIONS HERE:

<https://forms.gle/tsKo8w4D53ULEiic6>

TEAM SELECTION INFO (*NEW FOR 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR*)

- Freshmen are not eligible to make a Varsity sideline team. Freshmen are eligible for a JV sideline AND competition.
- For grades 10-12 to be considered for a Varsity sideline, they must be chosen for the Competition team.
- If you quit any team you make (Competition, Football sideline, or Basketball sideline), you will be removed from all teams and not eligible to try out the following year. **This does not apply if you must be removed due to an injury and have a doctors note**
- You must tryout for at least TWO of the options (example: Football/Competition, Basketball/Competition, Football/Basketball)

IMPORTANT DATES! THESE ARE MANDATORY!

- May 20 - Race for the Cure
- June 9 - Team Event
- July 6-9 - Camp at Miami University of Ohio
- July 30 - Game Day Choreography (if you are chosen for the competition team)
- If you make the competition team, all competitions are MANDATORY.

REQUIREMENTS FOR TRYOUTS

During tryouts, you will be asked to complete the following:

- 1 mile run in under 12 minutes
- Required Skills:
 - Cartwheel or Round off
 - Motions/Jumps/Voice/Spirit
- Additional skills not required:
 - Stunting and Tumbling
 - Stunting can be taught during the season. Due to safety reasons, we will not be teaching it at tryouts.
- You will be learning and performing a chant, cheer, and fight song.

WHAT TO BRING TO TRYOUTS

- Release of Liability
 - Located in the back of the tryout packet. Due first day of clinics WITH A PARENT SIGNATURE! – you may not participate without this form. *NO EXCEPTIONS*
- Current physical if not already on file with the athletic office.

HOW TRYOUTS WORK

- You will receive a number on the first day of clinics. As well as learning the material, you will be constantly observed during the whole clinic/tryout process.
- We will also be doing a themed week to make things fun. Express yourself and your personality by participating!
 - Wednesday, April 26th - FAVORITE TEAM
 - Mile run, stretch, jump, learn chant and cheer, start fight song.

- Thursday, April 27th- CLASS COLORS (*This is based off what your grade will be for the 23-24 school year** Seniors wear PINK, Juniors wear BLUE, Sophomores wear ORANGE, Freshmen wear BLACK.)
 - Warm up activity, stretch, jump, finish fight song, review material, time to show any tumbling.
- Friday, April 28th - TRYOUT DAY! GREEN AND GOLD DAY!
 - Stretch and begin reviewing promptly at 4:00pm in the IS gym.
 - You will be called in groups of 4 into the IS Cafeteria and asked to perform the cheer, chant, fight song, jumps, and tumbling.
 - YOU MAY LEAVE WHEN YOUR TRYOUT IS OVER.
 - **YOU MUST BE GAME DAY READY!** For girls this means hair pulled back in a ponytail with a bow, clean makeup and lip color, no jewelry. For boys this means t-shirt and shorts, hair styled, clean look.

**Note – if you are in track or softball, please do not worry. We will work with you and your schedule – please notify one of the coaches if you have any conflicts)*

SCORING AND RESULTS

- All judging of tryouts will be conducted by judges that do not work in the district or live in the community.
- Coaches will be reaching out to all MS/HS teachers, counselors, and principals with a list of names for those trying out. Any negative feedback will impact your scores and placement on teams.
 - Coaches select teams based off of outside judges scoring, however the coaches have a final say on team placements.
- All results will be listed on the Intermediate building doors by 9p on Friday, April 28 after tryouts are complete.
- Each participant that made the team will receive an email stating dates and times for a MANDATORY parent meeting.
 - **At least one parent/adult must attend. If a parent/adult is not in attendance with their student, the student will be removed from the team.**
 - If the parent/adult cannot make the meeting, please reach out to the coaches to make other arrangements.
 - During this meeting there will also be fittings for all gear and there will be discussions of fundraising.

All tryout results are final. The coaches and Athletic Department will not answer any phone calls until the following week. Any emails about scoring/teams/etc will be answered by the following Friday.

FINANCIAL

****Please note that most items can be covered if you choose to fundraise****

Mandatory Gear (shoes, briefs, warmup, campwear, etc.)	Range from \$200-\$465	ORDERED BY 05/05: Gear and camp wear will be provided through Varsity Spirit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campwear is \$200 • Shoes range from \$60-\$80 • Briefs are \$15 • If you need a warm up, this is \$170
Bows (personalized box for season, multiple bows will be ordered throughout the season)	\$30	Will be collected by 06/01
Cheerleading Camp UCA (This is a MANDATORY Away cheer camp from July 6-9. If you do not attend camp, you cannot participate on the competition team).	\$420	Due by 07/01
Tumbling	\$10/week or \$360/year	Due every Monday. (Money is paid directly to an outside instructor. You can pay in advance as well. We keep a tracker to log all payments) *NEW THIS YEAR* - we will accept fundraising money toward payment of tumbling fees.
Competition Fees (ONLY FOR THE COMPETITION TEAM)	\$200 general fee	Money due 11/01 or later If you are selected for HT Competition Cheer, these fees will cover our music and choreography of our routine, as well as registration fees per competition. We will fundraise for this as a team and determine fees, and let you know what you owe, if anything before choreography.
Nationals in Orlando (ONLY FOR THE COMPETITION TEAM)	EST. \$1,000 - \$1,500 per cheerleader	FUNDRAISE ONLY If you are selected for HT Competition Cheer, our goal is to attend the UCA Nationals in Orlando from 2/8-2/12. We will fundraise as if we are attending this year to reach this goal. We will have to qualify at a Regional event.

MAX FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR EACH HTHS COMPETITION/SIDELINE CHEERLEADER FOR 23-24 YEAR: \$3,000

MAX FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR ONLY SIDELINE CHEER FOR 23-24 YEAR: \$1,500

**** OUR GOAL IS TO COVER ALL FEES LISTED WITH FUNDRAISED MONEY!! WE CURRENTLY HAVE SIX FUNDRAISING EVENTS SCHEDULED AND WE WILL BE ADDING MORE BY TRYOUTS. ****

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way with the Hamilton Township Cheerleading program and/or its related events and activities, I _____ (Your Name) the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. Risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skills, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the school immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS the Hamilton Township Cheer Team, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable and owners of premises used for the activity (Hamilton Township Cheer Team), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property associated with my presence or participation, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant's Signature _____

Age (as of today) _____

Date Signed _____

For Parents/Guardians of Participants of Minority Age (Under 18 at Age of Registration): This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releases, and, for myself, my child and our heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releases from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date Signed _____