THOMAS JEFFERSON CHEERLEADING TRYOUT PACKET

Mission and Purpose

TJ cheer program is to encourage life skills to create future leaders, promote scholastic excellence and be of service to our school and community through promoting spirit and unity. With the support of your parents, coaches, teachers and team members we aim to build an environment that provides growth in academics, skill, technique, trust, and leadership.

Commitment

Cheerleading is very time consuming. We cheer at football, boys’ and girls’ basketball and school events and assemblies. We will also compete at the DPS Spirit League and CHSSA State. There will be morning practices over summer (6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.). During the school year, practice will be held Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be study hall after school from 3:00-5:00 which will be mandatory if you have any grade below a C.

Along with a physical commitment there will also be a financial commitment. The cost of cheer covers which includes the uniforms, practice clothes, camp and choreography. The total amount will approximately be **$800.** Please keep in mind there will be fundraising opportunities to help with the cost of cheer and the payments will be broken down in $160 installments. If payments are not made before the deadline 7/28/17 you will not be able to cheer until all money is paid.

**TJ CHEERLEADER APPLICATION**

*This application should be filled out in its entirety.*

Name:

Address:

City: Zip:

Phone:

Email address:

Grade: GPA:

**Parent(s) information:**

Parent(s) name:

Parent(s) phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a cheerleader? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any training or experience related to cheerleading (gymnastics, dance, choreography etc.)? If yes, please specify.

Will you be participating in other TJ activities/sports?

Please list all:

What commitments outside of TJHS do you participate in? (activities, groups etc.)

Do you have a job and is your employer willing to work with your cheer schedule?

Teacher Evaluation for Cheer Tryouts

Student’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s name and class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The student named above is a candidate for the Thomas Jefferson Cheer Team. As their teacher please rate them according to their work ethic, attitude, and abilities in your classroom. PLEASE take time and be sincere in your judgment. We ask your cooperation in filling out this form.

Scale for evaluation

1- Poor

2- Fair

3- Average

4- Good

5- Excellent

**1. Attendance record and punctuality 1 2 3 4 5**

**2. Cooperation with teacher/staff 1 2 3 4 5**

**3. Homework completed on time 1 2 3 4 5**

**4. Cooperation with peers 1 2 3 4 5**

**5. Ability to be a leader 1 2 3 4 5**

**Comments:**

Grade or average \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**For Cheerleaders**

As a varsity cheerleader, I have read the above expectations and agree to the terms of tryouts and the time commitment required to be a cheerleader. I agree to uphold this code of conduct and the safety guidelines, and I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. By signing this agreement, I am agreeing to attend all required events.

Signature of Candidate Date

**For Parents**

I have read completely through the expectations and support my child’s decision to participate in cheerleading. I agree to the terms set for tryouts and will support the decision made by the selection process. I also agree to support my daughter through the time commitment, financial obligations, code of conduct and safety guidelines. I also agree to uphold the commitments set forth for parents to be examples, participants, and helpers for their cheerleading squad.

Parent Signature Date

Please remember to bring the following to tryouts Saturday April 22rd:

* Up to date physical (you can get one in the clinic at Thomas Jefferson)
* Be sure to wear the school colors to tryouts or a plain white shirt and solid grey, black or gold shorts. Also be sure to wear tennis shoes.
* Hair must be worn up. No bangs. If your hair is too short for a ponytail, then make sure it is all pulled away from your face.
* DO NOT wear any jewelry! You will not be permitted to try out.
* A cheer bow is highly suggested but not required.
* Water bottle and a health snack.
* Inhaler if you have one.