



**Wyoming High School  
Cheerleading  
2017 - 2018  
Tryout Packet**

# WHS Tryout Information

Dear Prospective Cheerleaders and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Wyoming Cheerleading. *The WHS Cheerleading program is a visual representation of a high school that is committed to developing the personal skills of leadership, academic excellence and self-discipline. The development of these skills helps to build the quality and integrity of making our cheerleading program a source of pride for students, alumni and our community.*

The Wyoming Cheerleading program is a rewarding and exciting sport that teaches teamwork, dedication, sportsmanship, school spirit, and hard work. Being chosen to represent Wyoming High School as a cheerleader is both an honor and a privilege. Cheerleaders need to be a positive role model inside and outside of school. Cheerleaders understand that teamwork and the maintenance of discipline is the key to the success of the spirit program.

Both prospective cheerleaders and parents should read and discuss the enclosed information so that you may fully understand the expectations for tryouts and the obligations of Wyoming Cheerleading.

The clinics will be held in Pendery Lobby at WHS, and the tryout will be held in the Wyoming High School gym. All paperwork is due on Monday, May 15, 2017, the first day of the clinic.

Cheerleading is a very large time commitment. Cheerleaders are expected to attend and participate actively at all scheduled practices and games through the conclusion of their season. If you already know that you have conflicts with this schedule that you cannot break or work around, you may want to reconsider trying out. If you know you have what it takes to be a WHS Cheerleader this season please make sure you mark on the cheerleading application whether you want to cheer for football or basketball or both. All high school cheerleaders will be considered for Varsity and Junior Varsity, with the exception of seniors who may only try out for Varsity.

Final selections will be emailed Thursday, May 18, 2017, by midnight. An email will be sent to all participants individually with the results.

Good luck and best wishes!!

Questions?

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**Wyoming Cheerleading Tryouts**

All clinics and tryouts will be held at Wyoming High School. Each of the clinics is mandatory with a highly recommended open gym on Wednesday. The tryout is mandatory for all cheerleader candidates.

Monday, May 15, 2017, 3:45 – 5:45 pm: Motions, Jumps, and Dance

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 6 – 8 pm: Cheer, chant, and review

Wednesday, May 17, 2017, (Open Gym) 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Thursday, May 18, 2017, (Tryout Day) 6 – 8 pm

**Clinic dress code:**

Gym shorts – appropriate length

T-shirt or tank top

Gym shoes

No jewelry (Stud Earrings are fine)

Hair pulled back (NO HAIR IN FACE)

**Try-out dress code:**

Gym shorts – black, appropriate length

T-shirt – Plain black or white t-shirt (NO writing on shirt)

Gym shoes with white ankle socks

No jewelry

Hair – pulled back with optional bow (NO HAIR IN FACE)

**Wyoming Cheerleading Commitments:**

Practice Expectations – Four days per week in August (football), Three days per week during all other months

Game Days – one per week (football), two – three per week (basketball)

CHL Competition – TBA (Usually end of November)

**Practice Expectations:**

Cheerleaders must attend and be punctual to practice. They must be prepared to work on conditioning and/or cheerleading and must come dressed for practice – workout attire, gym shoes, no big jewelry, hair pulled back into a ponytail. Cheerleaders must be present at school for at least 5/7 bells to be eligible to practice.

**Game Day Expectations:**

Cheerleaders will be required to come to school dressed in cheer uniform or in other coach-approved attire. They must arrive to the gym or bus at scheduled time and must depart the game with the squad. Hair must be pulled back into a ponytail, and no jewelry will be permitted. Cheerleaders must be at school for at least 5/7 bells on game day to be eligible to cheer. If a game falls on a Saturday, they must be present for 5/7 bells during the last school day before the game.

**Fundraising Obligations:**

All cheerleaders must participate in all fundraising activities.  
All parents will be needed to execute and assist with the activities.

**Uniform Requirements:**

WHS will provide the cheer top, skirt, and poms.  
Shoes, hair bows, briefs, bodysuit, warm-ups, backpack, and t-shirts will need to be paid for out-of-pocket.

**Anticipated PERSONAL COSTS:**

**High School:**

The personal costs to cheer at Wyoming High School will be approximately \$400 per girl this year, plus the cost of camp. This money will take care of all of the necessities for the season. If additional money is needed, we will try to use our fundraiser funds to purchase those additional items. The costs below are subject to change:

**JV:**

1 pair of cheer shoes – \$51  
1 bodysuit – (JV ONLY) \$17  
1 Warm-up – \$120  
1 Backpack – \$19  
2 Hair bows – \$20  
2 T-shirts – \$30  
\*\*Briefs you buy on your own and must be black\*\*

**Varsity:**

1 pair of cheer shoes – \$51  
1 Warm-up – \$115  
1 Backpack – \$19  
2 Hair bows – \$20  
2-3 T-shirts – \$45  
\*\* Briefs you buy on your own and must be black\*\*

\*\* If you cheered during the 2016-2017 season your total costs will be lower, depending on the squad you are put on for the 2017-2018 season. \*\*

**CHEER CAMP:**

**We are looking into going to a 3-day cheer camp at Miami University from August 3-6, 2017. This will be mandatory for all cheerleaders. The cost is \$369 per cheerleader, which we will attempt to offset through fundraising. More details will be discussed at the parent meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2017.**

**Try-Out Score Sheet**



**Comments:**

**Total Points** \_\_\_\_\_/

50

### **Important Information Regarding the Scoring Process For Tryouts**

I feel that it is very important to communicate the scoring process to all tryout participants and their parents in order to eliminate bias from the process. The total score is out of 300 points. Each of the five judge's scores will be worth 50 points. Then the eligibility and teacher reports will be worth 50 points. Other than the coach, the other judges are not involved in the Wyoming Cheerleading program. They are, however, knowledgeable in the sport of cheerleading and have judged numerous competitions and/or tryouts. The scores will be entered into the computer and ranked from highest to lowest. For football, the Varsity squad will be the highest 10 -12 scores and the Junior Varsity will be the next 8 – 12 scores. For basketball, there will be a maximum of eight cheerleaders per squad. The cutoff will be decided by a break in the scores.

**Here is a breakdown of some of the scoring categories:**

**Jumps:**

- Toe touch must be performed
- Optional jump – any type of herkie or hurdler, pike
- High kick – we do a lot of these throughout both seasons!

**Gymnastics - Each of the following skills will be worth the points listed below for skill performed:**

- Round off – 1 point
- Back handspring – 3 points
- Round off Back handspring(s) – 4 points
- Any form of tuck or layout – 5 points

Keep in mind that these are just the maximum scores. If the judges feel that the skill performed was sloppy and/or unsafe, then points will be deducted. Think about what you are comfortable doing and what you can do WELL!

**Grades, Attendance, and Discipline Form:**

- This is your responsibility! You must hand the form to your teacher and give them time to fill it out.
- Do not run around on the Monday of clinics to get signatures! And believe me, I will find out if you waited until the last minute.

- 50 points for turning in the eligibility sheet with all teachers' signatures and attendance secretary's signature.
- Teacher comments may be emailed to me privately and will also be taken into consideration.

### **Cheerleading Application 2017 – 2018**

Cheerleader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to try out for:                      Football                      Basketball  
Both

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheerleader Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheerleader E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell #s: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade for 2017 – 2018 School Year (circle one): 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

Please state your experience in each category – please be brief.

Cheerleading Experience:

Dance Experience:

Gymnastics Experience:

Involvement in other school or outside activities:

What has made you want to tryout for cheerleading this year?

### **Cheerleader and Parent Contract**

I have read and understand the Wyoming Cheerleading Tryout Packet. I agree to abide by its rules and expectations. I understand that the tryout results are final.

Cheerleader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent/Guardian Consent and Acceptance

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in the Wyoming High School Cheerleading Tryouts. I understand that all participants enter tryouts on an equal basis, and every attempt will be made to select the most qualified, committed candidates to become Wyoming Cheerleaders.

I have read the enclosed materials and agree to commit to the time, responsibilities, expectations, and financial commitment my child and I must put forth if selected as a member of the WHS cheerleading squad. I am aware that I may be asked to volunteer in the areas of chaperoning, supervision, fundraising, publicity, and transportation. I am willing to commit and participate with these requests.

I understand that the clinic and tryouts are closed to parents and friends. Only tryout participants, cheer coaches, and pre-selected judges are permitted at the clinics and/or tryout. I understand that the tryout results are final.

I give my consent for the building attendance secretary to release attendance and discipline records for the 2016-2017 school year, only to be seen by the official cheerleading coach.

I understand that by the nature of the activity, cheerleading and gymnastics carry a risk of physical injury. I understand these risks and will not hold Wyoming



City Schools or any of its personnel responsible in the case of an accident or injury at any time.

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

