

Parent Tryout Information Meeting
Cheer/Song Tryouts 2018-2019
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What to expect?

Our handbook/code of conduct can be found online on our website, www.edisoncheer.com Please read this handbook in its entirety before trying out. Please ask questions. Make sure you understand the time and financial commitment of being a part of a year round competitive program before trying out.

1. **Costs:** camp, uniform, gym/studio rental, coaches' pay, team tumbling/technique class, transportation, athletic trainer, choreography, music, competitions, practice clothes, poms, bows,
 - i. Song approx yearly amount for a new member= ~\$3600, for a returning songleader approximately \$3200 (we will be using the same uniform/warm ups/backpack this year)
 - ii. Cheer approx yearly amount for a new member = ~\$3600 (Varsity cheer-Travel additional- \$1500 approx if we compete out of state, and varsity cheer UCA master's camp June 25-28 approximately \$400), approximate yearly amount for a returning member \$3200 (we will be using the same uniform/warm ups/backpack this year)
 - iii. **Donation/Contribution Schedule-Cash or Checks Payable to Edison High School Cheer & Song. 5 payments (April 27-\$1000, June 1-\$1000 (including uniform credit card payment to varsity spirit in May), August 10th-\$800, September 14th \$400, October 26th \$400) Varsity cheer members who attend UCA master's camp will have an additional \$400 payment needed by June 14th to cover the cost of this overnight 4 day camp. If alternate donation scheduled is needed, please email the advisor directly to arrange it. A more detailed updated donation schedule will be passed out at the first parent meeting on April after we have the practice clothes cost and the size of the teams finalized. The ASB office may be accepting credit cards starting this fall, once the details are finalized, we will email out the information.**
 - iv. No refunds for girls who break their contract, no refunds for uniforms once they are ordered. (Special circumstances excluded)

2. **Absences:**

Absences may result in a team member being benched or becoming an alternate, attendance is critical for the team's progress and safety
If an absence occurs and an alternate is able to replace a team member with the same level of skill, the person with the absence may become the alternate
Unexcused Absences within 10 days of a performance may result in a loss of a position in the routine
Unexcused Absences occurring within 6 weeks before departure for travel teams may result in the loss of a position

3. **Competition is mandatory** for all team members:

Coaches choose competition teams and no one's position is guaranteed, competition routine placement may change throughout the season up to the discretion of the coach and/or advisor, what is best for the team/program will always be top consideration. Athletes may become alternates at any given time at the discretion of the coach/advisor. Spring Tryout results determine sideline team placement. Competition team placement will be determined in the summer and can change at any time throughout the season. Being on varsity sideline does not guarantee a spot on the varsity competition team.

Tryouts

Cheer and Song-Tryout Clinics (where the tryout material is taught) April 12th and 13th 3:30-5:30pm on the EHS blacktop, Tryouts April 14th starting at 12pm (returners will go first), results posted online the night of 4/14 by tryout ID number.

- All girls will need to completely fill out the Tryout Application. It includes 3 teacher recommendations (Math, English and your choice of a teacher/coach), a questionnaire about the applicant's skills, and attach grade verifications (copy of report card) as well as other forms requiring a parent/guardian signature.
- For the tryouts, please wear a white t shirt (no logos or designs please), black or dark colored spandex/athletic shorts, athletic shoes, hair pulled back in a ponytail with a white or green bow-no logos or designs.
- Cheer – Tumbling: Coaches will spot you and then you will be required to throw your skills without assistance. To be considered for Varsity, you must have a minimum tumbling skill of back handspring (running or

standing) Note-Having this skill does not guarantee a position on the varsity team. Varsity cheer is open to grades 9-12, JV cheer is open to grades 9-11.

- Song – flexibility, technique and performance experience are required. The first day will include drills and exercises that require girls to display their flexibility. **Dance/jazz shoes are required for the clinics and tryouts for song candidates.**
- Cheer will learn one cheer and one dance, song will learn one cheer and dance
- Tryout Results will be posted online on 4/14 in the evening (the link to the results will be given out at tryouts)
- Students will tryout in small groups or pairs depending on amount of candidates
- GPA and teacher evaluations will be factored into the score
- Final score sheets will not be viewed by the students or parents under any circumstances. All decisions are final.

What if I make the team?

- **Mandatory Parent Meeting-Wednesday, April 25th room 125; 7-8pm It is very important that all cheer/song leaders have a parent/guardian present at this meeting. Please bring donation/contribution #1 to this meeting.**
- **Handbook/Contract**-Read the EHS Cheer & Song Contract for 2018-19 in its entirety from www.edisoncheer.com before accepting a position on the team.
- **Physicals**-Get a participation physical completed at EHS physical day Saturday, May 5th 10am-2pm cost is \$30 or at your MD, you must use the official Edison/district form found at edisonchargers.com (athletic information). Return the physical form to Mrs. Speegle by July 23rd if you have it done at your doctor's office.
- **Uniform Fitting: May 9th** is our uniform fitting with the Varsity uniform rep beginning at 2pm until 4pm in Room 125, parents are welcome to attend (not required) with their cheer/songleader.
- Students will be enrolled in the 6th period cheer/song class for the 2018-2019 school year and will earn pe credit

Practices begin the week of April 16th

Cheer practice days/times: Mondays 3:30-5:30pm EHS. Tuesdays 7-9pm at PCM HB, Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm EHS, Fridays 3:30-5:30pm EHS, (summer schedule will be different days/times, the updated summer calendar is on the shutterfly calendar, all athletes and their families will have access to the shutterfly calendar after tryouts)

Song practice days/times: Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm at Hudson, Thursdays 6:30-8pm at Hudson, in June song will also have Monday and Friday practices 3:30-5pm at EHS in addition to the regular Tues/Thurs practices at Hudson

Song Summer Break: June 16-July 9th, August 1-6;

JV Cheer Summer Break June 20-July 22,

Varsity Cheer June 20-24, June 29-July 23.

This is a good time to plan vacations, dental and routine doctor's appointments. August will be a very busy month for the squads, please avoid planning any trips/vacations during this time, 100% attendance will be crucial to the success and progress of the teams.

If you have a scheduled vacation already planned during the non summer break times, please write the dates on your tryout application so we can note it.

Important
Summer
Dates

- Varsity Cheer-Optional UCA Master's Camp June 25-28th in Indian Wells at the Westin Mission Hills
- Team picture day-August tentatively Aug 17
- Concussion Testing with the athletic trainer-tentatively Aug 10
- All cheer/song Ropes Course Bonding-tentatively Aug 11
- Begin Bell Week Poster Making-dates in July/August tba
- Mini Cheer Camp at Edison-August 13-15th
- Overnight camp with our squads in Indian Wells at the Esmeralda hotel, August 7-9th

- School begins Wednesday, August 29th