

**Parent Tryout Information Meeting**  
**Cheer/Song Tryouts 2019-2020**  
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**What to expect?**

Our handbook/code of conduct can be found online on our website, [www.edisoncheer.com](http://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. Cheer/song is a year round activity/sport, students will be enrolled in the 6th period cheer ensemble class for both the fall and spring semesters and will earn PE credit.

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 \$3400 (including overnight camp, uniforms, coaching, competition fees, transportation, athletic trainer, choreography, studio rental)
  - ii. Cheer approx yearly amount for a new member = ~\$3600, approximate yearly amount for a returning member \$3400 ((including overnight camp, uniforms, coaching, competition fees, transportation, athletic trainer, choreography, gym rental)
  - iii. **Donation/Contribution Schedule-Cash or Checks Payable to Edison High School Cheer & Song. 5 payments (April 26-\$1000, May-online credit card payment directly to Varsity Spirit, July 19-\$500, August 23-\$500, September 20-\$500, October 25-\$500) If an alternate donation scheduled is needed (example, smaller more frequent payments), please email the advisor directly to arrange it. The ASB office accepts credit cards, but does a charge a 3% fee. If the team decides to do an overnight competition, there will be additional costs associated with the trip.**
  - iv. Approximate \$3,000 cost breakdown a year per athlete: \$500 overnight camp, \$600 competitions fees/expenses, \$400 gym/studio rentals, \$300 camp/practice clothes/gear, \$1200 coaching including tumbling/technique classes) additional uniform expenses paid directly to Varsity Uniform Company-varies by individual order most between \$200-\$300 returner, \$500-\$600 new member for a total of \$3400-3600
  - v. General fund fundraisers cover additional coaching cost, supplies, trainer fee per athlete, transportation costs, holiday party, banquet, senior events, extra clothing/gear gift items for bell week and homecoming, fundraiser expenses (banners, mini camp shirts and poms, supplies for showcase),
  - vi. No refunds for girls who break their contract. No refunds for uniforms once they are ordered.

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

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 3rd and 4th 3:30-5:30pm on the EHS blacktop, Tryouts April 5th starting at 2pm (returners will go first), results posted online the night of 4/5 by tryout ID number.

- All students 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.

- 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 (fight song), song will learn one cheer and dance
- Tryout Results will be posted online on 4/5 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 24th room 248; 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.**
- **Join our team shutterfly page, all of the important information and our updated practice/event calendar is on this site, go to <https://edisoncheerandsong.shutterfly.com> and request to join the page, please set up your shutterfly account with your first and last name**
- **Handbook/Contract**-Read the EHS Cheer & Song Contract for 2019-20 in its entirety from [www.edisoncheer.com](http://www.edisoncheer.com) before accepting a position on the team.
- **Physicals**-Get a participation physical completed at EHS physical day Saturday, May 4th 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 15th if you have it done at your doctor's office.
- **Uniform Fitting: April 26th** is our uniform fitting with the Varsity uniform rep beginning at 2pm until 4pm in Room 248, parents are welcome to attend with their cheer/songleader.
- Students will be enrolled in the 6th period cheer/song class for the 2019-2020 school year and will earn pe credit

Practices begin the week of **April 8th**

**Cheer practice days/times:** Tuesdays 6-9pm at SVCA, Wednesdays/Thursdays 3:30-6pm at 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:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 4-5:30 at EHS (summer schedule will be different days/times)

**Song Summer Break: June 7-23, July 3-14, August 1-11**

**Cheer Summer Break: June 11-July 15**

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. Please check the shutterfly calendar regularly and please contact us with any questions about upcoming dates or conflicts with as much advance notice as possible

**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

- Song Overnight Camp June 26-28, Cheer Overnight Camp August 1-4
- Participate in the HB 4th of July Parade-more info TBA
- Team picture day at HB Pier-August tentatively Aug 23
- Begin Bell Week Poster Making-dates in July/August tba
- Mini Cheer Camp at Edison-August 12-14th, Concussion certification with the trainer 8/12 at 2:30pm
- School begins Wednesday, August 28th