

Parent Tryout Information Meeting
Cheer Tryouts 2021-2022
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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 cheer program before trying out. Cheer 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 and are not eligible to participate in other Edison sports/band/choir. Follow our team instagram page: edison.cheer

Costs: cheerleading is a very costly sport/activity. The district/school does not provide funding, our program is parent and fundraiser supported. overnight cheer camp, uniforms, coaches' pay, team tumbling, transportation, choreography, music, competition fees, practice clothes, poms, bows, holiday party, banquet and awards are funded by the donations/payments

- Cheer approx yearly amount for a new member = ~\$3000, approximate yearly amount for a returning member \$2800 (including overnight camp, uniforms, coaching, competition fees, choreography)
- **Donation/Contribution Schedule-Cash or Checks Payable to Edison High School Cheer or donations/payments may be made by credit card on the Edison HS website. If an alternate donation schedule is needed (example, smaller more frequent payments), please email the advisor directly to arrange it. If the team decides to do an overnight competition, there will be additional costs associated with the trip.**
- **5 suggested donations/payments**
 - **Payment #1: May 10-\$1000 (includes overnight camp full payment, and coaching June-August, bows, sweatshirt, team tank, team t-shirt, team socks)**
 - **for those not attending overnight camp, the donation #1 amount is \$450**
 - **Payment #2: July 19-\$350**
 - **Payment #3: August 23-\$350**
 - **Payment #4: September 20-\$300**
 - **Payment #5: October 18-\$300**
 - **Payment #6: November 29-\$300**

Approximate \$2600 cost breakdown a year per athlete: \$1200 Coaching, \$550 optional 4 day overnight camp August 1-4, \$700 competitions fees/expenses for the season (including choreography, props/signs, competition music and competition entry fees) \$150 bows,sweatshirt,socks, t-shirt, tank, team items not purchased through varsity spirit.

Uniform Costs-uniform expenses paid **directly** to Varsity Uniform Company (not included in the \$2500 annual cost)-varies by individual order most between \$200-\$300 returner, \$500-\$600 new member. **Late May/early June-online credit card payment directly to Varsity Spirit for uniform purchase**

- General fund fundraisers cover additional coaching cost, supplies, 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), if we fundraiser enough to cover these expenses we will be applying the additional fundraiser funds to purchase a set of new cheer mats this year (approximately \$9000 for a new full cheer floor of mats)
- No refunds for girls who break their contract. No refunds for uniforms once they are ordered.

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

Competition: all cheerleaders will either compete on the varsity competition team, the JV competition routine or possible freshmen competition routine (9th grade only).
Coaches select the 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 may be determined in the summer and can change at any time throughout the season. A varsity sideline placement does not guarantee a spot on the varsity competition team.

Tryouts

Cheer Tryout Clinics (where the tryout material is taught) May 5-6, 3-5pm on the EHS blacktop, Tryouts May 7th starting at 2pm (returners will go first, with new students starting after 3pm), results posted online the night of 5/7 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/ribbon-no logos or designs.
- Tumbling: you will be required to execute your skills without assistance at the clinics/tryouts.
- Cheerleaders will learn one cheer and one dance (fight song)
- Tryout Results will be posted online on 5/7 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 and team placements
- 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?

- **Please bring \$1000 donation/contribution #1 to the first practice on May 10th (cash or check payable to Edison cheer) or make donation by credit card on the edison website, on the EHS webstore, look for the Edison Cheer item to make an online payment, create an account and include your student's name. Donation #1 will secure your summer overnight camp reservation, if you student is not attending overnight camp the donation #1 amount is \$450.**
- **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 Contract for 2021-22 in its entirety from www.edisoncheer.com before accepting a position on the team.**
- **Physicals-Must have a completed physical on file on the district form to participate in tryouts. you must use the official Edison/district form found at edisonchargers.com (athletic information). Physicals may be turned in with the completed tryout application, or can be brought to the first day of tryout clinics on May 5th to check in.**
- **Uniform Fitting: May 25th** is our uniform fitting with the Varsity uniform rep: 2-3pm returners, new members 2:45-4pm in Room 248, wear sports bra and ts-shirt and spandex type shorts
- Students will be enrolled in the 6th period cheer class for the 2021-2022 school year and will earn pe credit and a letter grade for the course.

Practices begin the week of **May 10th (week after tryouts)**

Cheer practice days/times: Mondays/Wednesday/Friday 2-5pm 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)

Cheer Summer Break: June 15-July 18. 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 prepaid vacation already planned during the non summer break times, please write the dates on your tryout application so we can note it. Also, if your student will NOT be attending cheer overnight camp August 1-4, please note that as well.