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Spirit Express Squad Placement

June 3rd

**TRYOUTS WILL BE IN AGE
GROUPS**

**Ages 9 & Under
June 3—4:00-5:00**

**Ages 10 & Up
June 3—5:30-6:30**

**WE WILL EMAIL OUT THE TEAMS
BY JUNE 15TH!**

We will be placing teams by LEVEL & AGE!
Example: If your athlete is old enough and has ALL of the proper level skills to be on a certain team, they will be placed on that team. We will announce teams June 15th via email! However, changes could be made to teams before, during or after choreography! We will make changes to teams to ensure all teams are set up to be successful at competitions and that all individuals experience the most personal success possible! Please read FULL tryout packet for detailed information.

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Team Placements

VERY IMPORTANT TO READ!

Team Placements: All teams at Spirit Express are built based upon placing each team in a position to score as high as possible in competition. **Each team must be able to stunt, jump, tumble, dance, etc. at a level that will enable them to maximize the score sheet. This means all athletes need to be able to perform the level of skills as the level they are competing.** Please trust the Spirit Express staff to build teams that will be successful in the competition arena.

The placements will be finalized and **posted June 15th via email.** These postings will be the final teams the athletes will be placed on for the 2020-2021 season. However, **in certain circumstances, athletes may be moved to other teams before, during and after choreography.** Our focus is to build the strongest teams possible and to make sure each athlete is placed on a team where they can excel and have a positive experience. **If they can not maintain their skills to be on a certain team, they will be moved!**

All Star Cheer Overview

All-Star cheerleading has evolved into one of the most exciting, fast-paced and strenuous sports scored by a panel of judges in the world. Our sport is broken down into competitive levels by age and ability level. The United States All-Star Federation (USASF) is currently the main governing presence in our industry, and Spirit Express forms our teams based upon the age and ability levels specified by them.

All-Star cheerleading is scored based upon the execution of tumbling, jumping, dancing, motion technique, tosses, stunting, performance and choreography. All are important in putting together a successful team. **Athletes will be placed on teams based upon their abilities, as well as their mental mindset and most importantly, their age.** They must also maintain the skill level in which they made the team. **If they can not maintain skills, they will be moved to another team.**

Many of our all-stars enjoy being a member of 2 teams. If you would like to be considered for more than one team, please understand that you will need to pay the full entry fee for each squad at most competitions. Some companies offer a cheaper rate for the 2nd team, but many do not!

Absences: Athletes are expected to attend **EVERY** practice. We ask that our school cheerleaders and their parents request school cheerleading schedules to be given to them as far in advance as possible. You will only be able to miss 3 practices due to school cheerleading activities. Please save and plan your absences accordingly. We work hard to make it as easy as possible for our athletes to cheer at school and at Spirit Express. Athletes missing any practice without a valid reason may be removed from the program immediately. In addition, athletes missing excessive practices whether the absences were for valid reasons or not may be removed from the program. This is a team sport, and all team members are required in order to have the most productive practices. Valid reasons for missing practice are:

- 1) Contagious Illness
- 2) Death in Family
- 3) School Cheerleading (must be a required event)

Missed Practices for ANY Reason = 50 Toe Touches

Summer & Practices

Please put these dates on your calendar as they are required to be a member of any of the teams. There are always extenuating circumstances for summer (family vacations, etc...). In that case, please contact Missy or Josh to make arrangements for summer practices. **Summer practices are not tumbling classes!** They will be squad practices only. If you want to take a tumbling class, too, you will have to enroll for that separately. **Taking tumbling classes is highly recommended for summer and regular season!**

Summer Practices

THESE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER PLACEMENTS!

12:00-1:00 Wednesday **OR** 1:00-2:00 Wednesday

*****Time Depends on Team Placement*****

Practices will run June 17-June 24 and July 8-July 29

Practice Times for 2020-2021 Season

Practice times for each team will be announced after Final Squad Placement. The exact times will depend on the team you are placed on. **The exact times for your team will be announced when teams are posted June 15th.**

Squad Season Practices Will Begin on August 5th.

Tumbling Classes Will Begin September 8th!

EVERY ATHLETE MUST ENROLL IN AT LEAST ONE NIGHT OF TUMBLING PER WEEK! The cost of one (1) tumbling class per week is built in to your monthly team fees! Additional tumbling classes will be \$30 each per month.

TENTATIVE Competitions

THESE ARE NOT COMPLETELY SET IN STONE! COMPETITION COMPANIES CHANGE THEIR DATES FREQUENTLY! We will keep you updated when we have a schedule set! Each team will attend a total of 6 competitions! There will be some out of state travel, with a possibility of an end of season event! Again, when we have these dates, we will share with your families.

Nov. 22 Frisco, TX	Dec. 12 Branson, MO	Jan. ? Tulsa
Jan. 16 Oklahoma City	March 27&28 Tulsa	April 9-11 Frisco, TX

Financial Obligations

There will be several opportunities to raise money to help pay for these costs. You will be able to participate in fundraisers and other events to help with these obligations. The money you raise will go directly toward your account. If you have any good ideas for fundraisers that you would like to conduct, **please make sure that you okay and double check them through Missy and/or Josh.**

***These costs are due throughout the season and are spread out in order to accommodate a payment plan schedule for your needs.**

Tryout Fee: \$75 (Due at tryouts, June 3rd)

This will be due at tryouts. Athlete will not be allowed to tryout without it. Fee includes tryout, Spirit Express t-shirt, and \$25 toward Choreography Fee.

Uniform: \$400 This cost includes the uniform and the required sports bra that must be worn under it. (New Members will need a uniform. We try to find used uniforms if possible, but can't not guarantee.) **(Due July 1)**

\$130 Make-Up, Squad Shirt, & Bow **(Due July 29)**

\$40 USASF Yearly Membership Dues **(Due Aug 12)**

Shoes: We will be ordering shoes at the end of June. Watch for more information on this! Prices vary but are normally \$100-\$125—Will be due before order is placed! **We will be doing custom shoes again this year (if you want to order them, cost is a little higher)**

Choreography & Music: \$350

(Due July 15) CHOREOGRAPHY IS REQUIRED BY EVERYONE!!! We are bringing in a very well known choreographer again this year. He has many World Titles and National Championship teams he has worked with. The dates and times have not been set yet for each team but all Youth and Above teams please **keep July 26-July 29 OPEN!!**

(\$25 of this was paid with your tryout fee)

Practice Clothes: This is mandatory this year. The cost will be \$60 **(Due June 24)**

Competition Fees: \$600 (Does not include End of Season event if we qualify!)
*****($\frac{1}{2}$ due Sept. 16 and $\frac{1}{2}$ due on Nov. 11)*****

Monthly Tuition for Summer Squad Prac: Varies By Month

(\$25 for June, \$45 for July, and \$75 for August)

Monthly Tuition: \$115 (Begins Sept. 8) - This includes team practice and one (1) tumbling class per week. Additional Teams/Classes: \$30 each added class/team