

CATCH THE SPIRIT!

2010 Cheerleading Frequently Asked Questions

CHAA Cheerleading is a recreational cheerleading league run by the CHAA Cheerleading board and the Gwinnett Football League (GFL) in affiliation with Gwinnett Parks and Recreation. All children from grades 1st-8th are eligible to cheer.

How do I register my child?

Walk up Registration - Begins, Saturday, March 27th from 10am to 2pm at Rock Springs Park Press Box

Online Registration - Begins, Saturday, March 27th at 10am and will continue until Friday, May 1st at midnight.

Directions for Online Registration: Go to www.chaasports.com. Click on the "Register Here" link on the left hand side of the website. Payment can be made by Visa, Mastercard or debit card only. You must have Internet Explorer 4.0 or Netscape Communicator 4.08 or newer. The site is not available on Apple McIntosh computers.

What are the age requirements?

Grades 1st - 8th. Your child must be registered for the 1st grade in the fall 2010 in order to be eligible to cheer.

What is the registration cost for my child?

The registration cost is \$135. This includes the camp t-shirt, camp shorts, sweatshirt, trophy, stunt clinic, camp fee, cheer off fee and our administration costs. There is also an additional mandatory \$35 raffle fundraiser due at registration. This \$35 can be recouped by selling the raffle tickets. The registration fee is not refundable. There is an additional fee of \$50 for out of county registrants.

What is the uniform cost?

This year is not a new uniform year. We will be wearing last year's uniform again this season. You will be able to purchase separate items at fittings if your child's uniform does not fit from last year. We will also have a used uniform sale on Friday April 30th for those interested in selling their last year's uniform please bring it by Rock Springs Park Press Box Wed. April 28th from 6:00-8:00pm. Please bring a self addressed envelope and

\$5.00(handling fee) there will be a form available with sizing information for you to fill out at drop off time. The Used Uniform Sale will take place Friday, April 30th 6:00pm at Rock Springs Park Press Box. The pricing will follow: Skirt \$25.00 Shell \$25.00 and White Liner: \$10.00. **We will only be accepting cash and checks for this used uniform sale!!** For those who would like to purchase a new uniform the cost is \$228.00(this includes: shell, skirt, liner, briefs, shoes and poms) You can pre-pay for this on-line with a credit card or purchase it with cash or check on the day of fittings. **We will not accept credit cards on the day of fittings.** All Cheerleaders will be required to purchase new shoes and pom poms this year the cost is \$65.00. You can pre-pay for this on-line or pay with cash or check on the day of fittings. We are no longer requiring the mandatory warm- up to be purchased with your uniform. If you have one from last year (2009) you are welcome to wear that, we will also have warm- ups to purchase at fittings, but it is not mandatory to purchase.

What if I cannot afford for my child to cheer?

There are limited scholarships available for those who are having difficulty obtaining the funds to cheer. We are encouraging families to find individual sponsors for your child from local businesses. We will gladly display that businesses name on our banner that hangs in the park as a thank you for their sponsorship.

Refer a Friend:

This year we encourage you to refer your friends to our program. We will be rewarding those who "Refer a Friend" to CHAA Cheerleading this year with \$10.00 off your registration for each NEW person recruited! (The recruit must not have cheered with CHAA for the last 2 years and they need to complete the "recruited by" section in the online registration in order for you to receive your refund). The person with the highest number of recruits will be refunded the *entire* registration fee!! WOW!! In the event of a tie we will draw for the winner.

What are fittings? Is it necessary to come if I already know my child's sizes?

Fittings are when we have all of our apparel reps. available to try on size runs for each piece of apparel that we will order for your child. ***It is absolutely necessary to be at fittings to ensure a proper fit.*** Our uniforms are custom made to your child's measurements. It is the parent's

responsibility to approve the recommended sizes. This is the only opportunity that we will have to have access to all of the size runs, so please make it a priority to attend. **Fittings will be held Saturday, May 1st** at North Metro First Baptist Church Gym. Your particular fitting time will be printed on your registration receipt.

Can my daughter cheer for her brother's football team?

This can only be accomplished if they are in the same grade. This is a GFL rule and strictly enforced. If you do have children in the same grade registered for both cheerleading and football, please let us know so that we may ensure that they are on the same team.

How long is the season?

The season will begin July 26th. The regular season runs through October. If the team that your child cheers for makes it to the playoffs, it can possibly run up until Nov. 14th.

What is cheerleading camp?

The CHHS cheerleaders coordinate and run a camp for our girls each year. This acts as their major fundraiser for the year. Camp is one full day at Collins Hill High School on Saturday, July 31st. Stay tuned for final information regarding camp.

Where do the games take place?

The games are spread out around the various Gwinnett County parks. Every attempt is made to evenly distribute the home/away games. The game schedule and directions to each park will be provided by your team manager. Transportation to each game is your responsibility.

How much do they practice?

Typically, teams practice 2-3 times a week, depending on the coach, with games on Saturdays. GFL rules limit 1st graders to only 2 practices a week, plus the games and all other grades are limited to 3 practices a week, plus games. There is to never be a Sunday practice.

Does my child have to try out for a team?

We do have assessments. However, every child is guaranteed a spot on a team. Assessments are an opportunity for the coaches to assess the skills of each cheerleader to fairly divide up the teams. Assessments are not mandatory, however, if your child is not assessed, their name will be blindly drawn from a hat and placed on a team. ***No exceptions! Assessments will be held July 22nd (3rd, 4th & 5th grades) & July 23rd (6th & 7th grades).*** There are no assessments for 1st, 2nd and 8th grades. There is no experience required to cheer on any recreational cheerleading squad.

Cheerleading is a great deal of fun both physically and socially for girls and boys of all ages. CHAA warmly invites you to join our Eagle family.