



BYF Cheerleading 2018

We look forward to another great year of Barberton Youth Cheerleading and are so happy your child is interested in joining this awesome organization! You may have heard there have been some changes made within the league, and we wanted all parents and cheerleaders to be aware of what they can expect for the 2018 season.

Registration is \$125 (plus a \$3 processing fee for registering online), and includes a personalized warm up and bow that you will be able to keep after the season is over! Other costs associated with cheer are as follows:

Boyshort Lollies (Black)- Chasse Boy-cut Brief Youth & Adult \$6.50

Midriff Top (White)- Chasse Cropped Body Suit Youth & Adult \$12.95

Optional Clear Raincoat- Chasse Clear Rain Jacket with hood \$7.95

These items can be ordered at www.omnicheer.com (need to be in by August 1st)

Champion Gusto All White Cheer Shoes from Payless \$19.99-\$29.99 (required for tryouts)

**If your child is a returning cheerleader, you have the option of using your items from the previous year, as long as they are in good, fitting condition. Shoes must be purchased new this year.

To kick off the season, we will hold a mandatory parents meeting to review all the new information. This meeting will be at **Decker Park Tuesday May 22nd at 6:30pm.**

Again this year we will be holding cheerleading tryouts for squad placement. Each girl will learn a cheer, chant, dance, and jumps and then will try out for judges who are not involved with the youth program. Each girl will still receive a special token for their participation in this! The schedule for clinics/tryouts is as follows:

Monday July 16th -Thursday July 19th 6-8PM @ Location TBD

Tryouts Saturday July 21st- 10AM @ Location TBD

*****Girls who wish to try out for competition team will also tryout and be placed this day
(PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL PERMISSION FORM)

Our football teams are members of the Buckeye League, which means the squads will be organized according to grade level. Here is what you can expect according to each level:

Flag/Spirit Squad-Open to all children ages PreK-1st grade. This level will teach the basics of cheerleading and focus on FUN! They will practice Wed evening at Decker park 6-7pm beginning July 25th 2018 (This level will not attend clinics or tryouts)

2nd grade- "D" Squad-This is the youngest level of cheer and we will focus on each child learning the basics of cheer by incorporating them into their cheers and dance. They will practice Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 pm at Decker Park beginning July 24th 2018. (All girls in 2nd grade will be placed on this squad after tryouts)

3rd/4th grade JV/Varsity-The "C" squad cheerleaders will be also focusing on nailing the basics of cheer while adding a little more complexity to their dances and cheers. We will be teaching basic stunting with this group. They will practice Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8pm at Decker Park beginning July 24th 2018 (Girls will be placed according to skill on JV/V)

5th/6th Grade JV/Varsity-The older cheerleaders will learn more complex cheers and dance and will practice to perfect their skills and get them ready for middle school. We will continue to teach stunting at this level. They will practice Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8pm at Decker Park beginning July 24th 2018 (Girls will be placed according to skill on JV/V)

Competition Squad-The competition squad will be separate from our football cheer. All registered BYF cheerleaders are eligible to try out, and will try out for squad placement and competition squad on the same day. We have included a permission form with your registration packet if your child wishes to try out for Competition Cheer. Competition squad will be an additional cost of \$150-\$175 which will not be due until after tryouts. This year our team hopes to go to 2-3 competitions and will practice Sept-November. Tumbling and mastered jumps are REQUIRED to be considered for the team. NOT all cheerleaders will be placed on a competition squad so please prepare your child to know that there is a chance they may not make it for the team, most of the girls who make this squad attend tumbling/gymnastics and have years of cheer experience.

We look forward to another great season and hope your child will have a great youth cheer experience! Please contact us if you have any questions or need clarification.

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