

# What is TTC's All-Star Cheerleading?

The sport of All-Star Cheerleading has grown immensely in the past 20 years. In the past, All-Star teams were typically made up of athletes who were only interested in finding a way to improve their skills so that they would have a better chance of making their high school or college cheer teams. However, as the sport developed and grew stronger, athletes began to recognize that All-Star Cheer provided a way to focus more on teamwork and athleticism and less on pom poms and decorating lockers, the sport began to separate itself from the traditional stereotypes. Cheerleading is no longer a popularity contest, it has become an extremely competitive sport.



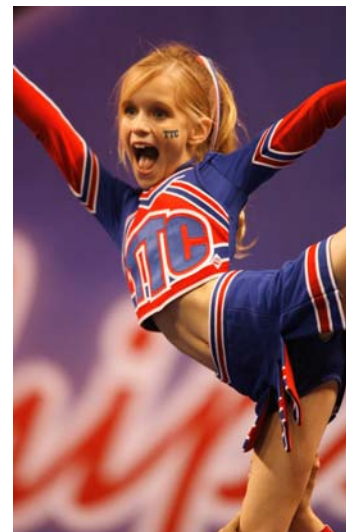
Teams and athletes now focus on gymnastics and acrobatic moves. TTC's teams will typically be comprised of 15-20 athletes with a variety of skills and abilities. The coaches create a competitive routine performed by the group that has elements of tumbling, stunting, jumping, dance, and other skills set to music. The routines are typically 2 ½ minutes in length. Our two teams are divided by age and ability level.

All-Star cheerleading is a great way for young athletes to learn new skills and develop an understanding of the importance of teamwork, goal-setting, and sportsmanship. They will also develop many valuable social skills while making lifelong friendships.

## Tryout Procedures

Please do not stress! Our tryouts are as relaxed as possible, and the vast majority of athletes will make a team.

1. Read through this packet carefully. All Star Cheerleading is a select sport and requires a large time and financial commitment. Please make sure you understand the commitment.
2. Fill out the Candidate Information Form and return it with a check made out to The Tumble Club (\$15 for returning cheerleaders, \$25 for new members) for your tryout fee.
3. All candidates must show a \$0 balance on their TTC account from previous commitments to be eligible to try-out for the 2008-2009 season.
3. Attend the try-out/clinic on **Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30-2:30 pm.
4. Check our website on May 26<sup>th</sup> to see if you made a team and to check your groups practice schedule.



5. Once you have been placed on a team you will have until June 7, 2008 to turn in your \$300 deposit. This money will go towards your entry fee's for the upcoming season (one team). If this deposit is not paid by the deadline your name will be taken from the roster.

\*\*\* If you are placed on a squad and at any point you choose to quit, any fees previously paid are non-refundable and the athlete will not be permitted to tryout for any TTC team the following season.

## Program Costs (Look What's New)

Competitive cheerleading, while not as costly as some youth activities, can still be an expensive sport. Entry fees for competitions alone are hundreds of dollars a year per athlete. Before you consider this or any other program, please carefully consider the financial commitment involved.

At TTC we are as up-front with our costs as possible. We offer three separate payment plans for you to choose from. The first plan will save you 10% off of your tuition by making one payment of the program fee plus your \$300 down payment for entry fees.

The second payment plan saves you 5% off of the tuition by making three equal installments in July, September, and November.

The final plan allows you to pay off the program fee over the entire 9 month period of August through April. Everyone who chooses the monthly plan must sign up for the automatic draft payment. This is a post-dated check program that will conveniently charge your bank account on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month without you having to write a check each and every month. You will know exactly how much will be charged, and when it will happen.

### Tuition Rates:

Jr. and Sr. Cheer Teams:  
\$140/month

Jr. and Sr. Dance Teams:  
\$90/month

Double Teamers (ex. One cheer team and one dance team):  
\$185/month



*These amounts do NOT include:*

- \* Clothing / uniform Costs (many athletes will be able to borrow a uniform from TTC depending on which team they are on)
- \* Travel expenses (most competitions are local and do not require an overnight stay)
- \* USASF Membership fee (\$25) Due in August
- \* Entry fees (this will have already been pre-paid within two weeks after tryouts)
- \* Choreography fees ( \$50) Due in August

TTC's program is a 12 month program that runs year round:

**August-April:** Team Practice

**May-July:** Only 1 tumble class per week required (you may take as many classes as you wish over the summer.) We will meet once a month in June and July as a team.

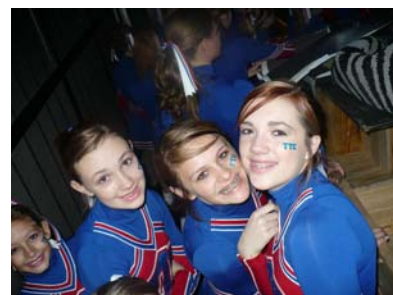
The tuition portion of your fees covers regular team practices, one tumbling class, and extra practices when needed. Tuition will not be prorated for holidays or weeks without all star practices.

If an athlete's account falls 30 days past due, the athlete will be removed from the competition routine and will not be allowed to participate in practices or any other TTC activities.

## Tentative Dates for Possible Competitions (We will pick 4-5 local competitions to attend)

November 9<sup>th</sup>: Cheer America, Denton  
December 7<sup>th</sup>: Pro Spirit, Dallas  
January 24<sup>th</sup>: Cheer America, Garland  
March 7<sup>th</sup>: COA, Arlington  
April 25<sup>th</sup>: Cheer Power, San Antonio

\*\*\* May- Honey Fest





## Tryout Information

We try to make the tryout process as low-stress as possible. During the tryout, the athletes will work side by side with other athletes who are interested in becoming a part of the TTC program. They will be given numerous chances to demonstrate the skills that they have already learned. We will go over tumbling, jumps, and motion technique. We want the athletes to be relaxed, so the entire process is much like a regular class or clinic as possible. There is a \$25 try-out fee for new candidates and a \$15 try-out fee for returning cheerleaders.

After the tryouts, the staff will meet extensively to assemble the rosters for the upcoming season. The staff will work together to come up with teams that each have the best possible chance of a successful competitive season. The new teams will begin practicing together once a month until school starts and attend a 4 day camp in August (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>) to prepare for the upcoming season.

## Squad Guidelines:

1. All squad members are required to take at least one tumbling class each week over the summer break (May, June, July). Once the season starts in August, each member is expected to remain in a tumble class while on the squad. The cost is included in the monthly tuition. If an athlete does not regularly attend their classes, they may be conditioned or taken out of the routine. Tumbling classes are a requirement!
2. Although we strive to keep practice times consistent, they may change over the course of the year. Times may also be temporarily adjusted due to extenuating circumstances. Extra practices will be added around competition times. Occasionally, a last minute practice will be called. Your schedule needs to be flexible!
3. The observation area will be open during the week for parents to watch their child practice. However, the viewing areas in the gym will be closed on the week-ends, so that the athletes can stay focused on their team. If information is given out during a week-end practice, we will send it home in letter form. Please read all paperwork carefully that is send home by your child's coach!

If the viewing areas become a negative environment at any time in the year, it will be closed. This includes parents talking negatively about the team, the coaches, other parents or other team members. We will also close the observation areas if parents are interrupting the practices by coming onto the floor or by pulling their kids out of the gym. We would like for you to continue being able to watch your children's week-day practices, but if this privilege becomes abused we will make all team practices private!

4. If an athlete quits a team in the middle of the year for reasons other than injury or relocation, they will not be allowed to try-out the following year and pre-paid payments will not be refunded. All resignations must be received in writing and a \$100 penalty fee will be charged to your account.

## **Attendance Policy:** (Look What's New)

All Star Cheerleading takes a full commitment from both the athlete and the family. Due to the size of the commitment, we do not suggest participating in many other activities that will conflict with practices or competitions. If an outside activity becomes a conflict, the athlete may have to choose between cheer or the other activity. The ability of all the athletes to attend all practices maximizes the individual's and the team's ability to reach their full potential. The team coach must excuse absences in advance. Each athlete will be allowed five excused absences and three unexcused absences in a given year. Any more than three unexcused absences will be cause for dismissal from the squad. Failure to give the coach 5 days advance notice for an excused absence will result in the absence being counted as unexcused. Athletes will be conditioned for any unexcused absence or coming in late to practice. Family travel during the summer or during a major holiday will be excused with advance notice. We understand that balancing school and all star cheer can be challenging. We ask that school cheerleaders work closely with their coach and their school sponsor to reduce the amount of conflicts.

### **Examples of Excused Absences**

Family Wedding, Birth, Death  
School cheerleading  
Graded School Events  
Illness with high fever or vomiting  
Family Vacation (with notice)

### **Examples of Unexcused Absences**

Absence without 5 days notice  
Family celebrations  
Birthdays  
Homework/Studying  
Minor injury or illness (we can still watch)  
Work

\*We must receive prior notice of ANY missing practice or scheduled event. "No shows" are unacceptable.



*To Perform Like A Champion, You Have To Practice Like A Champion!!!!*

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

Please fill out and return the following form with your \$25 or \$15 dollar tryout fee. You may leave it at the front desk or mail it to The Tumble Club, 2393 SW Wilshire Blvd., Burleson TX, 76028. If you have any questions, please call **817-426-5624**. Only complete packets will be accepted. Thanks!

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade \_\_\_ Grade for 08-09 School year: \_\_\_ Age on May 31, 2008: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Athlete's Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes about restricted practices: days, conflicts with events, etc...

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I have read the information packet and understand the while All Star Cheerleading is an exciting and rewarding activity, it also requires a large time and financial commitment. I have read and understand the guidelines regarding attendance and financial matters. I will fulfill these commitments throughout the 2008-2009 season. Knowing these policies, I give my child permission to try out for The Tumble Club's All Star Cheer Program.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Signature of Person Responsible for the Account:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

