

Bishop Watterson High School



CHEER TRYOUT PACKET

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT HEAD COACH
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Bishop Watterson High School
Cheerleading Tryout Information Packet

Tryout Clinic Date: June 3, 2024

10 am-12 pm at Americheer located at 20 Collegeview Road, Westerville

Team Placement Date: June 4, 2024 at Bishop Watterson Aux Gym

10:00-11:30 Tryouts begin for Varsity (**Juniors and Seniors only**)

11:45-12:45 Tryouts begin for JV (**Sophomores only**)

1:00-2:00 Tryouts begin for Freshman

****Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your tryout****

Location for Tryouts:

Americheer located at 20 Collegeview Road, Westerville

Bishop Watterson High School Auxiliary Gym

Attire:

White T-shirt (No V-necks), dark shorts, athletic shoes and hair pulled back off of the face. No jewelry of any kind! Nails must be active length with neutral nail polish.

Tryout Information

1. The Bishop Watterson cheerleading coaches will choose the squad members. We may ask for the assistance of independent judges. These judges will have at least one of the following qualifications: from a known cheerleading organization, coaches middle school, high school, or collegiate level athletes, or prior high school and/or college cheerleading experience.

2. The decisions of the coaches and judges are final. If you have questions concerning the procedures for tryouts and squad placements please make sure that you ask them **prior** to the date of **tryouts in June**.

3. Cheerleading tryouts are closed to the public. **Cheerleaders must be present for tryouts and evaluations.** There will be no make up tryouts.

4. Cheerleaders will need to practice and exhibit the same skills displayed at tryouts throughout the season either on the track and/or basketball court. If the cheerleader cannot practice and exhibit these skills, she may be ineligible to cheer. The cheerleader, depending on the circumstances, may be dismissed from the team.

5. All gymnastics skills must be performed unaided and without a spotter.

*** All skills must land in a safe and appropriate manner.

6. At the conclusion of tryouts, each cheerleader will be called by a BWHS cheer coach and will be told which squad(s) she has made.

7. Fittings for shoes, practice gear, new uniforms (when applicable), and warm-ups will take place **Wednesday, June 5** at Bishop Watterson. Please meet in Dominican Hall. Please come during your assigned time. You will not be fitted until your designated time slot, unless we are ahead of schedule. Please wait in the lobby until the squad before you has been fitted. We will call you in when it is your time.

Varsity fitting 11:30 am

Freshman and JV fitting 12 pm

Seasonal Information and Expectations

1. Cheerleaders are expected to attend and participate actively at all school practices and games through the conclusion of their season. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal from the team. Missing games and/or practice may result in a one game suspension. If the cheerleader misses more than one game and/or numerous practices the cheerleader may be dismissed from the team.

2. During the year, there are three practices per week, and one to three games (depending on the season).

3. **Fall cheerleaders** begin practice the first week in August. Fall cheerleaders will cheer until approx. November 1 for JV and Freshman. Varsity may cheer until the end of November.

Winter cheerleaders will cheer from November until approx. mid March for Varsity. JV and Freshman will cheer until approx. mid February.

4. In order to maintain eligibility, a cheerleader must have/ do the following:

- a. Have passing grades, failure of 2 or more classes will automatically result in ineligibility.
- b. Perform the same skills during practices and games as was performed at tryouts.

Note: If this is not attained, the cheerleader may be required to sit out, or may be asked to leave the team.

5. Cheerleaders will be expected to fully participate in each practice, game, activity, pep rally, etc. This includes wearing the correct practice gear, uniform to school, uniform to game, having poms, having rain gear, etc. Failure to do so may be the cause and/or the reason for the cheerleader to sit out of games, up to being dismissed from the team.

6. Being late to an event, game, or practice, without prior permission from the coaches, may result in not participating in an event up to being dismissed from the team. Please plan accordingly for away games (traffic during rush hour and/or weather causing delays). Excessive tardies to games may result in the cheerleader sitting out from the game.

7. Cheerleaders who do not meet the coaches' expectations for knowing and performing material will not cheer and may be dismissed from the team.

8. Summer lifting and conditioning will take place to help the girls with strength and flexibility to prepare for their season. Conditioning will continue during the season as well. Coach Mong, our weight trainer, will be working with the girls during these sessions. We believe working with Coach Mong will be extremely beneficial to the girls and the cheer program.

9. Competition Squad. Once team placements have been made, the coaches will determine the members of the competition squad based on the tryout. In order for the coaches to know of your interest, you will need to select the option on the team placement sheet that states you are interested in being considered for the competition team. Competition season will take place from Aug-March. Choreography for the competition squad will be **August 7 from 9 am-3 pm at Bishop Watterson**. There will be a fee to participate on the competition squad. This fee helps to cover choreography, entry fees, any props/flags/signs needed for new choreography, coaches fees, and any additional expenses that may come up. Athletics is also helping to cover gym rental, entry fees, and other expenses but may not cover total cost. More information to come once squad selection is finalized.

Cheerleading Price List

(Prices are estimates and subject to change)

Many items can be used for several years and need not be purchased each year. We have made an attempt to keep costs down after the first year by reusing practice wear and other items.

Yearly Expenses

BWHS Athletic fee	\$250
Summer camp	\$100
Competition	\$250 due August 1

One Time expenses (based upon normal wear and tear)

Shoes	\$95
**Warm up jacket/pants	\$150-200 (optional-to own)
Spanks (cardinal)	\$12-16 (depending on style choice)
**Sleeves	\$30-\$90 (optional to own)
**Bag	\$45 (optional to own)

** Items that can be borrowed for the season from the cheer program

Purchased by Cheerleading Funds

1 Bow for season (excludes competition bow)
Practice tank/shirt- each year
Poms- (excludes competition poms)
Rain gear- football cheerleaders only

Any lost items or damage to any equipment or attire must be replaced by the cheerleader during the season.

If you are selected to be a member of the squad and are in financial need, please contact Erin Gruver as soon as possible in order to make arrangements.

TEAM PLACEMENT REQUEST SHEET

Name _____ Grade **IN THE FALL** _____

Cheer Candidate Cell # _____

Parents email _____

Cheer Candidates I would be willing to cheer for:

This is a request sheet only. Please mark the squad(s) for which you prefer to cheer in order of preference, with 1 being your first choice. If there is a team you would not be willing to cheer for, leave it blank. There is no guarantee you will earn a place on the team you are requesting. Circle the level under the season you are trying out for in the space provided.

Football _____
Freshman JV Varsity

Basketball _____
Freshman JV Varsity

Information I would like the coaching staff to know about team placement/schedule/etc.

Read and MARK one of the following choices below:

I would like to be considered for both **FALL and WINTER** cheer teams

_____ YES

_____ NO

Read and MARK one of the following choices below:

I would like to be considered for the **Competition** cheer team

_____ YES

_____ NO

I have completely read the cheerleading information packet and understand the information contained within.

Cheer Candidate Signature and Date

Parent Signature and Date

****Print the Team Placement form, fill it out, sign it and bring it to the day of tryouts.****