

SJA Cheerleading Tryout Information Packet 2021-2022

IMPORTANT TRYOUT DATES

Date	
Friday, April 23	Completed tryout packet dueTryout fee due
Wednesday, April 28	- Pre-tryout clinic 4 – 6 p.m., Academy Student Center
Tuesday, May 4	- Tryout clinic 4 – 6 p.m., Academy Student Center
Wednesday, May 5	 Tryout clinic 4 – 6 p.m., Academy Student Center Parent meeting 6 p.m., Academy Student Center
Thursday, May 6	- Tryouts 4:30 – 7 p.m., Academy Student Center

IMPORTANT TEAM DATES

Date	
May 12	- Uniform fitting with Varsity at 4 p.m.
July 24 – 26	- Skills camp with Live Oak, location TBD (at SJA or LOHS)
August 21 – 22	- Choreography

Please complete and return this packet by Friday, April 23, to the SJA main office, or mail to Lauren Sommer, SJA Cheerleading Moderator, St. Joseph's Academy, 3015 Broussard Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Please direct questions to the SJA Cheerleading email address: cheer@sjabr.org

Attendance at the clinic, tryout, camp and choreography is mandatory.

REQUIREMENTS

- Cheerleaders are chosen based on spirit, motions, tumbling, jump execution, ability to cheer and dance and stunting ability and potential.
- Any tumbling that is performed during the tryout process must be maintained throughout the year.
- Toe touches are a requirement.

PARENT MEETING

A parent meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 5, at 6 p.m. in the Academy Student Center. We will discuss the tryout process and important information about the year, including dates and fees. At least one parent is required to attend.

TRYOUT FEE

There is a \$20 tryout fee to pay for the independent panel of judges.

- Current students will pay on Shop SJA.
- **Incoming students** will pay via check made payable to SJA and mailed to St. Joseph's Academy (attention Lauren Sommer) at 3015 Broussard Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Please note "Cheer" on the memo line of the check.

TRYOUT MATERIAL

Tryout material will be taught during clinics on May 4 and 5. Each girl is required to learn the material and perform them during tryouts in front of the judges on May 6.

- Tryout dance
- Cheer
- Three sidelines
 - o Only one of the three sidelines will be performed for the actual tryout, chosen by the judges.

Tryouts will also consist of stunting. This involves cheerleaders being in close contact with each other. Should your daughter be ill or present with COVID symptoms during tryouts, she will not be able to attend that day. Please contact Lauren Sommer should this happen. Temperatures will also be checked upon arrival each day.

DRESS CODE

Each girl will be required to wear a solid white fitted t-shirt or tank top with black shorts, white socks and cheer shoes. If you do not own cheerleading shoes, tennis shoes are fine. Please dress appropriately (no bare midriffs, etc.). Be presentable with neatly brushed hair, natural makeup, ponytail with ribbon and a smile! You may not wear any item of clothing that indicates prior membership on a cheerleading squad (except shoes). For example, shirts that say "St. Agnes Cheerleader" or anything with a competitive logo will not be allowed. Absolutely no jewelry.

Masks must be worn at all times during clinics and the tryout process. Cheerleaders will be able to remove their mask for the actual tryout in front of judges, as they will be adequately spaced.

Checklist of forms/items to be completed and returned by April 23

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SJA Cheer Information Form	Conflict Declaration
Tryout fee (\$20)	Time Commitment Signed
Rules and Regulations (initialed)	Cheerleading Skills Checklist
Signed Demerit Slip	Signed Parent/Cheerleader Consent Form
Signed Nationals Alternate Slip	Physical (up-to-date)

SJA Cheerleader Information Form Please PRINT on the lines below

Cheerleader's Name:	Grade (rising):
Cheerleader's Primary Address:	
Cheerleader's Phone Number (cell):	
Cheerleader's Date of Birth:	
Mother's Name:	Father's Name:
Mother's Cell:	Father's Cell:
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Mother's Email Address:	Father's Email Address:
Mother's Address:	Father's Address:

HEADSHOT

Please include a recent headshot/picture below. Please tape it so we can easily remove.

SJA Cheerleader Responsibilities

GRADES

o Cheerleaders must maintain a 2.0 or higher grade point average.

ATTENDANCE

- PRACTICE: Attendance at all practices is required. If you must miss a practice, the moderator and coach must receive either an email or text from both the cheerleader <u>and</u> a parent as soon as you know you will miss practice.
- SJA EVENTS: Cheerleaders will cheer at all designated SJA volleyball and basketball games or other events deemed necessary by the moderator and/or administration (i.e, pep rallies, incoming freshman events, community service events, etc). There are no "free passes" for games. You must find someone to sub for you in advance.
- o **CAMP**: Cheerleaders are required to attend skills camp at the end of July.
- o **COMPETITIONS**: Cheerleaders will compete in the regional cheer competition in November (Hammond), the Magnolia competition in December (Jackson, MS), the V!ROC showcase in January (LSU PMAC) and the national competition at Disney World in February.
- o **SHOWOFFS:** Cheerleaders will show off their Nationals routine at Live Oak Showoff at the end of January, and we will also host a showoff at SJA. **Other performances may be added to the calendar.**
- Note: You must provide your own transportation to and from practices and events. Please be aware
 of drop-off and pick-up times. SJA policy is that parents must drive cheerleaders to events outside
 of 25 miles from the school.

UNIFORMS

- COMPETITION UNIFORM: Cheerleaders will receive one uniform that has been purchased by the school. If lost or damaged, they are responsible for replacing/repairing. It should be clean for every game.
- o **GAMEDAY UNIFORM**: Cheerleaders will purchase a uniform that is to be worn for games (unless otherwise specified). It should be clean for every game.
- o **PRACTICE UNIFORM:** Cheerleaders will be notified by their captains each week regarding the practice uniforms needed for that week. If they are out of uniform, the whole team will condition.
- No jewelry is to be worn while in uniform. This is during practices, games and competition. Do not get a new piercing during cheer season, as it will need to be removed.

CONDUCT

- BE ON TIME: If you are late for practice or an event without an excuse, you will receive proper demerits, and you will have conditioning.
- o **BE RESPECTFUL**: Failure to show respect for your coaches, moderator or teammates will result in demerits. You must remember you are part of a team.

COMMUNICATION

- Email will be the primary form of communication for updates and information throughout the year from Mrs. Sommer.
- o There will be a team group text with the coach and moderators for quick reminders.
- We will use the BAND app for parents and cheerleaders to communicate and for the cheer calendar.
- We expect the cheerleaders to communicate directly with the coach and moderators. If a serious issue should arise, parents can contact Mrs. Sommer. However, we want to put the responsibility of communication regarding most things on the cheerleaders.

DEMERIT SYSTEM

If any of the above rules are broken, demerit penalties will be issued. The number of demerits will be determined by the severity of the infraction and will be issued by the moderator. Serious infractions or continuous violations may result in additional demerits, disciplinary probation or dismissal from squad. The moderator/coach will determine the length of any disciplinary probation.

*Cheerleaders will be expected to run five laps for each demerit given, but this does not clear the total demerits.

Examples:

Improper practice uniform = conditioning at the end of practice

Improper game/competition uniform = 2 demerits

Tardy to practice (>15 min. will result in 2 demerits) = conditioning after practice

Missing a practice (unexcused) = 3 demerits and 2 workouts with Coach Liz

Any practice missed without a doctor's note is unexcused.

Late payments = 1 demerit

Attitude with sponsors, coach, teachers or peers = 5 demerits

*Persistent attitude problems will result in dismissal from the squad.

Missing a game (unexcused) without a sub = 5 demerits + makeup game + additional game

*Note: If there are no additional games, cheerleader will not participate in pep rally.

Accumulation of 15 demerits = automatic probation. While on probation, you must attend all events in full uniform, but you will not perform. If you are on probation and do not attend an event, you will be dismissed from the squad.

Accumulation of 20 demerits or at the discretion of the moderator = dismissal from the squad. Parents will be contacted by email each time demerits are issued.

I have read and understand the demerit system set forth for SJA Cheerleading 2021-2022.

 (Student Signature)	
 (Parent Signature)	

NATIONALS ALTERNATES

It is often the case in all athletic events that team members are pulled out of the game/competition due to injuries, sickness or circumstances by which they are unable to properly execute skills necessary in competition. Like any other sport, it is important to have a team member on the bench ready to go in. This team member must have skills necessary to jump into the game/competition. The Nationals routine will be the most challenging, therefore we will have alternates for this routine who will be ready to step in as needed for competition.

The coach will evaluate cheerleaders as they train and practice throughout the season. Alternates will be determined prior to the first competition in November. Alternates will be required to be at all practices, participate in all other cheer events, learn the entire routine, buy all uniforms and be fully dressed at all competitions in the event that they need to be put in. Throughout the month of December, cheerleaders will be re-evaluated to determine who will compete on the mat at nationals. If a cheerleader is injured or not able to uphold the expectation of executing the skill necessary after the date of announcement, the coach has the discretion to make changes. Careful consideration will be taken when making decisions about alternates. All final decisions will be that of the coach.

COMPETITION DIVISIONS
The Competition Division we choose to compete in may or may not be the same as previous years. The division will be determined based on team size and skill level at competition time.
I have read and understand the possibility of Nationals alternates and the competition division statement set forth for SJA Cheerleading 2021-2022.
(Student Signature)
(Parent Signature)

SJA CHEERLEADING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read carefully to ensure that you fully understand the expectations of St. Joseph's Academy cheerleaders. Both the prospective cheerleader and her parent must read and initial each item.

ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
SAFETY is of the utmost importance. To provide the safest environment looking out for each other. While stunting, you should be focused and a your surroundings when stunting and tumbling. You must follow the coto follow the established safety guidelines will result in possible loss of community from the team (at the coach's discreti	serious. It is important to be aware of bach's instructions at all times. Failure heering time, suspensions or dismissal
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
All athletes are expected to comply with the rules set forth by St. Joseph the student code of conduct can be found in the student handbook, and located at www.lhsaa.org .	
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
If a cheerleader has more than 3 unexcused absences or tardies for prescribed from the team after the third infraction. Excused: class Unexcused: hair, makeup or tanning appointments, obligations with ahead!), last-minute trips, concerts,	s trips, makeup tests, sickness. friends, too much homework (plan
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
If the athlete is injured or sick and <i>not contagious</i> , she is required to	o attend practice but not participate.
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
Practices the week before a competition or pep rally are mandatory. Only will be excused. In the event of unexcused absences, the cheek	
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
Respect yourself, parents, teachers, administrators, coaches, team	
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
You <u>must</u> communicate with your coach/moderator. If you must miss p at least 24 hours in advance. If you are asked to pick something up, d reason, you are expected to do so.	rop something off or see her for any
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:

While participation in all-star competitive teams is allow cheer comes first. I promise to provide any additional che if conflicts arise, SJA cl	eer calendars to prevent conflicts but understand that
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
Profanity at school, during practices, games, events of Cheerleading. Remember you are an ambassador for or represents our school	ar school; please conduct yourself in a manner that
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
I understand that competing at high-level comp	petitions is an earned privilege, not a right.
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
I understand that holding the position of a cheerleade	er demands priority, commitment and dedication.
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
I understand that competing may require a	dditionally called mandatory practices.
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
No cheerleader is irreplaceable. The coach, moderators at a whole at a	
ATHLETE'S INITIALS:	PARENT'S INITIALS:
IF YOU INITIALED THE ABOVE STATEMENTS RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO	

(Student Signature)

(Parent Signature)

Annual Events

April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021
✓ Pre- tryout clinic	✓ Tryouts ✓ Practices leading to camp	✓ Practices leading to camp	✓ Practices leading to camp ✓ Skills Camp late July	✓ Practice resumes ✓ Choreography August 21-22	✓ Volleyball games ✓ St. Jude Fun Run

October 2021	November	December	January	February 2022	March 2022
✓ Volleyball games ✓ Volleyball PINK OUT Game ✓ 1 st Pep Rally ✓ Open House ✓ Sticker Stampede	✓ Volleyball State Playoffs in New Orleans ✓ Regional Competition	✓ Basketball season begins ✓ Basketball PINK OUT Game ✓ Magnolia Cheer Competition	✓ Basketball season continues ✓ Show-off ✓ V!ROC Showcase at LSU	✓ National Competition in Disney World	✓ Challenge Day Pep Rally

CONFLICT DECLARATION

Please list any conflicts you foresee below (mission trips, vacations, summer jobs, camp, etc.) that could interfere with any May, June or July practice, skills camp or choreography. List all that you are aware of. Last-minute, unplanned trips are not excused and will result in disciplinary action.

I have a conflict with		on	·
The moo	lerator will contact you if yo	u complete this line.	
Explanation/Comments about conflict:			

Financial Responsibilities

All prices are approximate and subject to change. Other fees may arise during the year (sweatshirts, t-shirts, Disney trip, posters, competition fees, etc.)

June 2021	July 2021	Sometime in the Fall	August 2021
✓ Uniform + Camp	✓ Skills camp fee,	✓ Choreography, \$150	✓ SJA Cheer
Wear: TBD but	TBD but	✓ Regional Competition Fee, \$40	Sweatshirt \$40
approximately	approximately	✓ Magnolia Competition Fee, \$40	✓ SJA Athletic Fee,
\$850-1000	\$325	✓ National Competition Fee,	\$50
		\$100 deposit	
Body-liner for red SJA		✓ V!ROC Showcase fee, \$TBD	
uniform, competition		✓ Flight, \$50 deposit	
uniform, 3 practice			
uniforms, shoes, cheer			
bookbag (girls			
previously on the team			
are not required to			
purchase this), cheer			
jacket, white bow, red			
bow, 3 poms (1 red, 1			
white, 1 pink)			

October 2021	November 2021	December 2021	January 2022	February 2022		
	✓ National Competition 1 st Balance	✓ National Competition, \$1,500 (including flight, hotel cost and competition fee)	✓ National's t-shirt: \$25	✓ NATIONALS ✓ End-of-year banquet, \$TBD		

^{*}Girls who were on the squad previously do not have to purchase items they received last year.

COACH PAYMENT

Coach payment for the 2021-2022 season will be per month for a total of seven months. Cost to be determined. It will be paid with your SJA fees at the beginning of the year. Official payment date to be determined.

I have read and understand the financial responsibilities set forth for SJA Cheerleading 2021-2022.

	(Student Signature)			
	(Parent Signature)			

TIME COMMITMENT

<u>Tentative schedule for summer and school year practices:</u>

May: Anticipate practices after school at SJA. The purpose of these practices will be to start looking at stunt groups, prepare for camp and get to know one another.

Summer: Anticipate practices throughout the summer. Practices will be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. Anticipate mandatory practices beginning in the month of July. Competition choreography will take place August 21-22.

School Year: We have a full set of hard mats, so we will be having practice at SJA after school 3-5 days a week. Additional practices will be added as necessary, especially during competition months. Days and times are yet to be determined.

I have read and understand the time commitment required for SJA Cheerleading 2021-2022.
(Student Signature)
(Parent Signature)

<u>Cheerleading Skills Checklist</u>

To be completed by the cheerleader. Please note that no skills listed below are required to try out.

Cheerleader's Name:
Previous SCHOOL Cheerleading Experience (# of years AND school name):
Previous COMPETITIVE Cheerleading Experience (# of years AND organization):
What other extra-curricular activities do you currently or are you planning to partake in?
In your opinion, what qualities does a good cheerleader possess?
Why do you feel you would be a good addition to the St. Joseph's Cheerleading Program?
Stunting position(s) you are trying out for (check all that apply):
Anything else you want us to know?

PARENT/CHEERLEADER CONSENT FORM

STUDENT SIGNATURE:	DATE:
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I am interested in being a cheerleader at St. Jos the rules and regulations set forth by the moder and understand all of the requirements and cos the tentative calendar and am aware of practice volleyball and basketball games that I am assign own transportation to all events for cheerleading	seph's Academy. If selected, I have read and agree to abide by rators and administration of St. Joseph's Academy. I have read its involved in becoming an SJA cheerleader. I have looked over a dates and competition dates. I also agree to attend all home ned to, along with any other team events, and will provide my ag. I promise to cooperate and follow the instructions of the co fellow teammates, the coach, the moderators and
PARENT SIGNATURE:	DATE:
No matter how careful the participant and coac used, the risk cannot be eliminated. I understar all claims against St. Joseph's Academy and its successors and assigns (collectively, "Releasees my child's participation in the cheerleading tryoteam, whether arising out of the negligence of S not to make or bring any such claim against St. and discharge St. Joseph's Academy and all oth absolve, exonerate, defend, indemnify and hold	hat cheerleading and gymnastics carry a risk of physical injury. In are, how many spotters are used or what landing surface is and these risks, and I hereby expressly waive and release any and officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, members, ") on account of illness or injury arising out of or attributable to out or as a member of the St. Joseph's Academy cheerleading St. Joseph's Academy or any Releasees or otherwise. I covenant Joseph's Academy or any other Releasees, and forever release er Releasees from liability under such claims. I hereby agree to harmless Releasees from liability for any harm or injury or any from my child's participation in the cheerleading tryout or as a ing team.
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I understand that there is uncertainty regarding mandatory events to the best of her ability. PA I	g future dates but agree that my daughter will attend all RENT'S INITIALS:
I understand that all forms attached must be co try out. PARENT'S INITIALS:	ompleted by Friday, April 23, or my child will not be allowed to
responsibilities of being a cheerleader. I unders	stand that displays of poor sportsmanship and disrespect er parents and other teams will not be tolerated. I also agree to
My daughter, the St. Joseph's Academy cheerleading squad. I	, has my permission to try out for a position on fully understand the nonrefundable financial obligation and

LHSAA MEDICAL HISTORY EVALUATION

IMPORTANT: This form must be completed <u>annually</u>, kept on file with the school, & is subject to inspection by the Rules Compliance Team.

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