

**March 6, 2017**

**Dear Parents and interested Cheerleaders:**

**Welcome!** It is our goal as coaches of Pine Richland Cheerleading that we provide a dynamic program where students may fulfill their individual potential as well as develop a core set of skills that enable them to work within a TEAM. We want these girls to strive for success while participating at a level that is commensurate with each athlete's maturity and ability. Under the qualified adult leadership, they will have proper preparation, in safe and healthy conditions, prior to participating in event. We will treat them with dignity and respect as we expect the same in return from the cheerleaders and their parents.

It is important as possible parents of a Pine-Richland cheerleader that you understand the expectations and the costs associated with the organization. This is a legacy program and has been carefully developed and reviewed by the Boosters, the Athletic Office, and the coaches. This is an overview of what it will mean to belong to the organization but is not all inclusive of all unforeseen circumstances such as moving on through playoffs in all sports and going further to Nationals in cheerleading.

Please keep this information handy as we move through the season.

Respectfully,

Coach Eged ; Coach Doyle ; Coaches Kamenicky ; Coach Drury, Coach Jones

**Tryouts:**

Tryouts will be held at the high school in the green gym during the week of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

3:00 – 5:00 Monday through Thursday to learn the information and 3:00 to completion on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a make up try out for cheerleaders who have School/Leadership conflict ONLY held Mid May, date to be determined

Teams will consist of:

**Varsity Recreational:**

**Consists of Seniors and Juniors**

Season includes Football/Basketball/Any sport who requests cheering

**Junior Varsity Recreational:**

**Sophomores and Freshman**

Season includes Football/Basketball/any sport who requests cheering

**Middle School:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Season includes Football/Basketball/any sport who requests cheering

**Competition Squad: Open to Freshman/Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors**

The highest scoring girls per position/ flyer/base/back spot and who are interested in being a member of the team. We are not sure yet of the size of the team/which division we will compete in. Making the team does not mean seeing mat. Alternates will be selected

**A Cheerleading Contract must be signed and returned during the first day of try outs.**

**Dress requirements for try outs for the ENTIRE WEEK will be white T SHIRT/BLACK SOFFEES OR LIKE/ HAIR PULLED INTO PONY TAIL/WHITE BOW/WHITE SOCKS/WHITE SHOES.**

**Attitude is of upmost importance. Having skills and not showing team spirit or not enthusiastically being part of the Pine-Richland Cheerleading organization WILL NOT BE TOLERATED THIS YEAR AND MOVING FORWARD. Attitude during tryouts will be observed and points will be given for those with a good attitude and positive behavior and points will be deducted for those who show negativity or no real interest in being a cheerleader.**

**Judging will be done by UCA judges and Head Coach.**

**PIAA Requirements:**

Please reference Pine Richland School District Policy on both attendance and academic requirements

**Pine Richland Cheer Requirements and Expectations:**

**Being selected to be on the Pine Richland Cheer Squad is an HONOR and should be respected as such. Bad mouthing the team OR your team mates or negative social media chatter WILL result in ONE warning. After the second infraction YOU WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE TEAM.**

**Attendance to all games and practices is MANDATORY. Excused absences are lifetime family events such as a wedding, death in the family/friend, illness with DOCTORS NOTE AT NEXT EVENT.**

**Non excused absences will result in:**

**First time: Sit on sidelines dressed with coach**

**Second time: Sit on sidelines dressed with coach and meeting with parents**

**Third time: Dismissed from team**

**Competition Team:**

**Minimum tumbling requirement standing back tuck and connected running tumbling pass**

**Varsity:**

**Standing back handspring is recommended/back tuck preferred**

**JV/Freshman/middle:**

**Working toward standing back handspring/back tuck**

**ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO TUMBLE ON MATS/ON TRACK AT FOOTBALL/ON COURT AT BASKETBALL/IF PARENT IS NOT OK WITH THIS EXPECTATION DO NOT TRYOUT**

**Cheerleader Responsibilities/Costs:**

The organization loans the girls the uniforms and pom poms. The expectation is they are returned to the organization in good condition. All other required gear is the responsibility of the cheerleader. This includes but is not limited to:

Bows

Practice T Shirts

Camp Gear

Soffees

Shoes

Team White Jackets

A deposit of \$200.00 is required before the end of the current school year so the boosters can purchase gear to be ready prior to Camp

Cheerleaders will wear specified uniforms/gear during school day prior to game

Uniforms need to be maintained/cleaned/pressed as you represent Pine-Richland

DISRESPECT will not be tolerated. Disrespect to squad, school, coach, self will be cause for dismissal

The school district's policy on drug, alcohol, tobacco and vaping will be strictly enforced

Tardiness to practice or games will result in sitting during that or the next game

**How much time does cheerleading take?**

**Varsity:**

Mandatory UCA camp starts August 14, 2017

The girls MUST be available all week

During the football season practice will be two days a week plus game day

During the basketball season practice will be one day a week plus two games

JV

Same schedule as varsity

Middle School

Mandatory UCA camp starts August 15, 2016

The girls MUST be available all week

Practice for all seasons will be one day a week plus game days

Competition Team:

You are part of the recreational squad and those obligations MUST be kept.

Practice for the competition team can be up to six days a week from September through Nationals which is in early February.

Practices are TYPICALLY scheduled at the high school HOWEVER if space is not available you will use an outside gym at an additional expense to the cheerleader

Additionally there will be many weekend competitions that will take you to other cities including Orlando which is where Nationals are held.

Additional gear is required as well.

An ESTIMATED COST of being on the completion squad including gym time/gear/traveling/competition costs/choreography/tumbling is approximately \$2,500.00 per year

**We hope that the 2017-2018 season is an enjoyable one form cheerleaders/parents/coaches and school.**

**Coach Egyed**