Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Chesapeake Bay Cheerleading 2012 Season!! The CB Piranhas are committed to offering quality recreational sport programs where all participants have the opportunity to have fun while learning and participating in sports. Outlined below is some important information and guidelines regarding our Cheer program.

The Chesapeake Bay Cheerleading Organization is a recreational league that was created to teach our children team cohesion and the basics of sideline and competitive cheerleading.

Find us on Facebook "Chesapeake Bay Piranhas Cheerleading" where we provide updates, reminders and announcements.

Squad Placement:

- Practice Schedule: Please let your coaches know days or times your child can not practice. We will try to honor these requests, but no guarantees are given.
- Unless otherwise requested, all immediate family members (siblings) will be placed on the same squad if age is within “one up”. The younger sibling will be placed on the older sibling’s squad.
- Participants will randomly be placed on squads based on age.
- Squads will be formed with equal number of participants. Please take this into consideration prior to making any requests.

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Requests can be made but there are no guarantees for squad placement; however, we will make every effort to honor your request.

Each participant will be able to request one other participant for inclusion on their squad. Requests will only be honored if both participants request each other. Participants will not be allowed to request a coach.

Coaches will only be able to request two players to play on their squad; relatives will be counted in these requests. If an assistant coach has a child registered in the program, this participant will be counted as the second request.

The squad names are assigned based on competition regulations. Squads have been aligned to coincide with official squad categories for ease of identification at competition events.

Coaches:
All coaches are volunteers and are not paid for their services. Coaches are required to attend a mandatory certification clinic provided by Anne Arundel County Parks and Recreation and have a background screen performed. Coaches are given materials and brief instruction concerning the expectations, duties and responsibilities associated with accepting a coach position. All coaches must attend an introductory coaches meeting or meet with recreation staff prior to the start of each season. We are always in need of coaches, so if you are interested please let us know.

Registration Information:
All players must be registered with Chesapeake Bay Piranhas Cheerleading prior to participating. Participants will be accepted until the registration deadline. Following the registration deadline all interested participants will be added to a waitlist and enrolled based on space availability. A photocopy of proof of age must be provided to your coach. Acceptable proof of age documents are birth certificate, state issued I.D., passport or Child Find Card.

Adult/Child Ratio:
At all times the Chesapeake Bay Piranhas Cheerleading requires that there are at least two adults present with a single player. As a parent we ask you to make sure you are prompt in picking your child up from practices and also that you make sure your coach always has another
parent present with a child who is waiting for a ride. Chesapeake Bay Piranhas reserves the right to turn any child left at program past one hour of scheduled end time over to the local Social Services Department.

Practice Location and Times:
All practices will be held at Batt’s Neck Park or local Queen Anne’s County facilities. Please respect these locations and their posted rules as we are very limited on space and fields and any losses would put the program at risk for limiting participation. Coaches will receive their practice schedule before the season begins and will notify you via email. Practices are scheduled for one hour twice each week for Tiny and Mini Squads. Pee Wee, Youth Squads will be one and a half hours twice each week. Additional practices may be held and length of practices may be changed if necessary. Please make sure your squad is giving the squads that practice before or after you their full time scheduled. Practices should consist of skills, drills, conditioning, cheers as well as choreography. Game locations will be posted on the game schedules that will be handed out by the coaches as soon as the schedule is posted by Anne Arundel County.

Weather Cancellations:
Queen Anne’s County has a website that indicates when fields are closed http://parksnrec.org/. If the site is not updated then no cancellations have been issued. It is up to the coaches to cancel practices due to inclement weather. Keep in mind that the most important factor is the safety of our participants. No practices are permitted when lightning is present.

Uniforms:
Uniforms will be issued at fittings. Uniform fittings are conducted before the season begins with a single FINAL fitting/issue conducted just after the season begins. Please keep in mind, there is a limited number of uniforms and there may be a need to order. Ordering additional uniforms takes up to eight weeks, therefore it is imperative that your child attend a scheduled issue as soon as possible. Dates and times will be provided on the Season Calendar.
Uniforms are assigned on a first come first served basis and a uniform agreement will be required upon issue. Uniforms must be returned at the end of the season in acceptable condition.

- A bow is included in the registration fee and is the participant’s to keep at the end of the season. Additional bows can be purchased; please contact your coach for more information.

- Hair is to be pulled back in a ponytail or braid off the face. A centered or off-centered ponytail is acceptable. For those cheerleaders who have shorter hair, a partial ponytail may be worn to allow for the Cheer Bow to be attached.

- Uniform accessories (long sleeve crop top, briefs, socks, converse cheer shoes) must be purchased by August 18, 2012.

- Practice wear and spirit wear will be available for sale throughout the season. Such items include t-shirts, shorts, sweatshirts, hats, etc. More to come on this! Stay tuned!

Awards:
Each cheerleader will be given a post season award; an awards ceremony date, time, and location will be announced toward the end of the season.

Player/Parent Conduct:
Please ensure you review the sportsmanship and attendance policy. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by any parents, coaches and cheerleaders. This includes inappropriate language and gestures! Please inform us of any issues regarding such behavior.

Squad Photos:
Picture dates will be established just after the season game schedule is determined. If you cannot attend your scheduled time please let your coach know. Photo information will be handed out by coaches. The photographers are an outside independent contracted service to CB Piranhas Cheer and are not in any way affiliated with the organization.

Parent Contact:
It is mandatory that coaches contact the parents of each player on his or her roster prior to the first practice. Please make sure your contact information is correct and up to date so coaches can pass on program information. Coaches require home, cell, and email addresses from all
responsible parents or guardians. The majority of contact will be handled via email therefore it is important that parents/guardians check emails on a daily basis.

Game Schedules:
Game schedules will be handed out to coaches prior to the first scheduled game. Changes may be made to these schedules for any unforeseen situations. Coaches will inform you of any updates via email. Updated schedules can be obtained from the CB Piranhas website at http://www.cb-piranhas.com/; go to Team Info>>Schedule>>select your Season, League, and Team from the drop downs.

Forms:
The following forms are due to your coach or a CB Cheer Director by August 12.

- Contact Info Form
- Photocopy of proof of age (if you did not participate last season)
- Competition Medical Waiver
- Model Release Form

Fun:
Remember this league is for FUN! If you as the coach/parent are having fun then the kids will be having fun as well! We encourage sideline participation! This not only helps team spirit but encourages your child to excel in cheerleading!

If you have any questions or concerns during the season and feel it is not a matter that your Coach can resolve, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. We can be reached at piranhascheer@gmail.com. You can also call Pacria Krampitz at 443-786-7096 or Sally Pfabe at 410-245-0998 or Terie Morris at 410-200-4458. Thank you for your participation.