

CHEER ELITE STORM



**2026-2027
INFORMATION PACKET**

OUR PROGRAM

Thank you so much for your interest in joining the CSE Family. As we enter our 25th season, we are looking forward to another exciting and successful year! It is our goal to train cheerleaders to compete at the highest possible competitive level according to the skill and ability of each squad. We hold our squads to a high standard as it relates to respect and integrity, especially in the areas of our dress, choreography, and attitude.

While providing quality instruction in a fun, safe environment, we believe children can and will thrive through positive reinforcement, encouragement, and praise. In this type of environment, we affirm their self-esteem as well as teach life lessons such as teamwork, commitment, goal setting, and respect for authority and for others. Our desire is for each child to feel a sense of success each and every time they enter and exit our doors. Leah's all-star cheer program began in 2001. In 2022, we began Cheer Storm Elite. Over the years we have trained hundreds of cheer athletes winning numerous state and national championship titles. Cheer Storm Elite has an incredible staff with years of experience and tons of enthusiasm. We have squads and programs for athletes of every age and experience level.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 501-776-3547. Good luck to each of you and we will see you at the tryout clinic!



PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

When: April 24th, 6pm

TEAM TRYOUTS

When: May 16th

Cost: \$45 (T-Shirt included)

****Returning Athletes: \$15 for
T-Shirt Cost**

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

Our All-Star Program is our highest level of financial commitment. We realize it is a large financial obligation for your family. Cheer Storm Elite is committed to keeping it as simple and organized as possible in an effort to increase the value of your experience and to lessen the burden on your family. We will offer various fundraising endeavors throughout the year to help offset the costs of our program.

The cost of all-star cheerleading includes but is not limited to: tuition, competition registration, coaches fees, music, choreography, two sets of practice wear, and a competition uniform.

Estimated Attire Cost

	Uniform	Shoes	Practice Wear	Warm Up Jacket	Backpack
Male Athletes	\$450	\$125-\$150	\$150	\$130	\$130
Female Athletes	\$450	\$125-\$150	\$150	\$130	\$130

Tuition and Practice Breakdown

	Tuition (Per Month)	Length of Practice	Practices Per Week	Is tumble class included?	Competition Fees	EOS Event Fees
Novice	\$125	1-1.5 hours	1	Yes	\$1000-1300	\$100-150
Prep	\$155	1-1.5 hours	2	Yes	\$1500-1800	\$200-250

****Please note that these are all estimates based on previous years and are subject to change**

COST INFORMATION

Additional Costs

- **Travel Expenses**
- **Parent Spectator & Parking Costs at Competitions**
- **Any Bid/End of Year Events**

Withdrawal Fee

If your athlete decides to withdraw for any reason, the withdrawal fee will be as follows:

- **Before July 10th - \$250**
- **After July 10th - \$500**

Discounts

- **All-Star athletes receive 50% off of tuition for any additional classes taken.**
- **If your athlete's sibling joins a team, they will receive 10% off of their monthly tuition.**

Competition Fees

The cost of choreography and music is included in competition fees. These fees also include athlete entry fees and coaches fees for competitions.

End of The Year or Bid Events

All teams will attend an end of the year event. The event each team attends depends on the bids they are awarded throughout the season. The event attended is at the coaches discretion. If a team is awarded a bid, they have to attend the event chosen. Please keep in mind that these events will introduce an EXTRA cost and are MANDATORY. In the event an athlete fails to attend the end of season event, they will be charged the quit fee.

NOTE: This event cost is not factored in your scheduled competition fee plan.

2026 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Due Date	Payment Due
May 25th	Tuition
June 15th	First Competition Fees \$200 choreography
June 25th	Tuition
July 15th	First Half of Uniform/Practice Wear
July 25th	Tuition
August 15th	Second Half of Uniform/Practice Wear
August 25th	Tuition
September 15th	Competition Fees
September 25th	Tuition & Annual Registration fee
October 15th	Competition Fees
October 25th	Tuition
November 15th	Competition Fees

2027 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Due Date	Payment Due
November 25th	Tuition
December 15th	Competition Fees
December 25th	Tuition
January 15th	Competition Fees
January 25th	Tuition
February 15th	Competition Fees
February 25th	Tuition
March 15th (Tentative)	End Of Season/Bid Event Balance
March 25th	Tuition
April 25th	Tuition



POLICIES

Attendance Policy

All-star cheerleading is a team oriented sport. In order to be successful, it is important that every athlete attends all practices. Missing just one athlete can severely hinder the effectiveness of practice for the entire team. Once placed on a Cheer Storm Elite team, it is the parent and athlete's responsibility to attend ALL practices. Any cheerleader not at practice the full week before any performance or competition may be removed from that event. The ability of all athletes to attend all practices maximizes the team's ability to reach its full potential. It is very important for athletes to be fully committed to their teams. We understand extenuating circumstances and those will be handled on a case-by-case policy.

Athletes must notify coaches of a missed practice before the practice begins. Coaches will keep track of approved and unapproved absences. Cheer Storm Elite reserves the right to remove anyone from a team if they are habitually absent.

Examples of excused absences include: contagious illness, school function that affects grade, family emergency, vacation during summer. Examples of unexcused absences include: part time jobs, birthdays, school dance, traffic, too much homework, feeling tired, don't have a ride, etc.

Vacations

In the summer, each athlete is allowed up to 5 excused absences between June 1st and July 30th. We try to balance the importance of family time and the needs of the team. Advanced notice of all summer absences will be required. Summer is a great time for growth. In order to maintain their skills, we recommend that an athlete does not miss more than 2 consecutive weeks of practice. If possible, take advantage of the All Star summer break from July 2nd to July 8th.

POLICIES CONTINUED

PRACTICE WEAR

EACH ATHLETE IS EXPECTED TO WEAR THE CORRECT PRACTICE OUTFIT TO EACH PRACTICE. THE CORRECT CHEER SHOES MUST BE WORN TO EVERY PRACTICE, HAIR MUST BE PULLED BACK IN A TIGHT HIGH PONYTAIL, AND NO JEWELRY OF ANY KIND. IF YOU LOSE AN ARTICLE OF PRACTICE WEAR, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A NEW ONE.

MAINTAINING SKILLS

ATHLETES ARE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN THE SKILLS THEY PRESENTED AT TRYOUTS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN THE ATHLETE BEING MADE AN ALTERNATE OR MOVED TO A LOWER LEVEL TEAM. ONCE MADE AN ALTERNATE, ATHLETES ARE NOT GUARANTEED THEIR SPOT BACK DUE TO CHOREOGRAPHY CHANGES, ETC. THIS INCLUDES STUNTING, TUMBLING, AND JUMPING.



HOW WILL TEAMS BE DECIDED?

TEAMS WILL BE MADE BY AGE, SKILL LEVEL, AND STUNTING POSITION. IN ORDER TO MAKE A LEVEL ABOVE 1, AN ATHLETE MUST BE ABLE TO PERFORM ALL OF THE SKILLS, BOTH TUMBLING AND STUNTING, REQUIRED. AGE GROUPS (TINY, MINI, YOUTH, JUNIOR, OR SENIOR) AND PERFORMANCE LEVEL (NOVICE OR PREP) WILL BE AT THE COACHES DISCRETION.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AGE GROUPS WHEN IT COMES TO LEVEL. A TINY LEVEL 1 IS THE SAME AS A MINI, YOUTH, JUNIOR, OR SENIOR LEVEL 1. AS A GENERAL RULE, IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ATHLETE AND TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE YOUNGEST AGE GROUPING THEY CAN.

AT TRYOUTS, ATHLETES WILL BE JUDGED ON THE EXECUTION OF SKILLS. JUST BECAUSE A PASS IS THROWN, DOESN'T MEAN IT IS READY TO BE COMPETED. ATHLETES WILL NEED TO HAVE EXECUTED ALL SKILLS IN THE BOXES BELOW TO A SET STANDARD AS WELL AS THE SKILLS IN THE PREVIOUS LEVEL IN ORDER TO BE PLACED ON A HIGHER LEVEL TEAM. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT BY THE TIME CHOREOGRAPHY COMES, WE HAVE THE TUMBLING NUMBERS NEEDED TO GET THE MAX SCORE.

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
STANDING	<p>FORWARD ROLL, STRADDLE ROLL, BACKWARD ROLL, HANDSTAND, CARTWHEEL, ROUND OFF, BACK WALKOVER, BACK WALKOVER SWITCH LEG, FRONT WALKOVER, VALDEZ</p>	<p>BACK WALKOVER BHS, HANDSTAND BHS, VALDEZ BHS, BHS STEP OUT BACK WALKOVER BHS, BHS BHS STEP OUT</p>	<p>BHS SERIES, TOE TOUCH BHS, BACK WALKOVER BHS SERIES</p>	<p>TUCK, BHS SERIES TUCK, BHS TUCK, BACK WALKOVER BACK TUCK</p>
RUNNING	<p>COMBINATION OF 3: CARTWHEEL, ROUND OFF, FRONT WALKOVER, CARTWHEEL, BACK WALKOVER</p>	<p>CARTWHEEL BHS, ROUND OFF BHS SERIES, FRONT WALKOVER ROUND OFF BHS, FRONT HANDSPRING/ BOUNDER/ FLYSPRING ROUND OFF BHS, ROUND OFF BHS REBOUND ROUND OFF BHS</p>	<p>ROUND OFF BHS TUCK, ROUND OFF TUCK, PUNCH FRONT ROUND OFF TUCK, FRONT HANDSPRING/ BOUNDER/ FLYSPRING ROUND OFF BHS TUCK, ARIEL ROUND OFF BHS TUCK</p>	<p>CARTWHEEL TUCK, ROUND OFF BHS LAYOUT, ROUND OFF LAYOUT, ROUND OFF BHS WHIP TUCK, PUNCH FRONT STEP OUT ROUND OFF BHS LAYOUT</p>

ALTHOUGH THERE IS A SET LIST OF SKILLS NEEDS, STUNTING ABILITY AND POSITION WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF AN ATHLETE DIDN'T HAVE THE TUCK THEY NEEDED TO MAKE A LEVEL 3 TEAM BUT THE TEAM NEEDED THEM AS A BASE, THEY MIGHT BE PLACED ON THE UPPER LEVEL TEAM AS PRIMARILY A STUNTER.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Should My Athlete Wear To Placements?

Athletes should wear black athletic shorts or leggings, a black t-shirt or tank top, and tennis or cheer shoes. For girls, hair should be pulled up and out of their face, and a sports bra must be worn under their shirt.

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our program director at 501-326-1318 or email her at bailey.cheerstormelite@gmail.com.

What is a bid event/end of season event? How do I know which one we will attend?

Bid events are special invitation competitions. These invitations are awarded at competitions throughout the season. Towards the middle of competition season, the coaches will determine which event they feel each team would be the most successful at. End of season events don't require bids. These types of events will be geared more towards our prep and novice teams as the majority of bid events are elite only. These events will be mandatory and will present an extra cost.

Will there be fundraising opportunities?

Yes! We actually encourage it! Fundraising is an excellent way to help combat the cost of all-star cheerleading.

What should I do if I'm unhappy with my team placement?

First, we always suggest everyone give themselves a 24-hour cool down period before making rash decisions. Once you and athletes have had a chance to think it over, we suggest contacting one of the coaches to set up a meeting. Many times, athletes are excited for their teams after they hear why we think that team would be a perfect fit!