



3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade 2011 Spirit Information Sheet

The Union Youth Football Association Spirit Program is a fun and positive learning experience for all young students interested in learning the fundamentals of cheer, dance, pom, team work and school spirit.

ENROLLMENT

To be eligible for enrollment in the spirit program, the student must attend Union Public Schools or live in the Union District. The girls in 3rd grade will have one option of cheer. Those girls entering 4th and 5th grade can choose either **cheer or pom**. Enrollment is offered on-line at www.uyfa.org/cheer beginning March 15, 2011.

UNIFORM FITTING

Uniform and camp fitting will be held **Saturday, May 7th from 8am-1pm and Saturday, May 21st from 8am-1pm** at Midwest Sporting Goods. A final fitting will be held at Midwest Sporting Goods on June 2nd from 3:00-6:00pm. The last day to order uniforms is June 10th. Midwest is located at 51st and Mingo.

PRACTICES

There will be one practice each week. The practice time, location, and day of the week will be determined by the squad sponsor. The practice can be up to 2 hours. Your parent sponsor will contact you with this information. Practices will begin the week of August 1, 2011.

SPONSOR

Each squad must have a parent sponsor. The responsibility of the parent sponsor is to attend all practices and games with their squad. The sponsor is to be the form of communication between UYFA, parents, and coaches. Anyone interested in being a parent sponsor, must fill out a sponsor application and sign an agreement form. UYFA will consider all applications.

Each sponsor and co-sponsor must take the NYSCA certification course at their own cost. All NYSCA certifications will need to be on file with the UYFA Spirit Director.

UNIFORM PICK-UP

The UYFA Spirit Director will distribute the uniforms to each cheer squad. Your cheer sponsor will inform you of pick-up time and date.

UNIFORMS

There will be a new uniform for those girls in 3rd -5th grade. The girls will need to purchase a new shell top, shirt, and midriff. Only those girls enrolled in Pom will need to purchase the new metallic silver poms. The cheer squads will no longer use poms. All other spirit accessories will remain the same. Uniforms cannot be worn to school on Fridays. Girls should wear their spirit shirts provided to them at camp to school on Fridays. If they choose, they may wear their shell top with their warm up pants on Friday.

PLACEMENT PROCESS

UYFA will attempt to place students on a squad according to schools. UYFA understands at this young age, students are more comfortable with other students they know. Not all Union Public Schools have equal amount of student's in the cheer program. Some squads will have a combination of schools. You will be advised of placement before summer camp.

SUMMER CAMP

Each student will need to attend camp August 1,2, and 3rd. Camp starts on Monday and ends on Wednesday. Camp will be held at the I-High gyms. During camp the girls who are registered for cheer will learn chants, cheers, and a dance to be used during the season. Those girls who registered for pom will learn pop outs, band chants, and a half time routine to be used during the season. See flyer for more information.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

The parent sponsor will designate a specific time and place to drop off and pick up girls for practice and games. Girls need to arrive 30 minutes prior to each game. Parents who fail to pick up their child on time will be required to attend all events and will not be permitted to leave the child at an event without at least one parent present.

GAMES

Each spirit squad will cheer during the entire football season including playoff games. All regular season games are on Saturdays. There will be a few out of town games. Parents will be required to pay admission to get into the games. Admission fees are necessary for upkeep of the football fields, equipment and activities.

All squads are required to attend all regular season and all playoff games. All squad cheer rain or shine! The parent sponsor will make the decision concerning severe weather conditions. Squads should always show good sportsmanship and respect toward other squads and teams.

GAME RULES

- Only stud earrings, No hoop earrings or necklaces. No piercings during games.
- Hair bow must be worn during games. It is part of the uniform.
- Must wear no show socks and white tennis shoes.
- No food, gum or candy during games.
(Parents cannot hand food down to their daughter on the sidelines)
- No fake fingernails.
- No nail polish.
- Must treat others with respect.
- No cell phone use during the game.

COMMUNICATION

Any communication should be directed to the squad sponsor, not the coach. The sponsor will contact the appropriate age representative and if needed the age representative will contact the Spirit Director. If you have any concerns that you feel cannot be handled by speaking directly to the squad sponsor, you may contact the Spirit Director, Rhonda Jarnagin by email at uyfa_spirit@hotmail.com or a 249-8058/606-7108.

PLEASE AVOID ADDRESSING ANY CONCERNS TO THE TEENAGE COACHES. All parent communication should be through the squad sponsor.

The UYFA Spirit Program wants this to be a wonderful experience for your child and will strive to be fair and non-judgmental when making decisions.

REGISTRATION & UNIFORM COSTS

All registration must be completed online. You may access the online registration through the UYFA website at www.uyfa.org.

Registration:

3rd Grade-7th Grade \$120.00

Camp:

\$50.00: Price includes camp shirt, shorts, spirit jersey, and camp fees.

(Girls will need to be sized for camp wear during uniform fitting dates.)

Late Fee:

A \$25.00 late fee will apply for registration after May 21st

Uniform Pricing Grade 3-5

Shell Top & Skirt \$85.00

Boy Cut Brief \$8.00

Black Midriff \$15.50

Dom Doms* \$19.00

***Only for those girls enrolled in Dom.**

Hair Bow To Be Determined by Sponsor

Jacket Youth \$36.00 (add name \$5.00)

Adult \$38.00 (add name \$5.00)

Jazz Pant \$24.00

No Show Socks (6 pack) \$15.00

Nike Shoe Youth \$33.00 (2 shoe styles to choose from)

Adult \$45.00

Infinity Shoe \$69.00 (2 shoe styles to choose from)

Bag \$20.00 (add name \$5.00)

FREE BAG if each item is purchased.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Rhonda Jarnagin 249-8058 or 606-7108.

Many of your questions can also be answered by visiting our website at

www.uyfa.org