



## **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 2011 Spirit Information Sheet**

The Union Youth Football Association Spirit Program is a fun and positive learning experience for all students interested in learning the fundamentals of cheer, dance, or pom, team work and school spirit. In addition, it is the intent of the UYFA Spirit program to prepare students so they may be successful in the Union Varsity Spirit programs.

**Cheer** (feeds into the Union Cheer program 8<sup>th</sup> grade thru Varsity)— the Union Youth Cheer Squad cheers on the sidelines at the Youth football games. All squads will perform at football games and may attend competitions.

**Pom** (feeds into the Union Pom program 8<sup>th</sup> thru Varsity)—the Union Youth Pom Squad dances on the sidelines at the Youth football games. All squads will perform at football games and may attend competitions. The Pom squad may perform a variety of pom or hip-hop routines.

**Dance** (feeds into the Union Dance program 8<sup>th</sup> grade thru Highsteppers) – the Union Youth Dance Team dances at half-time of the Youth football games. All squads will perform at football games and may attend competitions. The Dance team may perform a variety of jazz, kick, lyrical, novelty, and modern routines.

### **ENROLLMENT**

To be eligible for enrollment in the spirit program, the student must attend Union Public Schools or live in the Union District. Enrollment is offered on-line at [www.uyfa.org/cheer](http://www.uyfa.org/cheer) beginning in March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **UNIFORM FITTING**

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

### **PRACTICES**

There will be one, two hour practice each week. Practices will be held at the 6/7 Grade Center on Thursdays. Sixth grade will practice from 3:15 to 5:15. Seventh grade students will practice from 5:15 to 7:15. Practices can begin August 1, 2011.

## **COMPETITIONS**

Those girls in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will have the opportunity to participate in a competition this year. Participation is optional and additional fees are required. There will be a one competition squad for cheer, dance, and pom in each grade. The competition squads practices on Monday for dance, Tuesdays for pom, and Thursday practices for cheer and will begin in September. Competition practices are mandatory. More information on the competition cost and dates will be coming soon.

## **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**

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.

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls registered in cheer and pom will have a new midriff which matches the shell top. This is the only change to the current uniform. There is no uniform changes to the dance uniform.

## **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. See flyer for more information.

## **DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES**

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.

## **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.

## **GAMES**

Each spirit squad will participate 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 squads perform 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.

## **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](mailto: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 AND UNIFORM COSTS**

All registration must be completed online. You may access the online registration through the UYFA website at [www.uyfa.org](http://www.uyfa.org).

Registration:

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-7<sup>th</sup> Grade \$120.00

Camp:

\$50.00: Price includes shirt, shorts, and 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 6 and 7**

#### **Cheer and Pom**

<b>Shell Top</b>	<b>Youth Size</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
	<b>Adult Size</b>	<b>\$69.00</b>
<b>Skirt</b>	<b>Youth Size</b>	<b>\$57.00</b>
	<b>Adult Size</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Boy Cut Brief (Red)</b>		<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Custom Midriff</b>		<b>\$56.00</b>
<b>Metalic Silver Pom Poms (pom only)</b>		<b>\$29.00</b>
<b>Hair Bow</b>		<b>To be determined by sponsor</b>
<b>Jacket</b>	<b>Youth Size</b>	<b>\$36.00 (add name \$5.00)</b>
	<b>Adult Size</b>	<b>\$38.00 (add name \$5.00)</b>
<b>Jazz Pant</b>		<b>\$24.00</b>
<b>Nike Shoe</b>	<b>Youth Size</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>
	<b>Adult Size</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Infinity Shoe</b>		<b>\$69.00</b>
<b>No Show Socks (6 pack)</b>		<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Bag</b>		<b>\$20.00 (add name \$5.00)</b>

**FREE BAG if each item is purchased**

## **Uniform Pricing Grade 6 and 7**

### **Dance**

<b>Dance Cap Sleeve Tee Red/Blk</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Dance Skirt with Attached Brief</b>	<b>\$24.50</b>
<b>Jazz Pant</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>
<b>Jacket Youth Size</b>	<b>\$36.00 (add name \$5.00)</b>
<b>Adult Size</b>	<b>\$38.00 (add name \$5.00)</b>
<b>Hair Bow</b>	<b>To be determined by sponsor</b>
<b>Dance Shoe</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>
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### **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](http://www.uyfa.org)