



## 2009-2010 Beckendorff Jr. High Cheer and Mascot Game, Discipline and Demerit Information

The purpose of junior high cheerleading is to promote school spirit in a positive and fun atmosphere. Junior high cheerleading is not about competition, stunting, or tumbling. As many of you know, cheerleading can be very dangerous if the proper safety procedures are not followed. As the BDJH Cheer Coach, safety is my first priority. Please keep in mind that every rule, decision, procedure, and placement on the squad is based on keeping your child safe. The following explains the expectations, rules and procedures associated with cheerleading and mascots. Please make sure to read the Katy ISD 2009-2010 Cheerleader Guidelines for Junior High School.

### Time Commitments:

In order to be a cheerleader or mascot, you must be willing to make the time commitment. Practice and games often conflict with competitive cheer and dance. School cheer will need to come first. You may have to miss dance or competitive cheer to attend games or practices. Some girls may want to participate in school sports, and we will make every effort to allow the girls to do both. Cheerleaders and mascots will practice during advisory. Additional after school practices will be held once or twice a week depending on the need. During the month of May, all cheerleaders may have after school practices to help the new cheerleaders become familiar with practice procedures and cheers.

The fall is the busiest season for cheerleading. We will cheer one game a week for football. In the spring, we will cheer only home basketball games. Cheerleaders/mascots will receive a schedule. If a game is rescheduled due to rain or any other reason, cheerleaders will be notified, and a decision on whether we will cheer the game will be made by the cheer coach. All changes in the schedule will be posted on the cheer website. <http://kisdwebs.katyisd.org/campuses/BDJH/studentzone/Pages/Cheerleading.aspx> Cheerleaders/mascots will be expected to attend if the decision to cheer is made. At any time the schedule may be altered if determined necessary by the cheer coach. Cheerleaders and mascots will need to make arrangements to change their schedules if this happens and will be expected to attend the game or practice.

The number of pep rallies the school will have is determined by the principal. Cheerleaders and mascots will be required to cheer at the pep rallies scheduled.

## Games:

- Parents will need to drop off cheerleaders/mascot on time at the designated location.
- Cheerleader/mascot should be in full uniform (uniform top, skirt/pants, bodysuit, socks, bloomers, bow, poms, and megaphone)
- Parents should pick up cheerleader/mascot at designated time.
- A note is required if the cheerleader/mascot is planning on riding with another student or staying at the game. (see below)

## Student permission slip:

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to ride home with \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

or

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to stay at the game on \_\_\_\_\_ unsupervised by the cheer coach.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Monetary Commitments:

Please write one check for cheer/mascot expenses to BDJH. The cost for **NEW cheerleaders and mascots** will be **\$650**. Your package includes cheer/mascot game uniform (top, skirt/pants, bodysuit, and bloomers), bow, shoes, cheer bag, camp clothes (3 complete outfits), cheer warm up suit, poms, and a megaphone. **Returning cheerleader and mascot** costs will be **\$605** because you already have a megaphone and a bag. The mascot game uniform will be the cheer top and coordinating shorts. The mascot cost also includes a costume cleaning fee. The \$650/\$605 includes camp cost and other miscellaneous cheerleading/mascot expenses.

## **BDJH CHEERLEADER/MASCOT DEMERIT INFORMATION**

1. Failure to return forms in on time 1
2. Unexcused tardy from to practice, meetings, advisory (1-15 minutes late) 1
3. Improper dress at practice or game (complete uniform, hair up, poms, and megaphone) 1
4. Leaving practice or game early without prior approval by cheer coach (one day notice) 1
5. Misbehavior during games, practice, or advisory 1
6. Unexcused absence from any cheerleader event (more than 15 minutes late = absent) 3
7. Violating probation (pages 11-13 of the KISD Cheerleader Guidelines) 4

**Being unkind, disrespectful, talking about another cheerleader/mascot or causing problems on the squad in any way is grounds for a suspension or an automatic dismissal from the squad. Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis with the cheer coach and principal.**

\_\_\_\_\_ received \_\_\_\_\_ demerit(s) for the violation that is circled above.

Cheer Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheerleader/Mascot Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This sheet must be signed and returned to the cheer coach.

### **Demerit Consequences:**

On the **5<sup>th</sup> demerit** cheerleader/mascot will sit out 1 game or performance.

On the **10<sup>th</sup> demerit** cheerleader/mascot will sit out 2 games or performances.

On the **15<sup>th</sup> demerit** parents will be notified and a meeting will be set up with the principal and the cheer coach to discuss possible dismissal from the squad.

- Cheerleaders and mascots are required to attend all games/performances when on probation and sit with the cheer coach.
- Cheerleaders and mascots are not allowed to wear any cheerleading attire while on probation.

## **Camp Practice:** July 23, 24 and 27: from 9 am - 4 pm at BDJH

- Please wear shorts, t-shirts, tennis shoes, & hair up. We will paint signs; wear appropriate attire.
- Cheer positions, cheer lines, and stunt groups assigned and determined based on UCA guidelines to ensure safety.
- The cheer coach will make all final decisions on cheer formation based on height and safety guidelines; therefore, please do not request to be moved or placed in a particular stunt group.
- The cheerleaders/mascots will get to know each other and build team spirit.
- Cheerleaders/mascots are NOT allowed to practice as a squad or as a stunt group without the cheer coach present.

## **Summer Camp:**

Cheerleaders and mascots must attend the mandatory Katy ISD Junior High Camp on July 28-30, 2009, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Merrell Center.

- Parents will need to drop off the girls in the front of the Merrell Center at 8:30 am and be picked up by 5:15 pm.
- Cheerleaders/Mascots will need to bring a sack lunch and snack every day. On Thursday, they may bring an extra sack lunch or a large snack to eat before the showcase.
- Parents are not allowed to drop off food or visit camp at any time during the day.

During camp, cheerleaders learn proper cheer form, crowd involvement, jumps, and safe stunting techniques. Mascots will learn skit and character development. Camp provides the opportunity for the squad to bond and to develop relationships in a safe and fun atmosphere.

## **Camp Showcase:**

- Parents are invited to attend the camp showcase on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Parents will be allowed into the Merrell Center at 5:30. Parents should sit in the area reserved for Beckendorff Jr. It will be designated with a sign. Our squad will face this area when we perform. Please wear orange and green to support our squad!
- Cheerleaders and mascots will stay, eat dinner/snack, and change into their uniform for the showcase.
- They will need to bring their entire uniform (top, shirt, socks, bodysuit, bloomers, and poms) to camp at 8:30 am on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Demerits will be given if a cheerleader/mascot has to call home for any part of her uniform.

\*See the camp brochure for more information.

## Optional Merchandise:

- Yard signs- You may purchase a yard sign with your cheerleader or mascot's name on it. Please sign the yard sign sheet if you would like to purchase one.
- Water bottles- You may purchase a water bottle with your cheerleader's name on it. Please sign the water bottle sheet if you would like to purchase one.
- Megaphone personalization- You may personalize your megaphone. Please sign the megaphone page if you would like your megaphone painted.
- Car decals- You may purchase a car decal from Brammer's Athletic Wearhouse at 5017 E. Fifth St. in old Katy.

## Uniform Fitting Meeting:

Where: Beckendorff Jr. High in the LGI

When: Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

The **8<sup>th</sup> grade meeting** will be at **6:00 pm** and the **7<sup>th</sup> grade meeting** will be at **6:30 pm**. One parent will need to attend the meeting to help fit the camp clothes, uniforms and shoes.

- We will have a representative from *Varsity Cheer Wear* and from *Impress Me!* to fit the cheerleaders for uniforms, camp wear and shoes.
- Girls should wear a bathing suit under their clothes and wear short white socks.

**Please do not bring small children or siblings.** We only need one parent and the cheerleader/mascot to attend each meeting.

Please email or call me if you have any questions.

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