

WHAT TO EXPECT

I am so excited to welcome all the NEW and RETURNING cheerleaders to Monroe Youth Football Cheer during the 2018-19 season. We are feeder program to the Monroe High School cheerleading program and will be offering the opportunity to cheer for MYFA football and possibly perform at halftime for a MHS game.

A. Purpose:

The primary purpose of the cheerleader is to be a member of the squad, a team, which has as its goal the support of athletics. This support is expressed in three different ways:

1. To lead the cheers to raise the level of fan support for athletics and projecting that support;
2. To participate in the athletic activity known as cheerleading by performing gymnastics, motions, dance movements; to perfect this athletic activity for keeping the crowd's attention/direction focused on the field/gym floor where the activity is taking place, and for entertainment and competitive purposes; and
3. To serve as public relations ambassadors of athletics; to uphold, reflect and project the goals and ideals of the team; to appear at activities, functions and programs.

B. Squads Picks:

All squads are formed by the MYFA Vice President of Cheer to generate the best overall working atmosphere. Many factors are considered when doing this. The respect of the squad placement is crucial for squad morale.

Best efforts to keep football and cheer siblings together when assigning squads will be made.

This system is designed to encourage teamwork, confidence and pride; we will welcome all who wish to participate. As our numbers grow so will our individual squads, however we will all still be one organization and act accordingly.

C. Sportsmanship:

Please conduct yourself in a respectful manner at all games and events as you represent MYFA. You should be on your best behavior. We have a zero-tolerance policy for any poor sportsmanship, disrespect or bullying to other cheerleaders, sports players, other team members, parents/guardians, or event staff. This includes: name-calling, slurs, harassment, teasing, derogatory remarks, rumors, and racism whether verbal or nonverbal assaults, threatening tones, gestures, or reducing a person's sense of safety are not tolerated.

D. Travel Expectations & Attendance:

1. All squad members must make best efforts to attend all practices.
2. Football Jamboree is a required event.
3. Monroe Evergreen Parade is an optional event, but encouraged.
4. Attendance will be required at home games and away games. Carpools can be arranged for parents who cannot attend.
5. Please arrive at games/events 30 minutes prior to start.

6. You are allowed to miss 2 games per sports season with notice to your coach.
7. Please wear full cheerleader uniform at all games and events. During warmer days only the top shell will be worn, on colder days the under armor and/or jacket will be worn. This decision is up to the coach. Please bring all pieces of your uniform to each game so we look professional.

E. Uniform:

Each squad member is responsible for purchasing all of the clothing, uniforms, equipment required to be a member of the squad. Care must be taken to insure such clothing, uniforms, and equipment is in a clean and presentable condition. Each squad member shall safeguard her clothing, uniforms, equipment, etc., and therefore be personally liable for its replacement for loss or damage. Uniform and member's fees are non-refundable. If you leave the team or are removed from the team your fees will be added to the team's general fund.

F. Dismissal:

Any squad member displaying inappropriate, lewd, disruptive or abusive behavior will be considered for dismissal from the team.

G. Practice Schedule:

1. **Please note that cheerleaders will be measured for their uniforms in July. Watch your emails for time and place.**
2. Cheer Camp will be from July 30th - August 3rd. (*pending change*)
3. Practice times will be every Tuesday & Thursday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. *Pending football practice announcement. Subject to change.*
4. Practice times will change to Thursdays ONLY from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the month of October – November. *Pending football practice announcement. Subject to change.*
5. Cheerleaders will practice outside at same location with football players until the weather changes, then we will move to the gym.
6. Football Jamboree is August 18-19, 2018.
7. MYFA Cheer anticipates they will participate in the Monroe Fair Days Parade on August 25, 2018. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Cheerleaders will need to attend their regular games following the parade.

****Cheer coaches are needed. Please contact Jen if you are willing to volunteer as a dedicated cheer coach for your daughter's squad. Coaches will be expected to attend each practice, learn the cheers and attend each game. You will be responsible for leadership of your squad.**

Please keep in mind... while we like to have everyone at practice and games we also understand that people have very busy lives. You can drop-off and pick-up your daughter for practices. We are a "no drama" group and believe we have a fantastic group of parents and girls.

We are looking forward to a GREAT year and are excited to get started. #WeAreMtown

For other information about cheer, please contact Jen Bassetti at vpcheer@monroeyouthfootball.com