

# SCS CHEER

Southwest Christian School  
Cheer Team Tryout Packet  
2017-2018

Dear Parents,

We are so excited that your daughter has shown an interest in joining the Southwest Christian School Cheer Team. Being a cheerleader at SCS is an honor and a privilege that will take a great deal of time and commitment.

The expectations of a Cheerleader are very high because members are seen as leaders throughout Southwest Christian School. Included in your pack is a copy of the SCS Cheer Team Constitution. Please take the time to read this document as it is important that you understand all the expectations of the organization before you allow your daughter to tryout. You and your daughter will be expected to agree to follow the constitution before she will be allowed to tryout for the team.

In this packet, you will find tryout information, a calendar listing the important and mandatory dates for the spring and summer, a list of the financial obligations for the school year, and a year-at-a-glance calendar, along with all the important paperwork that will need to be turned in prior to tryouts. As you will notice, there is a mandatory parent and potential member meeting on February 27, 2017. At this meeting we will explain the information in this packet further, as well as answer any questions that you may have about the Cheer program. Please know that we are here to help you and your daughter in any way that we can.

Again, we are very excited that your daughter has shown an interest in becoming a member of the SCS Cheer Team and look forward to meeting you and your daughter. We wish you the best of luck!

Sincerely,

Taylor Anderson, SCS Cheer Coach  
Heather Rodgers, SCS Spirit Coordinator

# SCS Cheerleading Tryout Information Packet

## **General Information**

1. Becoming a member of the Cheer Team is a full year commitment. Please take a look at the Year-at-a-Glance calendar provided to get an idea of how full your year will be with this commitment. If your child cannot commit a full year please reconsider this decision. If you have questions about this please contact me through my email.
2. A price list of items each cheerleader will need is included in the packet. Returning cheerleaders do have some of these items which is noted for you. We will talk about uniforms and pricing more at the meeting. Fittings and ordering of items will take place on Monday, March 27. Fittings will take place during lunches for all teams. **Please note** that once items are ordered you will be financially responsible for these items whether or not your daughter remains on the team. Orders will be finalized on **Monday, April 6 which will be the deadline to make any adjustments or drops from the orders.**
3. At the time of fittings, \$600 of the balance of your order will be due. The balance will be due our first day of camp in May. You will NOT be billed via RenWeb per Athletic policy.
4. Full participation and attendance for Cheer camp is required of ALL members. Full participation and attendance for choreography days for Black Squad are mandatory as well. A tentative calendar will be provided at the parent meeting. We will also have TAPPS dates and workdays that will be required during the summer as well.
5. Members are required to have a completed physical exam (form supplied at a later date). Physicals must be on file with the athletic office before being allowed to participate in any squad practices (this includes summer camp). If your daughter is a returning cheerleader, Mrs. Rodgers will let you know the date your previous physical expires. Furthermore all cheerleaders will be required to complete the required testing for athletes which includes a concussion baseline test. You will receive information from the athletic office in the summer with details.
6. All members must be enrolled in the Cheer team class.
7. Please be sure to read the SCS Cheer Team Constitution prior to the Parent and Candidate meeting to be sure you understand all that will be expected from your daughter.
8. Contact information for Coach Anderson and Coach Rodgers
9. Email: [taylor.anderson@southwestchristian.org](mailto:taylor.anderson@southwestchristian.org)  
[hrodgers@southwestchristian.org](mailto:hrodgers@southwestchristian.org)

## **Eligibility for Membership**

1. The tryout clinic will be **Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm.** Q and A session with Coach Taylor at 6:00-6:15 at the end of each clinic as well. We will meet in the prep campus gym. Clinic days and tryouts are closed to all spectators all week, please inform all family members of this policy.
2. During the three clinic days, each candidate will learn one cheer, one dance, and one sideline. They will perform each along with jumps, standing tumbling, and running tumbling for the judges.
3. The day of evaluations each candidate will receive a number they will wear during the evaluation process.
4. Dress for clinic days: solid shorts (any color), cheer shoes or tennis shoes, t-shirt. Midriiffs, spandex, and sports bras are not allowed. Hair should be pulled up away from the face, all jewelry must be removed, and no gum or candy will be allowed.
5. It is highly encouraged that all candidates attend cheer clinic each day to get all the material required for the evaluation. The Evaluation Day is mandatory and required for all candidates looking to join the SCS Cheer Squad.
6. Candidates need to sign-up through the cheer website for evaluations.

7. The eligibility for cheer squad candidates is as follows and pertains to ALL candidates:
  - a. Attendance to a parent orientation meeting on **Monday, February 27, 2017** at 6pm in the Library.
  - b. All Current SCS Students must be registered to attend SCS for the upcoming school year by the time uniforms are ordered, March 27, 2017.
  - c. Students new to SCS must be accepted and registered as a student at SCS by May 26, 2017 to be accepted into the cheer program and have paid their cheer expenses in full.
  - d. Citizenship grades will be checked as stated in the SCS Cheer Constitution
  - e. Copy of report card must be turned by required date

### **Evaluation Information**

1. Evaluations will be held **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30pm** approximately. Please DO NOT leave until Coach Anderson has officially ended tryouts and dismissed everyone.
2. Candidates will be evaluated by 2 qualified judges and Coach Anderson. Seniors from the previous cheer year will also be in the gym to help with tryout.
3. Dress for Tryouts: solid black shorts, plain white t-shirt, cheer shoes, white socks, hair in a clean ponytail out of their face, and tryout number. A bow may be worn. No jewelry, no nail polish.

### **Evaluation Procedures/Squad Placement**

The purpose of cheer evaluation is for the coach(es) and candidate to evaluate her ability. Having an evaluation process helps push the girls to challenge themselves all year, setting goals and achieving them. All candidate must go through the evaluation process regardless of their desire to be on the Black squad or not.

1. There will not a set number of girls for the Blue & White Squads
2. There will be a set number of girls for the Black squad TBA by the coach.
3. Qualifications for Cheer Team membership will be based on grades, citizenship, and past service to the organization.
4. Each candidate will be evaluated by the coach throughout the week of tryouts.
5. Cheerleaders will perform the sideline and dance in groups of 3-5 candidates.
6. Cheerleaders will perform the cheer, jumps, running tumbling, and standing tumbling alone.
7. An evaluation rubric will be available at the parent meeting.



## SCS Cheer Team Year-at-a-glance

### March

Fitting during lunches

### April

Baseball/Softball game

### May

Summer Camp

### June

Jr Eagle Camp @ SCS elem campus

### Late July/August

Work Week to prep for football season

First Football games

Black Squad Choreography

### September

Home/Away Varsity Games

Home JV games

Select Volleyball games

Pep Rallies

Black Squad Practices

### October

Home/Away Varsity Games

Home JV games

Select Volleyball games

Pep Rallies

Black Squad Practices

### November

Home/Away Varsity Games

Home JV games

Select Volleyball games

Pep Rallies

Black Squad Mandatory Practices

Playoffs (if football goes to playoffs)

### December

Black Squad Mandatory Practices

Home Basketball games

TAPPS State Competition

Team Christmas Party

### January/February

Home Basketball games

Select Spring Sports games

### March

Playoffs/State for Basketball

Team Tryouts

\*\*\* this is a tentative schedule and could change at any time. There is always potential for volunteer opportunities. Often times these extras will offer community service hours.

**2017-2018**  
**Cheerleading Expense Plan**

*Supply Fee.....	\$80
to include all spirit gifts to be given to all other sports throughout the year	
*Camp.....	\$350
*Practice Gear .....	\$145
1-t-shirt, 2 tanks, 2 pairs of shorts, and 1 pair of leggings (also go with Uniform)	
*Uniform.....	\$190
New Uniform with Briefs, sleeves, skirt & shell	
*Warm-up Jacket and Pants .....	\$135
Accessories.....	
*2 bows \$35	
*Cheer Backpack \$100 (optional for returners)	
Briefs Black \$18 (if anyone wants to order extras)	
*Spirit T-shirts (Pink Out)	\$20
*Shipping and Tax Estimation.....	\$60
*TAPPS Fees (Hotel, Music, & Choreography ).....	\$200

Cheerleaders must also have an all -white cheer shoe of their choosing. You will be responsible for getting this shoe on your own. Coach Anderson will be available to help direct you should you need help.

TOTAL IF ORDERING EVERYTHING: \$1315

TOTAL IF ORDERING ONLY REQUIRED ITEMS: \$1215

NOTE: All items are required for new cheerleaders. Returning cheerleaders have a few items they will not need to order.

\*Required items for all 2017-18 cheerleaders