



## 2023 TYF CHEER Important Dates & Program Information

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Registration** – May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>

**Uniform Fittings** – **VERY IMPORTANT:** If you cannot attend the scheduled fitting listed below, please contact Jessica (205-664-6840) immediately to set up a fitting session prior to June 26.

**Location:** Buck Creek Park – upstairs in the Field House

**Dates/Times:**

- **June 26** (Mon.) at 6:00 PM – **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade**
- **June 26** (Mon.) at 7:30 PM – **6<sup>th</sup> grade**
- **June 27** (Tues.) at 6:00 PM – **3<sup>rd</sup> grade**
- **June 27** (Tues.) at 7:30 PM – **5<sup>th</sup> grade**
- **June 29** (Thur.) at 6:00 PM – **4<sup>th</sup> grade**
- We ask that each child wear a swimsuit to make sizing easier.
- It is very important that each child attend to assure the correct sizes are ordered.
- It is extremely important to get the uniforms ordered in a timely manner to assure delivery of them before the first game.

### **Cheer Clinic (Mandatory)**

**Purpose:** To learn the basic dance and cheers they will perform throughout the season.

**Date:** July 31<sup>st</sup> thru August 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mon. thru Thurs.)

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 PM

**Location:** Thompson High School gym

- Your child will need to attend every night.
- The Thompson High School Cheerleaders teach our girls cheers, chants, half-time dance, and jumps.
- It is a fun but busy week that will conclude on Thursday, **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at 7:30pm when the girls will have a “Show off” night so parents can see what they have accomplished.
- All girls must be signed in/out each day to ensure a secure environment for each of them.
- It is recommended that you arrive earlier than 6:00 PM so the sign-in process can be completed thereby allowing Camp to start on time.

### **Practices**

- Practices will begin on or around **July 31<sup>st</sup>** (Mon.).

### **Games**

- Games will begin on **August 28<sup>th</sup>** (Mon.) and end in **November**.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Jessica Butler**, Athletic Manager
- **Phone:** 205-664-6840
- **Email:** [jbutler@cityofalabaster.com](mailto:jbutler@cityofalabaster.com)
- **Website:** [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org)

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

- **On-Line Registration** at [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org)
  - Begins: May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM
  - Ends: May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 PM
- **Registration at the Alabaster Parks and Recreation office** located at 200 Depot Street
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 26<sup>th</sup> ... Weekdays only from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Fee – \$225.00** for 1<sup>st</sup> child

- **Multi child discount:** 10% after oldest child pays in full.
- **Non-resident fee:** Additional 10% per child.
- **Service fee:** There will be a **3.5%** service fee assessed by Municipal Pay Services, AL for all debit/credit card transactions. The City of Alabaster receives no additional revenue from this fee.
- **Fee includes** shell, skirt, bloomers, long sleeved shirt, hair bow, shoes, pom-poms, backpack, and admittance into High School Cheer Clinic.
- **Additional Fees:** There may be additional fees for Spirit Packs depending on your child's squad. The fees may not exceed \$50.

Registration forms will not be accepted or processed without payment. For special arrangements, contact Parks & Recreation. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for every child to participate.

## Payments

- **Visa, Master Card, Discover, and Cash** are Accepted.
- **NO Checks** Accepted!
- **Cash Payments** – Please bring the exact amount owed as change will not be provided by our office.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Our goal is to develop recreational cheerleading squads that teach our children basic cheerleading skills and responsibility.

## Participants

This program is available to girls in **1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades** (2023/2024 school year).

**Requirement – Kindergarteners** MUST turn 6 prior to Aug. 2, 2023!

- NO 5-year-olds allowed! Absolutely NO exceptions!
- 6-year-old Kindergarteners will be cheering with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.
- Please call our office and ask for Jessica as On-Line Registration is not an option for Kindergarteners.

## Birth Certificates

**REQUIRED: ALL Cheerleaders** are required to have a copy of their Birth Certificate on file with the Parks & Recreation Dept. If you have not submitted one in the past, you can do so by uploading to your online account, emailing to [malawley@cityofalabaster.com](mailto:malawley@cityofalabaster.com), or delivering in person to our office.

## Squads

Squads are divided by grade to coincide with the appropriate Football team. The school grade for Fall 2023 will be used to assign girls to the squads. No exceptions can be made to assign Cheerleaders to a different grade squad.

If there are two Football teams per age group, the Cheer squads will also be divided so there is a squad for each team. To determine the squads, we will divide the total number in half. Coaches will have the opportunity to split the squads. However, if they cannot reach a mutual agreement, squads will be divided according to the order in which each girl registered.

## Practices

- Squads will usually practice two days per week (Monday thru Sunday) with a one hour minimum.

## Games

- Each squad will normally cheer at **one game** per week.
- Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights.
- There will be no Saturday games.
- There will be four home games at Larry Simmons Stadium and four away games with the possibility of making the playoffs and eventually playing in the championship game in November.