



GREENBRIAR/VALLEY FORGE
7th & 8th GRADE
CHEERLEADING TRYOUT
INFORMATION PACKET
2022-2023

Dear Parents,

Greenbriar Middle School is excited and pleased that your student has expressed an interest in our cheerleading program. Being a cheerleader offers many opportunities to excel as an athlete, to enhance leadership and team building skills, and to channel enthusiasm in a constructive and beneficial manner.

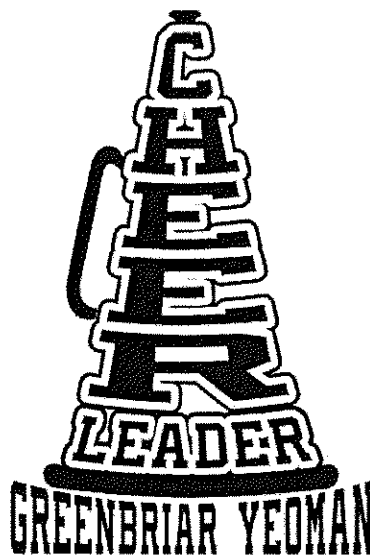
A cheerleader has many responsibilities and many of those will affect you as a parent. Before signing the enclosed documents giving your child permission to tryout for our squad, please carefully review ALL of the information with your child.

The Consent and Application for Cheerleading Tryout Forms must be signed and returned to the cheer coach on the first clinic day on Monday, May 23, 2022 (*do not turn these into the school ahead of time*). Your child will not be permitted to tryout if these documents have not been returned.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Greenbrier Middle School for 7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge Cheer program. I am excited to meet all of you!

Cheerfully yours,

Coach Hudson



TRYOUT INFORMATION

- ❖ All candidates will attend two clinic nights. The material taught will include a sideline cheer, a 1 minute dance routine, basic tumbling & jumps.
 - **Clinic Day 1**
 - Monday, May 23rd, 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm.
 - **Clinic Day 2**
 - Tuesday, May 24th, 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm.
 - **Tryout Day**
 - Thursday, May 26th, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
- ❖ The sideline cheer and dance will be original material that none of the students will have access to before the clinic nights. We want all of the candidates to have the same opportunity to learn!
- ❖ Previous cheer experience for incoming 8th graders at GMS will not guarantee a spot on next year's squad. The judges are not aware of previous cheer experience and will be judging skills alone, therefore making it fair for each candidate.
- ❖ Each candidate must submit 1 Teacher evaluation. Please note, a very low teacher evaluation score may disqualify a candidate from making the squad regardless of her tryout score. Please give **one** teacher evaluation form to a teacher. **Evaluations are to be emailed to Hudsona@parmacityschools.org by May 20, 2022 from the teacher.** Please get them to your teacher right away so they have time to get them turned in.
- ❖ All clinic and tryout sessions are closed to the public. Only candidates, judges and coaches are allowed in the tryout area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Report to the Greenbriar Middle School Gymnasium.

DAY 1 CLINIC: Monday, May 23, 2022 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

DAY 2 CLINIC: Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 3:15 pm. – 5:00 pm

TRYOUT: Thursday, May 26, 2022 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

**All athletes will receive a letter at the end of tryouts stating whether they made the squad or not.*

- Both forms (Parent Consent and Application Form) are due when you check in on Day 1 of clinics in order to participate in tryouts.
- Any tumbling must be done without a spotter.
- On tryout day, please wear a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, and tennis shoes/cheer shoes of your choice and hair off face with a bow.
- No jewelry of any kind and you must bring water.

CHEERLEADING DEMERIT SYSTEM 2022-2023

Points or demerits will be used as a disciplinary tool. When a cheerleader receives a demerit, he or she will be given a demerit sheet. It needs to be signed by the parent and cheerleader and returned at the next game/practice. Girls will not be permitted to practice unless it is signed. If you miss a game/practice for this reason, another demerit will be given.



5 Demerits = Benched until Coach Determination

9 Demerits = Dismissal from team.

2-point violations can be characterized as, but not limited to:

- a) Missed practice, game, or event with no notice (plus benched)
- b) Missed practice, game, or event with less than 24-hour notice (unexcused)
- c) Inappropriate actions while in uniform
- d) PDA in Uniform (major)
- e) Leaving without coach permission

1-point violations can be characterized as, but not limited to:

- a) Poor attitude (after initial warning)
- b) Conflict with Coach, Teammate, or Staff Member (major conflicts will be immediate dismissal)

.5-point violations can be characterized as, but not limited to:

- a) Missed practice, game, or event with more than 24-hour notice (excused)
- b) Missing attire (shoes, poms, bow, uniform)
- c) Inappropriate social media content
- d) Lack of teamwork/sportsmanship
- e) Unauthorized use of electronic devices
- f) Any referral
- g) PDA in Uniform (minor to include hug & hand holding)

IF A CHEERLEADER IS SUSPENDED FOR ANY REASON, FOR ANY AMOUNT OF TIME, THEY WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE TEAM UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY ADMINISTRATION. A MEETING WITH COACH, PARENT, ATHLETE AND ADMINISTRATION MUST BE HELD BEFORE THE CHEERLEADER WILL BE PERMITTED TO RETURN.

EXCUSED ABSENCES will be given for the following:

- I. Illness where the cheerleader is running a fever or under doctors' orders to not participate. (If you are not in school the day of a practice or game, you do not participate in the practice or game.)
- II. Death in the family/ family funerals
- III. School sponsored trips or activities that the student will receive a grade for. These must be communicated to the coach in advance and approved.
- IV. Family vacations

PARENT CONSENT FORM FOR CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

(Return this form)

My child, _____ has my permission to be a cheerleader at **7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge Cheer**. I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the advisor, athletic director and the principal of **7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge Cheer** and be present for all practices and games. I understand that all forms attached must be completed by **Monday, May 23, 2022**, or my child will not be allowed to tryout. I understand that my child must attend all practices (unless excused by the coach) and tryout sessions, or my child will not be considered for a cheerleading position.

I understand that my daughter/son will be evaluated by qualified judges, and we agree to abide by the decision of the judges.

I understand by the very nature of the activity, cheerleading and gymnastics carry a risk of physical injury. No matter how careful the participant and coach are, how many spotters are used, or what landing surface is used, the risk cannot be eliminated. I understand these risks and will not hold **7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge Cheer** or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident or injury at any time.

Parent or Guardian Printed

Parent or Guardian Signature

____/____/____
Date

APPLICATION FOR CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

(Return this form)

I am interested in being a cheerleader at **7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge Cheer**. I understand the risks stated above. If elected, I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the coach, the athletic director of **7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge Cheer**. I promise to cooperate and follow the instructions of the cheerleading coach.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Student DOB: _____ Student Age: _____ Parent Contact Number: _____

Parent or Guardian Email: _____

School now attending: _____ Grade next year: _____

Do you have any cheer/dance experience? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many years: _____

STUDENT:

I am trying out for cheerleading. By initialing by each statement below, I am verifying that I understand and agree to abide by each:

_____ I agree to follow all guidelines stated in this packet. I understand what is required for tryouts for **7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge Cheer**.

_____ If I do not follow the rules and guidelines set by the school and the coach, I understand that consequences will result, and I may be removed from the squad.

_____ I know that I am expected to maintain my grades during the entire season.

_____ I know that if I am selected as a cheerleader, I will not only be representing my team, and myself, I will be representing **7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge Cheer**. I know my actions and conduct will be viewed by all who see me in my cheerleading uniform.

_____ I agree to serve as a positive participant on the cheer squad. I understand that negativity among my cheer teammates and/ or others only contributes to the division of our squad. I will handle my questions or complaints maturely and will approach the coach or a captain at an appropriate time to discuss cheer issues.

My signature below verifies that I have read the entire information packet and understand how I will be selected, as well as what is involved in cheerleading for **7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge Cheer**.

Student Signature

____/____/____
Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

____/____/____
Date

2022-2023 CHEERLEADER TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

(To be completed by a teacher and emailed to HUDSONA@PARMACITYSCHOOLS.ORG)

Candidate Name: _____

Coach/Teacher Name: _____

Section for Coach/Teacher Coach/Teacher directions: The candidate stated above is trying out for the **7th/8th Grade Greenbriar/Valley Forge** Cheerleading Squad. Please fill out the information below as honestly as possible. Do not return the form to the student. Completed evaluations should be emailed to Coach Hudson . The deadline for recommendation forms is Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

CANDIDATE CONDUCT (SCALE):

Excellent - 5

Above Average - 4

Average - 3 Below Average - 2

Poor -1

	RATE	COMMENTS
Class Conduct		
Organization		
Attitude (peers)		
Cooperative		
Attitude (teacher)		
Leadership Ability		
Attendance/Punctuality		
Works well in groups		
Dedication		
Dependability		

Total Possible Points: 50

Some concerns that I have about the candidate are: _____

Overall Recommendation (choose one)

*Do not recommend _____ *Recommend with reservation _____ *Highly Recommend _____

Additional comments: _____

I am a teacher of (class): _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHEER COACH

Date Received: ____/____/____

Total Points: _____