



LMS

COMPETITION CHEER

2026-2027

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
COMPETITION CHEER TEAM
TRYOUT PACKET

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PARENT MEETING: FEBRUARY 6, 2026

Dear Parents,

Your child is interested in becoming a member of the Liberty Middle School Competition Cheer Team for the 2026-2027 school year. As part of our team, cheerleaders demonstrate pride to our school and community through their participation at football games, competitions, and more. Because of the influential position of being a member of this team, the highest standards must be met and maintained. Our competition focus includes local, regional and state level competitions. Last year, we qualified to compete at the State Finals in Birmingham. **Cheer team members are required to participate in all scheduled events.** Failure to comply can result in removal from the team.

Attached are rules and regulations of the team, as well as known activity dates, practices, and estimated expenses. Information about alternate positions on the team is also available in this packet.

The official and mandatory 2026-2027 Season Tryout Clinic will be held Monday, March 23 at ACE Cheer of Huntsville from 4:00 until 5:30 pm. Tryouts will be held at Liberty Middle School on Friday, March 27, beginning at 4:00 PM. Your cheerleader will be dismissed after their audition.

The following information is due by Friday, March 20th in order to try-out on Monday, March 27:

- Up-to-date physical signed by physician
- Printed copy of current student grades
- Two teacher e-mail references (within packet)
- Completed Cheer Informational Page (attached)

Tryouts

1. Candidates must wear appropriate attire for tryouts. Refer below.

Monday at ACE	Tuesday at LMS	Wednesday at LMS	Friday TRYOUTS
White Top Black Shorts/Skirt High Pony	Black Top Black Shorts/Skirt High Pony	Pink Top Black Shorts/Skirt High Pony	White Top Black Shorts/Skirt High Pony

2. No jewelry will be allowed during the clinic or tryouts. Arrival with jewelry will result in deductions from your tryout score.

3. Potential cheerleaders will learn a cheer, dance routine, and chant to perform at tryouts. We will also look at jumps, standing tumbling or running tumbling skills at tryouts.

4. No cell phones during clinic, tryout practice or tryouts.

5. No gum on the mats or in the gym.

6. Results will be posted on the gymnasium doors by **7 PM Friday, March 27.**

Alternates:

- Alternates can and will be assigned as needed during the 2026-2027 season. In order to protect the competitive capabilities of all of our members, alternates are necessary.
- However, if a cheerleader is not meeting the standard requirements to perform in competition they can be removed from the routine to become an alternate cheerleader.
- Alternates are a valuable member of the team and as important as those who are assigned to each competition. Alternates will learn components of each routine and be an integral part of our practices and performances.
- They are expected to be at every event and practice unless told otherwise by coaches.
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Estimated Costs for LMS Competition Cheer

- UCA Home Cheer Camp \$300.00
- Athletic Travel Fee \$150
- Choreography Fee \$150
- ACE Tuition (Monday 4:00 - 6:00 PM Practices) \$70/month
This fee is paid directly to ACE Cheer Gym of Huntsville
- Competition Registration Fees \$100
- myVarsity Uniform Expenses *We have NOT met with our Varsity Rep at this time.*

Total Fees without Uniform expenses: \$700.00

If your cheerleader is offered a position on the team, a minimum down payment towards season expenses will be required by **Friday, April 10**. The down payment is **\$150.00**. A second payment is due by the end of the month, **Thursday, April 30. This payment is also \$150.00** and will cover camp expenses. Monthly payments of \$100.00 will be due each month until August 31, 2025, when all expenses are paid for.

Fundraising and Support

Fundraisers will be available through the season to help offset personal expenses for cheerleaders. Fundraisers also help to provide financial support towards team pregame meal fees, team spirit purchases, team bonding expenses and more.

April: VerticalRaise Crowdsourcing Fundraiser → This is the best way to offset season expenses without selling anything. Friends and family can directly support your athlete with this online donation-based platform **OR** Calendar Fundraiser (if you'd rather avoid the online platform)

May: Nothing Bundt Cakes Sale-based Fundraiser

Summer and Fall Fundraisers will be announced after Spring Break.

Important Dates and Practice Schedule

1. Tryout Packet due to Coach Marr by Friday, March 20th, 2026
2. Tryout Clinic March 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM at ACE Cheer of Huntsville **Mandatory**
3. Tryout Practice March 24, 2026 and March 25, 2026 at 3:30 PM at Liberty Middle School.
 - a. You must attend 1 of the 2 dates to qualify for try outs.
4. Closed tryouts March 27, 2026 at 4:00 PM at Liberty Middle School. **Mandatory**
5. Expenses down payment 1 due by Friday, April 10, 2026 \$150
 - a. Down payment 2 due by Thursday, April 31, 2026 \$150
 - b. Monthly payment schedule:
4 monthly payments of \$100 due by May 29, June 30 and July 31, August 31**Mandatory Spring/Summer Practices**
 - c. Mondays at 4:00 PM at ACE Cheer of Huntsville starting March 30th, 2026
Off Weeks: May 25 (Memorial Day), July 6
6. **Mandatory** UCA Camp: Dates TBD, **Most likely in the Month of July**
7. **Mandatory** Fall Practices
 - a. Mondays at 4:00 PM at ACE Cheer of Huntsville
 - b. Wednesdays at 6:00 AM at Liberty Middle School
 - c. *Pending regional/local competition results, additional afternoon practices at Liberty Middle School may be scheduled*
8. Regional and Local Competitions- Huntsville, Alabama – October 2026 *Dates TBA*
9. AHSAA State Competition – Birmingham, Alabama – November 2026 *Dates TBA*

Cheer Team Regulations

The Liberty Middle School athletics program has developed a code of conduct which all athletes are required to abide by. In addition to the LMS code of conduct, cheerleaders will be expected to abide by the following:

1. Members must maintain a 70 average in all classes.
2. Members must attend all practices, games, and competitions.
3. Other activities (including All Star Teams, or teams unrelated to LMS) cannot interfere with team practices and/or performances. *LMS Dual-sport athletes have an exception.*
4. Members may not leave early or arrive late to practice or performances unless they have a doctor's excuse or have prior permission from Coach Marr or Coach Eli.
5. Members must participate in all team fundraisers until fundraising goals are completed.
6. Members should reference the Code of Conduct, Student Athlete Contract, and Cheer Demerit System when demonstrating the behavior of an LMS Cheerleader.
9. Members are responsible for all uniform parts distributed to them at the beginning of the season. This includes gameday attire, warm ups, poms, bows, props and more.
10. Members are responsible for hair and makeup being completed prior to any set arrival times. This includes practice, gamedays, competitions and other performances.
11. Members and their families will be responsible for any travel required to events such as away football games, competitions or other performances.

Cheer Informational Page

Student Name:	
Current Grade Level:	
Home Address:	
E-mail Address:	Parent 1 Name and E-mail:
Birthday:	Parent 2 Name and E-mail:

Allergies / Health Problems / Additional Medical Notes:
Schedule Conflicts (All-Star, LMS Volleyball, etc.):
Two Teacher Names/Emails for Recommendations (list below):

EXPERIENCE

STUNTING POSITIONS: circle all stunting positions you have experience and put a check next to where you have the most experience.

FLYER

MAIN

SIDE

BACK

What experience do you have with cheerleading? (Please list all previous and current experience including positions held on past squads, all tumbling, and stunting skills you have mastered, etc.) Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

What motivated you to try out for Liberty Cheerleading?

What does excellence mean to you? How will you be excellent to the LMS Cheerleading Program?

