**WSE Cheer Tryouts**

Participants will be cheering for both competition and basketball squads. There is not an option to do only 1 squad. Participants will NOT have the option to play girls Basketball. Practices interfered with our opportunity to compete at the State Competition in Febraury.

**Competition Season**

Practice will begin in August and go through the last competition (Likely early February). We will learn our competition routine on August 5 - 7 (THIS IS MANDATORY FOR ATTENDANCE). Practices will begin the first week of school. We will have 3 practices a week (likely Tuesday - Thursday). Once a week practice will be at Elite Athletics (104 Centura Dr, Goldsboro, NC 27530) for $35 per cheerleader per month. This fee includes our practice and complimentary once a week tumbling class (contact Elite’s main office to schedule your tumble class). Parents will be our transportation after school to Elite Athletics. There will be a sign-up sheet via google docs. As competitions approach, we will extend practice times and might add practice dates. We will attend a minimum of 2 competitions (Wayne County Fair and Wayne County Competition) but will strive to attend more during the Winter months depending on availability (such as NCCCA State Championship in early February).

**Basketball Season**

Practice will begin in November and go through early February (when basketball season ends). Basketball typically has 1-2 games per week (these are usually on Mondays and Thursdays). We cheer for both the boys and girls teams (Games should end around 7pm).

**Tryout Schedule**

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| **Date** | **Time - Location** | **Activity** |
| May 28 | Virtual submissions and physical/concussion paperwork due to Hackmann or Stewart’s mailbox (downstairs office) | Paperwork due |
| May 28 - 30 | 4 – 5:30pm; Wayne Academy Gym\* | Clinic: Learn cheers, jumps, and stunts |
| May 31 | 4 – 5:30pm; Wayne Academy Gym\* | Tryouts |
| June 1 | Website | Squad posted on cheer website*WSECheer.weebly.com* (Squads Tab) |
| June 4 | 4pm – until; Location TBD | Parent Meeting/Fitting - $200 choreography deposit due today! Checks written to WSE – NO CASH PLEASE |

*\*801 N Lionel Street – Wayne Middle/High Academy Gym – Double doors on the side of the building closest to WSE.*

Attire: On May 31, tryout attire should consist of a white (or light colored) tshirt and dark shorts. The tshirt should have no reference to cheerleading and should have minimal writing/graphics. If cheer shoes are available to you, please wear them. Otherwise, running shoes are acceptable. Hair should be pulled away from the face and securely tied. Wearing a bow is optional, but strongly recommended. Jewelry and long nails are not permitted.

Spirit: Judges will be looking for excitement, smiles, and confidence. Saying phrases like "Let's go Big Blue!" "Go Titans!" are great ideas. See the video on the website for tips on how to spirit in transitions between the cheer, jumps, and tumbling. Make sure you are projecting your voice, especially when saying the cheer. Do not say “Whoo!” 😊

Attendance at Tryouts: Participants should attend all 3 days of tryout clinic. A reason for absence is required (i.e. doctor’s note, coach’s note, etc).

Paperwork: Participants need the following paperwork completed by **Tuesday, May 28.**

* 4 Teacher recommendations (Only 3 will be used. Lowest score will be removed. Available on team website to send to teachers via email.) – VIRTUAL SUBMISSION
* Current Physical (Parent and Student Sign) – Must be in hand by May 28
* Concussion Form (Parent and Student Sign) - Must be in hand by May 28
* Personal Skills Sheet (Available on team website) – VIRTUAL SUBMISSION

Judges and Scoring: Judges have been hand selected by the coaches. There will be 3-5 diverse individuals with cheer backgrounds. The coaches will not be a part of the judging panel and will have a minimal role in the scoring system. Participants will be asked to do 1 cheer, 2 jumps, and tumbling (high difficulty is not a requirement – ONLY DO SKILLS WITHOUT A SPOTTER). Scoring will be as follows:

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| Cheers/Voice Projection | 20 points | 1. Crowd Appeal
2. Tight Motions
3. Ability to Persevere (Not show mess ups with facial expressions)
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| Jumps/Stunts/Gymnastics | Jumps = 10 pointsTumbling = 10 points | 1. Height
2. Flexibility
3. Technique
4. Tumbling

(cartwheel = 1-2, roundoff = 3-5, front/back walkover = 6-7, handsprings+ = 8-10) |
| Balance/Rhythm Motions | 20 points | 1. Sharpness
2. Arm Levels
3. Dance Skills
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| Spirit/Enthusiasm | 10 points | 1. Crowd Appeal
2. Overall Appearance (Smiling & High Energy)
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| Teacher Recommendations | 20 points |  |
| Miscellaneous (Coach Recommendations) | 10 points |  |
| **Total Points** | **100 points** |  |