



GERMANTOWN MAVERICKS

The following packet need to be turned in to Mrs. Hardin in room 811 (end of the 8th grade hall) by Wednesday, February 17th:

- ___ Try Out Application (completed)
- ___ \$30 Cash Tryout Fee (exact amount please)
- ___ Copy of CURRENT physical – take a picture of your physical!!!
- ___ Email me a screenshot of your Semester Average from Active Student

There is also a MANDATORY PARENT MEETING on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 in the GMS gym. Masks are required! If you cannot attend this meeting, please email me ASAP (ahardin@madison-schools.com).

I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED NOTE, BYLAWS, AND TRYOUT PROCESS SHEET and give permission for my child, _____, to try out for a position on the 2021-2022 Germantown Middle School Cheer Team. I also understand that if my child is selected, we must be willing to pay for all the cheer needs. I understand that there is a \$30 NONREFUNDABLE tryout fee.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Student's Name (printed) _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Germantown Middle School Cheer Team

Dear Parents,

The time has come for Germantown Middle School's 2021 cheerleading tryouts for 6th and 7th graders. Your child has expressed an interest in trying out for a position on our 2021-2022 cheerleading squad. Before allowing your child to tryout, we would like you to be aware of the *serious commitment of time and money* that a position on the squad requires. To try out for a position, a student must have a C average or above on all semester averages. Cheerleaders are also required to attend **mandatory camp and choreography during the summer. Dates are TBD.**

Also, each child **MUST** attend a **mandatory** cheer clinic on **February 24th and February 25th**. The clinic will be held at Germantown Middle School from **3:30-5:30 pm** and will be closed to the public. This clinic is necessary so that the participants can learn the dance and cheer they will perform for tryouts. We will also go through a "mock" tryout on Thursday. COVID protocol will be in place. All girls must have their own water bottle and their own face covering. There can be NO sharing of anything! Girls should wear comfortable shorts, T-shirt, and gym shoes. Parents must be able to pick up their child **promptly** at 5:30 by the gym.

The actual cheerleading tryouts will be held in the gym from approximately **3:30 to 6:00** on **February 26th**. These tryouts **will be closed** to the public. For tryouts, participants should wear appropriate attire. Candidates should wear a plain white t-shirt, (**sports bra underneath**), and solid red or black shorts. Hair should be worn in a ponytail (if hair is long enough) with a white ribbon (not bow). **NO JEWELRY!** Girls will be given a specific time on their day of clinic to arrive for their tryout. This is in place to follow COVID protocol. **It is MANDATORY for you and your child to sign up for the GMS Tryout Remind so that you can receive communication for tryout day and any other information that might need to go out. Text the code @2122che to the number 81010.** We may not know the final list that night. I will keep you updated through this remind.

Selection of the cheerleaders will be based on independent judges' scoring of the participants' cheerleading performances. Once selected a cheerleader, to remain on the squad, all participants must follow rules set forth by the sponsor and administration. The girls selected for the 2021-2022 Germantown Middle Cheer Team will need to be prepared to spend approximately **\$1200**. This money will pay for summer camp, camp clothes, poms, tennis shoes, backpacks, & ACE. The first payment will be due March 30th. There will be additional payments due throughout the year. Attending summer camp is **mandatory**. The camp date will be announced SOON! We will also have a uniform fitting for new team members in my room after school on Thursday, March 4. COVID protocol will be in place. We will have our parent meeting via teams that same day at 6:00.

Please know that we take this position very seriously and demand a lot of your child's time and effort. If your child has doubts about being a cheerleader, you should probably re-consider letting your child try out. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Anna Hardin via email. I look forward to working with your child.

Sincerely,

Anna Hardin

ahardin@madison-schools.com

*****Please sign the attached letter and return it by Wednesday, February 17th. An up to date physical and \$30 are due on Wednesday, February 17th. Your child WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the clinic without these two things.***

Germantown Middle School Cheerleading
Tryout Application 2021

Name: (first, middle, last) _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Grade (next year 2021-2022) _____

Father's Name: _____ Phone # _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone # _____

Parents Email Address: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Name of Insured: _____

Additional Emergency Contact's Name _____

Additional Emergency Contact's Number _____

List any medical information we should be aware of:

I, _____ have read all of the tryout information, which governs Germantown Middle School tryouts. As a representative of my school, I understand and agree to follow the rules and regulations if selected as a cheerleader.

Students Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that cheerleading is a group effort and that my child's presence is ESSENTIAL to the success of the squad at ALL practices and events. I understand that she/he must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the coach/sponsor, athletic director, principal and/or whoever else is in charge.

I also understand by the nature of the activity, there is always a risk of injury. I understand these risks and will not hold Madison County School District, Germantown Middle School or their employees responsible in case of an accident or injury at any time.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Process of a tryout....

1. Enter the gym from the side. Perform your entrance. You are allowed to incorporate any motions, jumps, or tumbling into this entrance. You **MUST** use these words... “Red, Black, and White. Come on Mavs – Let’s Fight”
2. Spirit it out (running tumbling pass here) to the middle of the gym floor. (You should be in the middle of the black circle).
3. Breathe!!! Get your breath – you will be winded and the judges need time to score you!!
4. When the judges look up – perform your toe touch. **WAIT** for the judges to look back up. Perform your two-jump sequence. **WAIT** for the judges to look back up. Perform your standing tumbling pass.
5. Show spirit to the side of the gym *If you are the last one to go in your group – stay in the circle and the others will back out to you*
6. Perform the cheer that was taught at the clinic with your group.
7. Breathe!
8. Perform the dance that was taught at the clinic with your group.
9. Stand and wait for the judges to dismiss you. When they nod (or say “thank you”, turn and walk in a line out the side door and return to the cafeteria.)
10. You will **IMMEDIATELY** gather your things and leave the building. The results will be posted that same evening.

Judge's Score Sheet
Germantown Middle School Cheerleading Tryouts

Candidate Number: _____ **Judge Number:** _____

RUN OUT SPIRIT (5) _____ /5
- Variety of words, use of motions, overall enthusiasm

TUMBLING (20)

Running (10)

- BHS/Multiples/Tuck _____ /8
- Layout/Full _____ /10

Standing (10)

- BHS _____ /5
- Tuck _____ /10

JUMPS (10)

1. Toe Touch (height & form) _____ /5
2. Double Toe Touch _____ /5

CHEER (30)

- Voice Projection _____ /5
- Facial Expression _____ /5
- Memory _____ /5
- Timing _____ /5
- Placement, Levels, & Strength of Movement _____ /10

DANCE (20)

- Timing/Synchronization _____ /5
- Sharpness & Rhythm _____ /5
- Facial Expression _____ /5

OVERALL IMPRESSION (15)

- Showmanship _____ /5
- Projection/Energy _____ /5

TOTAL _____ /100