

TRYOUT PACKET



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Welcome to Aspire Cheer Academy!

Mission Statement

ACA is dedicated to building the champion you Aspire to be! #RiseWithUs

Aspire Cheer Academy stands on the three pillars: *alliance, confidence & acceptance.*

Our gym strives to create an environment that promotes acceptance, inspires confidence and fosters alliances with other gyms in the Southern Indiana community and beyond.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to assure you that the safety of our ACA athletes, families, and staff is our top priority! Please know that due to this pandemic, all dates are subject to change. ACA will be following proper Indiana state protocol when it comes to COVID-19 restrictions. Our hope is that we will have a "normal" all-star season; regardless we are prepared to take any necessary precautions to keep our athletes, families & staff safe.

Evaluations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
June 2, 2020	5 PM - 6:30 PM 12 years old and below
June 2, 2020	7:30 PM - 9 PM 13 years old and above
June 3, 2020	5 PM - 6:30 PM 12 years old and below
June 3, 2020	7:30 PM - 9 PM 13 years old and above
June 4, 2020	5 PM - 6:30 PM 12 years old and below
June 4, 2020	7:30 PM - 9 PM 13 years old and above

Age Grid

<u>Division</u>	<u>Birth Year</u>
Tiny (Novice)	2013-6/1/2017
Tiny (Prep & Elite)	2013-2015
Mini (Level 1 & 2)	2011-2015
Youth (Level 1-3)	2008-2015
Junior (Level 1-3)	2004-2014
Senior (Level 1-5)	6/1/2001-2008

Evaluation Fees

Tryout Fee	\$50
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Early registration bonus! Register for tryouts by May 30, 2020 to receive a FREE Aspire Cheer Academy T-Shirt! Be among the first to rock our new line of Spiritwear!



Team Placements

Team placements are very stressful for the athletes and their families. We are doing our very best to ease the stress for everyone involved on all ends.

Athletes are assigned to a team based on age, skill level, and capabilities. The following skills will be evaluated during team placements: tumbling, jumping, timing and overall execution of skills. Athlete's will be given time to warmup skills prior to evaluations. To sign up for evaluations visit www.aspirecheeracademy.com

After team placements are finished, our coaches will assemble team rosters for the upcoming season. After rosters are set, athletes (or parents) are contacted by phone or email to let them know the results of tryouts.

Practice Guidelines

- Arrive early so coaches can begin practice right at start time.
- Athletes need to wear appropriate clothes to practice.
 - Cheer shoes should be worn at all times when inside ACA.
 - Hair should always be pulled back out of face.
 - No jewelry.
- NO FOOD IS ALLOWED IN THE GYM
 - Water and/or sports drinks are the only drinks allowed in the gym.
- Cell phones are not permitted during practice.
- ACA does not permit negative or inappropriate comments toward the team members/coaches.
 - Athletes, families & staff will all follow these protocols.
- Practices the week of events will be closed.
 - Coaches have the right to close practice at any time if they feel it is necessary for teams success/focus.
- Staff and athletes are the only people allowed in the gym/offices unless otherwise permitted by staff.
 - Spectators should remain in the viewing area in the lobby.
 - No children should be left without adult supervision.

Practices & Attendance

During the Summer (June - August*) we will practice twice a week, each lasting 90 minutes.

During the school year (September - May*) there will be an additional 2 hour practice added on Sunday.

It is our goal at ACA to maintain consistent practice times throughout the season.

There will be times when additional practices will be added by the coaching staff, if they feel it is necessary for the teams success.

Consistent practice & attendance are crucial for the success of ACA. Being a Division 2 gym it is uncommon to have substitutes. Every athlete has a purpose for every moment of the routine. Missing practice means the whole team suffers.

* Timeframes could change depending on government recommendations .





Monthly Tuition

Like any other sport, there are costs associated with joining a competitive cheer program. At ACA we understand the financial commitment can seem overwhelming, this is why we offer multiple ways of fundraising to help families cover the cost of competing.

- Tuition begins June 2020 through May 2021.
 - Tuition is payable on the 1st of each month.
 - Regardless of how many practices are in a month the monthly tuition will not change.
- Family discount: 20% off monthly tuition for the second child.

<u>Teams</u>	<u>Monthly Tuition</u>
Tinys	\$95
Mini	\$105
Youth	\$125
Junior / Senior	\$125

Annual Fees
USASF Registration \$30 (August)
Membership Fee \$40 (October)

Additional Fees	Tiny / Mini	Youth - Senior
Uniform	\$100	\$400
Hair Cuffs	\$25	\$25
Practice Wear	\$100	\$100
Choreography	\$50	\$200
Music	\$35	\$120
Competition Fees	\$386	\$1000
Coach's Fees	\$150	\$260

Fundraising Opportunities

At ACA, we will offer numerous fundraising opportunities throughout the season, making it possible for all kids, from any financial background, to be able to participate.

Fundraising opportunities will consist of corporate and personal level options. As soon as these opportunities are finalized information will be released soon.

Communication at ACA

- ACA staff will add all members to the Aspire Cheer Academy Member Communication Site, our private gym-wide communications page on Facebook. This is ACA's portal for important information about our day-to-day activities. Members could have a difficulties keeping up with need-to-know information if they do not check it often.
- A separate communications page will be made for each team as well, this will make it easier for our coaching staff to relay important information specific to their team.
- It is each members responsibility to ask questions if you do not have the below forms of communication.
- Visit our website at www.AspireCheerAcademy.com



What to Expect at Competitions

- Competing athletes will be asked to meet approximately two hours before their performance time. This gives coaches the opportunity to address any issues that may arise.
- Your team mom will notify each athlete / parent on where to meet. Be assured that your coach will come to collect your team in a timely manner.
- Your team mom will help ensure that all members are present and advise athletes to leave phones. All athletes MUST be competition ready.
- Cheering on our other teams while they perform will be part of the ACA tradition. Team mom's will assign teams to cheer other all-stars performances' per comp schedules. Coaches will help coordinate.
- All athletes should plan to join their team on stage during the awards ceremony and are expected to be in full ACA uniform.

End of Season Events

In the event a D2 Summit bid is earned, we will attend this competition.

- The 2021 D2 Summit is set for early May at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Walt Disney World. Mark your calendar now.
- The cost to attend the 2021 D2 Summit will be approximately \$600-\$700, PLUS travel and lodging expenses. This fee is reduced if a team wins a full-paid bid. This is in addition to the competition fees noted on the fee schedule earlier in this packet.
- All athletes will need to be available for practice in Jeffersonville up to and including the Wednesday before we leave. You will need to travel on that following Thursday.
- All athletes will need to be available for practice in Orlando by that Thursday. Specific practice times are determined closer to the event.
- Any vacationing (beach, amusement parks, etc.) should happen at the completion of the competition. We need our athletes to be well rested and focused as appropriate for a national level competition.

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The Aspire Cheer Academy Families Code of Conduct

At ACA, you'll often hear the word **FAMILY**. The Aspire Cheer Academy program has a strict code of conduct for all of our members. Every person, whether it's an athlete or a family member, is an important ambassador for our program. Our philosophy is to maintain a high level of decorum at all times. We don't boast about our excellence – we show it on the competition floor instead.

ACA's standards of conduct and social media policy are as follows:

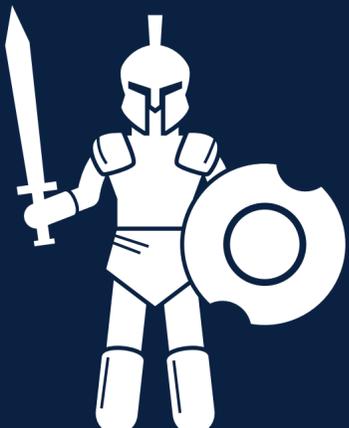
- All ACA athletes & family members are expected to act responsibly and exhibit good sportsmanship. Please remember you are always representing yourself/your athlete and ACA.
- Negativity toward any of our athletes, family members or coaches is strictly prohibited. If an issue arises with another ACA member, schedule a private consultation with the coach and the owner, and it will be addressed appropriately and professionally.
- All accounts must be paid up to date. Any accounts over 30 days past due will require the athlete to sit out until the account is reconciled.
 - Multiple occurrences of past due accounts may result in dismissal of your athlete.
- Issues should not be debated on any social media platforms. Again, any problems should be brought to the attention of a coach, who will handle the situation professionally and appropriately.
- At competitions, only members of the coaching staff are permitted to interact with judges. If you feel that a score is incorrect, chances are our coaches do, too – and they will attempt to handle it.
- ACA is a business and handles all communications professionally. If you have a story idea for the media, schedule a meeting with the owner, JoAnn Young. All media engagements will be handled by the owner.
- Do not produce ACA logo wear to sell to the group without express permission from the owner, JoAnn Young first, whether as a fundraiser or to wear to competitions.
- Although traumatic, any ACA member not abiding by the above standards will be asked to leave our program and all funds paid will be forfeited.
- Do NOT post videos of routines from practices or competitions. This includes not sharing any ACA music soundtracks anywhere. We do encourage you to share ACA's success stories on social media as much as you can!



2020-2021 Competition Schedule

UCA Bluegrass Championship	November 8, 2020	Kentucky Fairgrounds Freedom Hall
JamFest Winter Jam	December 12, 2020	Kentucky International Convention Center
JamFest Cheer Super Nationals	January 16-17, 2021	Indianapolis International Convention Center
NCA D2 Wildcard Classic	TBD	Owensboro, KY
JamFest Spirt Jam	February 20, 2021	Evansville, IN
COA Midwest Nationals	February 27-28, 2021	Greater Columbus Convetion Center
JamFest Louisville Nationals	March 13-14, 2021	Kentucky Fairgrounds Freedom Hall
One Up Nationals	March 27-28, 2021	Gaylord Opry Hotel

US Finals	Fall 2020 & Spring 2021	Kentucky International Convention Center
Regional Summit Event	Spring 2021	TBD
D2 Summit National Championship *Must recieve bid*	May, 2021	ESPN Wide World of Sports



Tiny / Mini team schedules may differ.

