

DCA Cheer Program - 2019-2020

as of September 24, 2019

Cheer Team Information

Welcome to DCA's cheer program! Kids and parents love our cheer program because of our professional staff, our safe equipment and our "well rounded child approach" to sports at our gym.

The athlete is able to compete or perform at the All Star level of cheer without the 52-week commitment, and get to be part of something bigger than themselves, work hard and have fun!

No Conflict with Other Teams or Sports

We have many high level athletes that also compete in travel soccer, softball, swimming, lacrosse, cross country, track and basketball. Our "well rounded child approach" provides some assurance that the child will be focused, but not burn out before they get to high school. We 100% support our athletes competing with their local recreational and high school teams and our teams do not conflict with these seasons. This means you can do, for example, your Eagles team all fall, compete at state with them in early December then practice and compete for DCA after IRCA state. The skills you gain with us, you can transfer to your recreational or high school teams year after year.

Evaluations, Registration, Tryouts & Team Placements

Anytime from now through December 6th you can choose to schedule a 1:1 **evaluation** with one of our cheer coaches. Coaches will be looking at tumbling and jumps and talk with the athlete to see what experience they have with cheer. After you are evaluated, our coaches will let you know if you should register for the DCA cheer program or perhaps recommend a different program like Boot Camp or more tumbling classes even. To **register**, fill out the commitment form and turn it into DCA. **Team tryouts** are Tuesday and Wednesday December 10 and 11 at 6:30pm and we will make **team placements** on December 11 with team announcements on Thursday December 12. When you come to tryouts, we require a \$30 evaluation fee. We assume if you show up to tryouts, you are committing to the DCA cheer program and will trust the process of us assigning you to the best team fit for your skill level. We want all our teams to be able to hit their skills with ease at competition and we are willing to put small teams out on the floor if that means keeping the skill level/team.

IMPORTANT DATES

1:1 Evaluations	Now - December 6th
Team Tryouts	Tuesday December 10 @ 6:30pm
Team Tryouts/Team Placement	Wednesday December 11 @ 6:30pm
Team Announcements	Thursday December 12
Parent Meeting	Saturday December 14
First Practice/Skills Camp	Saturday December 14

\$30 Evaluation Fee is due Tuesday December 10th unless you paid the commitment fee before December 6th (cash only please).

If you commit to DCA team, this \$30 will come off your first payment. If you do not commit to a team, there is no refund.

Spring Break

We do not have any competitions planned for the traditional weeks of spring break (March 28 - April 5). However, we will still have practice during the weeks of spring break and those who are in town will work on the routine as much as possible plus focus on individual skills.

Uniforms

We are using the same uniforms as last season so if you are a returning athlete, you can use the same one and can save money. Our uniforms are always full coverage since day one. Athletes will also receive practice wear, bows, a special team t-shirt, make up and shoes as part of their uniform fee. Warm ups, back packs and other apparel are all optional and there will be opportunities to purchase these and other spirit wear items at the beginning of the season.

Skills Camp & Choreography

The season will kick off with a skill camp weekend December 14 and 15 for all teams. Exact times will be announced later but please plan for both days as this is a time to take inventory of skills and put stunt groups together. Choreography will happen in mid-January for most of the teams and due to the nature of our cheer season, the entire routine is learned in one weekend.

Practice Schedules

We plan to have between 3-5 teams starting in December. We have rough ideas as to practice schedules but won't know definitively until after tryouts. Most teams will practice 2-3x a week plus a tumbling day. You can plan for 1-2 weekday practices and then a practice on Saturday. Practices are typically 2- 2.5 hours each for our older teams and 1.5 - 2 hours for our younger teams.

Competitions

The majority of our teams will compete at 4 competitions throughout the midwest during the regular season. We try to stay as local as possible but we are at the mercy of the competition companies and this year many of our competitions are outside of Illinois requiring overnight stays. Some teams will be going for a bid to THE ONE in Orlando, FL May 2-3 which would require additional competition and/or team fees and additional individual travel.

Program Prices

The cost for the DCA cheer program ranges in price per team and differs depending on their level. However, ***the prices you see here are all inclusive of everything. You won't be surprised with another bill down the road with added fees. We are very upfront with you on all costs as we feel this is a big decision and we want you to know the total prices before you commit.***

Program prices include: competition uniform, bows, shoes, practice wear and team tshirt, make up, competition fees, choreography/music, coach travel fees, USASF or AAU membership fee, admin fee and monthly tuition. See our cheer team description and prices flyer that outlines each program with prices. If you are a returning athlete and have the uniform and/or makeup, your fees will be adjusted.

We offer fundraising options throughout the year to help offset the cost if you choose to participate and we have payment plans as well. Prices for the 2019-2020 season will range from \$1095 - \$2370 per athlete.

Questions or to schedule an evaluation, please call DCA 630-588-9000 or dcateams@dupagetumbling.com