



2009 St. Marys SummerFest Cheer Competition Information

Requirements:

Squad members must be enrolled in the school or organization they are representing for the 2009-2010 school year. There are three (3) cheer divisions: High School Division, Junior High School Division, and All-Star Division (younger than junior high school). Routine must include at least one cheer, one chant, and one dance. A maximum time of four (4) minutes will be allowed for the routine. Judging and timing will begin with the first note of music or first organized word. Timing will stop when the last squad member steps off the mat. You may set your pompoms, props, and or mats before your routine starts. A 42' x 42' mat will be provided; however, if your squad requires special mats, you are obligated to supply your own equipment.

Judging:

A panel of 3 qualified judges will judge this contest. Judges will not be from this immediate area. Each judge will score all areas of the competition and the total score of all the judges will be added together to determine the final placing. In the event of a tie within the top three (3) squads, the squads whose scores are tied will be asked to repeat their performances for review by the judges. The decision of the judges will be final. The basis for judging is shown on the enclosed score sheet. All tabulations of scores will be done by 2 SummerFest Committee Members to ensure accuracy of the scores.

Penalties:

Penalties for going over the time limit of four (4) minutes will be enforced. One (1) point per second will be subtracted from the total of the judges combined score. There will be no penalty for placing pompoms, props, and/or mats to your squads performance. Nor will there be a penalty for having designated persons entering the competition area during the squads performance to remove pompoms, props, and/or mats. There will be no penalty if you step off the mat during the performance.

Safety

In accordance with the State of Ohio Safety Regulations, NO MOUNTS will be allowed. The use of mini-tramps, knee drops, slam splits or toe pitches are NOT permitted. All routines should abide by the safety rules set forth by the OHSAA and your school's athletic department. Penalty points will be given for any regulation violations. Any safety violations may result in disqualifications.



Awards:

Trophies will be awarded to the top three (3) squads in the High School Division, the top three (3) squads in the Junior High School Division, the top three (3) squads in the All-Star Division, and one (1) overall Spirit Award. Each participating cheerleader will also receive an event ribbon.

The awards ceremony will take place immediately following the completion of the contest as scores will be tabulated.

A copy of each squads score sheet will be available at the conclusion of the awards presentation.

Warm up:

We will do the warm up times in the order that the squads perform. Each squad will have five (5) minutes on the mat. If there is any time left over after all squads have warmed up you may use the mat for tumbling.

Music:

You must bring one cassette tape or CD and a second one for back up. The tapes must be rewound and ready to go and should be recorded on good quality tapes. You must send a representative with your squad's music to the sound system center which will be located to the back of the competition site. This should be done at least one squad prior to your squad's performance. Each squad will have the chance to test their music during their designated practice time.

Further Competition Information:

Any area cheerleading squad is welcome. Squads are welcome from counties other than Auglaize County and the Western Buckeye League. Entries are limited to ten (10) High School Divisions, ten (10) Junior High Divisions, and ten (10) All-Star Divisions.

All athletes including alternates and guardians must complete a Release of Liability form. A School Administrator and Cheerleader Advisor must sign the entry form.

Report time for squads is 8:00am, Warm-up is 8:30-9:30am, and Competition time is 10-12noon.

Admission price is \$2.00 at the door; kids age 5 and under are free.

Doors will remain closed during all performances for safety and interruption.

Due to the cost promotion of this event, each squad must pay an entry fee of \$25.00 to compete in this event. All squads must pay the fee, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Fees should be payable to: St. Marys Chamber of Commerce Cheer

Please return the entry form and agreement, registration fee, release of liability, and introduction information to:

Josh Hughes
SummerFest Cheer Competition Chair
301 E. Spring St.
St. Marys, Oh 45885

Sorry, NO REFUNDS on entry fees.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS: FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009

Enclosed:

Enclosed are copies of the registration entry form, release of liability form, squad introduction sheets, and a copy of the judging sheet. You may copy as many of these forms as needed for your squad.

Further information regarding this cheer competition will be mailed out the week of July 13, 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at 419-733-2642 or email me at jhughes54@gmail.com. SummerFest questions call St. Marys Chamber of Commerce at 419-300-4611.

Thank you and hope to see you in August!

Josh Hughes
SummerFest Cheer Competition Chair