

Maryville Junior High School
8th Grade Cheerleading
2021 – 2022
Tryout Packet

Dear Candidate and Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for your interest in being a member of the 2021 – 2022 Maryville Junior High School 8th Grade Cheerleading Squad. Please acquaint yourself with the enclosed information and expectations of being considered for membership of the squad. Cheerleading is fun, friendship, excitement, and a whole lot more. Being a MJHS 8th Grade Cheerleader is a selected position that requires a large commitment of time and energy. **Please note this squad is comprised solely of 8th grade students.**

On the following pages, you will find a list of dates and events. The tryout application must be returned to the coach electronically no later than Friday, April 9th by 3:30pm.

All interested candidates must complete the tryout applications, emergency treatment form, and teacher evaluations by the listed dates in order to be eligible. Candidates must be available and in attendance for the entire cheer clinic and tryout. **Please keep pages 1-6.**

Being a Maryville Junior High School 8th Grade Cheerleader is an honor. Cheerleading offers students an opportunity for growth in the areas of friendship, leadership, responsibility, and communication. As a squad, we want to promote integrity, excellence, teamwork, and service. Together, we can make the MJHS 8th Grade Cheerleading Squad successful and help lead our teams to victory.

I look forward to meeting each of you personally. If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at mjhscheer@maryville-schools.org.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Middleton Siperly

MJHS 8th Grade Cheerleading Coach

2021 – 2022 MJHS 8th Grade Cheerleading Tryout Schedule and Due Dates

- Application, Permission Form, Emergency Treatment Form, and Teach Evaluation Form Due
Friday, April 9th
Must be turned in via email by 3:30pm (mjhscheer@maryville-schools.org)
NO EXCEPTIONS
- Grade Check
Wednesday, April 14th
All candidates must have a “C” average in all classes to be considered for the team
- Mandatory Clinic
Thursday, April 15th
Friday, April 16th
3:45 – 5:30pm (may vary slightly)
Where: MJHS Gym
Attire: Red shorts, plain white t-shirt, socks, tennis shoes (or cheer shoes) and white bow with hair in ponytail
- Tryout
Saturday, April 17th
9:00am – Finished (approximately 11:00am)
Where: MJHS Gym
Attire: Black shorts, plain white t-shirt, socks, tennis shoes (or cheer shoes) and white bow with hair in ponytail
- Results
Saturday, April 17th
Posted electronically before 9pm
- Mandatory Uniform Fitting (Students only)
Saturday, April 24th
11:00am – 12:30pm MJHS Auditorium

The entire clinic and tryout are closed. Only cheer candidates, coach and tryout staff will be allowed in the tryout area.

A virtual tryout option is available to students who are not comfortable participating in an in-person tryout. Please contact Coach Siperly no later than Friday, April 9th to make necessary arrangements.

Candidates will learn and perform cheers, chants, jumps, a dance routine, stunts and tumbling (**running and standing tumbling are recommended but not required.**) The candidates will be judged on their individual cheerleading skills through the performance of cheers, chants, dance, jumps, tumbling and stunts during both clinic and the tryout performance. Squad selection will be based off each candidate’s overall clinic and tryout evaluation by coach and other tryout staff. *All results are confidential.*

2021 – 2022 MJHS 8th Grade Cheerleading Clinic Information

- What:** Mandatory Tryout Clinic – where tryout material will be taught by tryout staff
- When:** Thursday, April 15th - Friday, April 16th
- Time:** 3:45 – 5:30pm (may vary slightly)
- Where:** MJHS Gym
- Attire:** Please wear red shorts with a plain white t-shirt, socks, tennis shoes (or cheer shoes). **Absolutely NO jewelry.** Hair should be in a ponytail, out of each candidate's face with a white bow.

All forms must be completed and submitted by specified due date prior to tryout clinic

- Tryout numbers will be assigned to each candidate at the clinic
- Groups will be selected by coach and/or tryout staff
- Numbers must always be visible during clinic and tryouts
- No videotaping by candidates will be allowed
- No cell phone usage is permitted by candidates while at the clinic

The coach and other tryout staff may score candidates each day during clinic, and the clinic scores may be incorporated into the final score for each candidate.

2021 – 2022 MJHS 8th Grade Cheerleading Tryout Information

What:	Mandatory Tryout
When:	Saturday, April 17 th
Time:	9:00am – Finished (approximately 11:00am)
Where:	MJHS Gym
Attire:	Please wear black shorts with a plain white t-shirt, socks, tennis shoes (or cheer shoes). Absolutely NO jewelry. Hair should be in a ponytail, out of each candidate's face with a white bow.

Tryout Format:

- Groups of 3 - 5 will be selected.
- Each candidate in the group will be called one at a time to perform tumbling and jumps
- As a group, the candidates will walk to the center of the gym and line up in the order requested to perform selected tryout cheers, chants, dance and any additional material needed.
- Numbers must always be visible during the tryout.
- The tryout is closed. No spectators are permitted.
- No videotaping will be allowed
- No cell phone usage is permitted by candidates while in the tryout room or holding areas.

After each group has completed the tryout, candidates will be dismissed into the holding area.

This will continue until all groups have completed the tryout. Candidates may be called back; therefore, candidates will remain in the holding area until the tryout concludes. The 2021 – 2022 MJHS 8th Grade Cheerleading Squad will be announced electronically before 9pm on Saturday, April 17th.

General Information

All selected cheerleaders will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the cheer coach, athletic director and administration of Maryville Junior High School. Cheerleaders who fail to adhere to the standards and guidelines will be penalized and can be dismissed from the team.

All selected candidates are committing to cheer **both** regular and post season for football **and** basketball. Cheerleading candidates must have a “C” average in all classes to tryout, and cheerleaders must maintain a “C” average in all classes to remain eligible to cheer.

All cheerleaders **must** participate in all MJHS Cheer commitments and activities including cheer camp(s), mat groups, practices, service activities, team building activities, regular season games, playoff games, tournaments and any other dates decided by the coach **before other commitments** (i.e., competitive cheer, other school activities, etc).

Mandatory Activities/ Dates:

Uniform Fitting:	Saturday, April 24 th 11:00am – 12:30pm <i>Please wear appropriate undergarments for fittings: socks, sports bra, full-coverage underwear or spandex</i>
Summer Camp:	Days and Times TBA
Summer Practices:	Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 – 11:00am
Fall Practices:	Thursday 3:45 – 5:00pm
Football Games:	Schedule will be announced in the Summer
Basketball Games:	Schedule will be announced in the Fall

Estimated Costs:

Attire:	\$650-700+tax & shipping (Paid Approx. April 30 th) <i>Uniform, cheer shoes, bows, pom-poms, camp/practice clothes, sports bra, spandex, backpack, rain jacket, sleeves</i>
Summer Camp Fee:	\$150-200
Participation Fee:	\$20
Total Estimated Cost:	\$820-920

**Please feel free to reach out with any questions/concerns about costs*

MJHS 8th Grade Cheerleading Application

My Child, _____, has my permission to try out, and if selected, represent Maryville Junior High School in the sport of cheerleading. My child and I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the cheer coach, athletic director and administration of Maryville Junior High School. Cheerleaders are expected to behave in a manner that is becoming of the individual, as well as Maryville Junior High School.

Cheerleading involves a tremendous time commitment; the cheerleading season is a year-round obligation. Attendance is mandatory at all cheerleading activities; extra-curricular activities (including competitive cheerleading/ dance) are **not** excused absences. Each cheerleader will be expected to provide excuse letters if he or she misses practice due to illness. Cheerleading works on a three-strike policy regarding unexcused absences: 1st unexcused absence = drills after practice, 2nd unexcused absence = benching for the next football or basketball game, 3rd unexcused absence = dismissal. Before your child commits to cheering at MJHS, carefully weigh the importance of all activities to determine whether your child will have enough time to fully commit to cheering at MJHS.

I understand

1. My child must complete and submit all required paperwork by the assigned deadline
2. My child's teachers will be asked to provide an evaluation of my child
3. My child must have and maintain a "C" average
4. My child must attend all of clinic and tryouts to be eligible for a cheerleading position
5. My child will be evaluated by the cheer coach and other tryout staff, and I agree to abide by their decisions
6. I will be responsible for the costs associated with cheerleading described in this packet
7. Cheerleaders must commit to cheer **both** football and basketball seasons
8. Any cheerleader who resigns or is removed from the squad before completion of the entire season will not be allowed to try out the following year
9. Cheerleaders must be reselected each year
10. The very nature of this activity carries a risk of physical injury

My child and I have read and fully understand the commitments required to be considered and selected for the 2021 – 2022 MJHS 8th Grade Cheerleading Squad. If selected, we will honor these commitments and abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the cheer coach, athletic director, and administration of Maryville Junior High School. My child and I have read the information provided regarding tryouts, costs, and the standard of cheerleading at MJHS. My child and I understand that the violation of any of these rules may lead to drills, benching, probation, suspension, or removal from the squad. This application is complete and consists of accurate information.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Emergency Treatment/Information Form

Emergency Treatment

Many hospitals and doctors will not treat a child without parental consent (unless in a matter of life or death). It is request that you complete the information below so that if your child requires a visit to the hospital while under the supervision of the school, the hospital will be allowed to treat the injury.

Emergency Information:

Student's Name: _____ Sport: Cheerleading Sex: M ___ F ___

Grade: 8th Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____ - _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student's Cell Phone: _____ Student's Email: _____

Parents' Names: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Father's Employment: _____

Father's Work Phone: _____ Father's Cell Phone: _____

Father's Email: _____

Mother's Employment: _____

Mother's Work Phone: _____ Mother's Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Email: _____

Another Emergency Contact (not a parent): _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy & Group Number: _____

ALLERGIES and/or MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

I authorize necessary treatment for my child, _____.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher Evaluation Form

Teacher evaluations should be completed by “core” teachers only. If there are any additional comments teachers would like to send privately, please feel free to email Mackenzie Middleton Siperly at mjhscheer@maryville-schools.org!

Subject	Teacher	Current Grade	Notes