



Starstruck

All Stars

2023 – 2024

Elite Cheer

Information Packet

Welcome to Starstruck All Stars!

Elite



What's Being On An Elite Cheer Team Like?:

Elite Cheer is our highest offering of competitive Cheer. Competition level cheer is intense and it takes extra commitment to compete at this level.

There is heavy emphasis on physical fitness, conditioning, strength, flexibility, proper nutrition, rest and time management.

This is for athletes who like a challenge and aren't afraid to work for it.

Elite Cheer requires a greater time commitment, required attendance, and a greater financial commitment than other levels of cheer that we offer. By joining this team you'll be making a commitment not only to Starstruck but also to the other athletes and families on the team.

We are lucky to have many generous families in our group that are willing to lend a hand to help kids get to practice or competitions, car pool, or find a way to figure it out. As we sometimes say "teamwork makes the dream work".

As the season progresses we typically have additional practices in the lead up to each competition event. This will continue into the post season competition environment.

We compete locally, travel to out of state competitions and attend post season National Competitions such as Summit, and US Finals .

Participation in fundraisers is highly encouraged for Elite team members. Starstruck participates in a number of fundraising opportunities that give families a chance to raise extra money to help pay for cheer and travel expenses. Fundraising benefits everyone! More info on that below.

Practice



PRACTICES & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:

Elite has two 2 hour cheer practices each week. One (1) hour Tumbling session is included = 5 hours weekly.

Practices:

- Each team will have 2 practices per week. Times and days will be assigned to your athlete when teams are announced. You will be assigned to a tumbling class that meets 1 time per week. Practices might be extended or added at any time.

- Please make sure to have your athlete there at least 10 minutes before practice **FULLY READY** to practice and pick up your athlete on time. Early is on time, on time is late.

FLYERS:

- All flyers position will be **REQUIRED** to be enrolled and attend a stretch class this season starting in September. Flexibility in cheer is a skill that needs to be developed and maintained to remain competition ready. This class is open all athletes as well. The focus is to improve and refine body positions, strength, flexibility, and movement.

ATTENDANCE: Simply put, attendance at all practices is mandatory.

Attendance at practice for the upcoming season is a top priority. Practice time must be used efficiently. When at practice we will be working for the entire period. We have limited time each week and we will be making the best use of it. Punctuality and readiness is a must.

Choreography:

- Dates will be mandatory and the whole team is needed to be at the practices on those dates.
- If you join late to our program, you are still required to pay a choreography/music fee.
- Athlete attendance, injury, or other circumstances will be evaluated throughout the season and adjustments will be made at Starstruck's discretion.

Tumbling Classes:

- All athletes are required to attend one tumbling class per week which is included in the monthly tuition. Once your athlete has been placed on a team they will be assigned to a tumbling class.
- Private lessons are also available and encouraged to all athletes who prefer more one on one time, however, they do not count as a tumbling class.

Practice - Expectations



- Practice starts at the scheduled time. **ARRIVE EARLY.** Athletes must be in the gym, with hair back and shoes on at the start of practice.
 - No jewelry!
 - No earrings!
 - No acrylic nails!

Attendance is **REQUIRED** and it's important to make this a priority.

- All potential Absences should be communicated to Jill ASAP and Jill must be notified before practice.
- If attendance becomes an issue, position and participation on the team will be reevaluated.
- Starstruck Practice wear is to be worn to all Elite team practices.
- If you are sick (not contagious) or injured, you need to show up to observe and support your team.
- Athletes at the elite level must balance the responsibilities of school work and other obligations so that you are at practice and competitions.
- Cell phones will be turned off and placed in a basket. This **WILL** be followed for each practice. If there is an emergency and you need to get a hold of your athlete, please call Jill's cell phone.
- Coaches may schedule extra practices as needed, especially leading up to competitions.
- Attendance at these practices are mandatory.
- Dates that Starstruck will be closed in the 2023-2024 season:

Required Gear for practice:

- SAS Practice Wear – Rebel Sports Bra and Shorts, Tshirt, Tank Bundle \$155
- Required Team Shoe for 2023-2024 season = Rebel Revolt Black \$110 (approx)
- For practice, you may choose any cheer shoe that you would like
- There will be fundraiser options for all kids to participate in for their uniform.

Quitting Policy:

- If you quit after choreography is installed you will be required to pay a \$500 cancelation fee.
- Please consider the time and the requirements it takes to be an All Star competitive cheerleader and that this is a team sport.
- If an athlete quits substantial time and effort is required to re-choreograph routines.

DATES CLOSED

- May 26th – 31st 2023 – Closed for Memorial Day
- June 18th 2023– Closed for Father's Day
- June 29th – July 9th 2023– Closed for Fourth of July
- September 2nd -4th 2023– Closed for Labor Day
- November 22nd – 26th 2023 – Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 20th – January 1st 2024 Closed for Christmas
- March 8th – 17th 2024– Closed for Spring Break
- March 31st 2024– Closed for Easter Sunday
- May 25th – 28th 2024 – Closed for Memorial Day

Competitions



Starstruck plans to attend 5 competitions in the upcoming season.

Dates and prices from the event sponsors have not been finalized which may influence which competitions we choose. More details will be communicated as firm dates become available.

- Competition Fees –will be split into two payments due October 1st and December 1st and will be added to your account and processed on the stated date.
- Athlete Member ID, Athlete Registration, Coaches, Processing Fees
- No refunds / transfers of funds will be available for any type of individual, injury, personal circumstance, etc.

*If you are not willing to travel to competitions please reconsider joining an Elite Cheer Team. *

- We sit together as a gym at competitions. This promotes gym unity and allows us to cheer for each of our teams to show our support and encouragement. Starstruck Parents are the best!
- All teams are expected to remain at competitions until after their awards session and team picture is complete.
- Know your scheduled team meeting time and be on time with your athlete prepared.
- Most out of town competitions requires teams stay at the same hotel. There are few that do not.
- Most out of town competitions require all teams to stay at the selected hotels. The competition states that it is required.
- Room blocks are usually sent out so that the team can stay together at one spot and have team bonding opportunities. Please book as soon as possible once information is out via staff and the team mom.
- Athletes and parents are responsible for all travel plans and expenses for their athlete.

Starstruck Elite Teams will absolutely be pursuing qualification to participate in at least one post season competition such as D2 Summit, US FINALS, THE ONE, etc.

Once your team has received a bid to D2 Summit the 1st half of the fee to Starstruck will be due 30 days later. The 2nd half of the D2 Summit fee to Starstruck is due 60 days after the bid is received.

Athlete Conduct



ATHLETE CONDUCT, SOCIAL MEDIA , BRAND & LOGO POLICIES

Starstruck athletes are not allowed to participate in activities at other All Star Cheerleading Gyms.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

At Starstruck we take pride in our gym and aim to hold ourselves and our athletes to a high standard and feel it's very important to represent yourself well on social media. We approach social media seriously and monitor how the Starstruck name, brand, logo, and likeness are used. We maintain the right to curate and request removal of items from social media sites and Apps that are deemed to be unsafe, inappropriate or in conflict with Starstruck's conduct standards

Anything that is aimed to bully, embarrass, or degrade any individual or group of individuals, including the use of profanity, and/or content that is overly provocative is unacceptable. Please remember anything you post online affects not only you, but also your teammates and Starstruck as a whole.

We want our athletes and families to wear Starstruck attire with pride in public and in social media posts to show support and to promote a positive public image. **Avoid posting any negative comments on social media.** When experiencing strong feelings there is a right way and a wrong way to resolve them. Generally speaking, taking those feelings to social media in the heat of the moment is not the solution and often creates more problems than it solves. If any issues should arise please schedule a meeting with Jill to discuss.

We request that Athletes at Starstruck avoid use of any accounts linked to an anonymous platform, don't use "burner accounts" to interact with Starstruck or Starstruck athlete social media. We encourage students to use their real accounts to communicate with one another, and promotes more responsible online behaviors and interactions.

Should Starstruck request removal of, including but not limited to, photos, video, status, comment, etc removal must take place IMMEDIATELY. Repeated violations of conduct standards may be grounds for dismissal from Starstruck without refund. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in supporting our efforts to provide a level of reasonable supervision and decorum.

BRAND AND LOGO POLICIES:

Do Not Make Your Own Starstruck Items

Starstruck All Star Cheer Dance and Tumbling LLC is a unique, solely owned corporation that relies on our company name and logo for brand identity and are valuable assets to our company and image.

Starstruck prohibits unofficial fan gear and merchandise. Personalization or embellishments to official Starstruck fan gear and merchandise are generally acceptable. **Homemade fan gear or merchandise using the Starstruck name, brand, logo, team name(s) or likeness is strictly prohibited.**

We retain the right to grant or revoke all usage of our company name and logo; in whole or in part. The Starstruck name, brand, logo or likeness are not to be reproduced or used without expressed written consent from Jill.

Tuition & Fees



- All tuition is due on the 1st of every month. -- \$135/month (All Members)--includes 2 practices/week and 1 tumbling class
- Athlete Gym Membership Registration Fee will be due on the 1st day that practices start, June 13th. Member benefits include FREE open gyms, ID Badge, Discounts on additional classes, Discounts on select apparel items
- STARSTRUCK ATHLETE GYM MEMBERSHIP FEE \$135 (All Members)
- All practice wear and shoe costs will be due by June 15th in order to have enough time for ordering, processing and delivery.
- 2023-2024 Practice Wear Bundle due June 15th \$155
- Black Rebel Shoes \$110 (All Members)
- 1st Choreography & Music payment due July 15th -- \$225 (All Members)
- Full uniform cost will be due by July 15th to ensure ordering and processing has enough time for uniforms to be shipped and delivered.
- Uniform \$450(All Members) – UNIFORM-YEAR 2 (will be used for 2 years)
- Bow \$50 (All Members)
- 2nd Choreography and Music payment due September 15th \$225 (All Members)
 - Includes a 2nd choreography clean up date TBD later in season) and music fee
- Starstruck Elite Teams will attend 5 regular season competitions not including U.S. Finals and Summit. Competition prices, bids and schedules are not available by the companies until late May-July.
- USASF Membership \$49 (All Members) – (fee payable directly on the usasf.com website)

ELITE CHEER FEES & TUITION	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	Comments
Athlete Gym Member Registration Fee	\$135	6/15/23	1 time annual fee
Practice Wear Bundle	\$155	6/15/23	Rebel sports bra & shorts, tshirt, tank
Choreography & Music	\$225	1 st Half 7/15/23	Includes 2 nd installation midseason to upgrade/polish
	\$225	2 nd Half 9/15/23	
Black Rebel Shoes	\$110	On your own or via Jill	
Uniform	\$225	1 st Half 6/15/23	UNIFORM-YEAR 2
	\$225	2 nd Half 7/15/23	
Bow	\$50	9/1/23	New bow year!
Make Up Kit	\$50	9/1/23	Custom set
Competition Fees	\$460	1st Half 10/1/23	5 Competitions
	\$465	2nd Half 12/1/23	
Coaches Fees	\$270	10/1/23	Regular Season Competitions
Insurance & Processing Fees	\$180	9/1/23	1 time annual fee
SUBTOTAL FEES	\$2,665		
Monthly Tuition	\$135	1st of the Month	12 MONTHS
SUBTOTAL TUITION	\$1,620		
TOTAL ANNUAL COST	\$4,285		Estimated Cost

*Does not include post season competition expenses.

Post Season Competitions



D2Summit: General Comments

- If one or all of our teams receive a bid, we will be going to Summit.
 - Once we get our bid we do plan to attend all other scheduled competitions unless otherwise stated.
 - Prices for Summit are additional fees separate from our monthly billing expenses.
 - An idea of some of the ESTIMATED COSTS for Summit are:
 - \$150 Athlete Registration, \$100 Coaches Fee (no matter what type of bid), \$50 Processing fee, \$100 Practice Summit Outfit, flights on your own, team t-shirt \$28, Gym rental for Practice & Transportation fee \$60, in-park team dinner \$35/ea
 - We ask that you do not miss practice the month leading up to Summit.. If this is an issue we may need to re-choreograph your athletes spots in the routine.
 - Teams will have extra practices in the weeks preceding Summit.
 - Please do not leave for Summit earlier than the Monday preceding the competition.
- **Once your team has received a bid to D2 Summit the 1st half of the fee to Starstruck will be due 30 days later. The 2nd half of the D2 Summit fee to Starstruck is due 60 days after the bid is received.***

Payment Policy

Billing and Payments:

- It is required that all members create a Starstruck Account via Jackrabbitclass.com to pay tuition and related expenses.
- You must have a valid payment method on file to participate – credit card, debit card or checking account.
- All payments will be made through this online system.
- Payments will be taken out on the scheduled due dates.
- Monthly tuition will be withdrawn on the 1st of every month using the billing information you entered when setting up your account.
- Refunds: Monthly charges, competitions, pay in full, or items purchased are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please make sure you have thought your expenses through prior to starting the season. All expenses are still due even if ill, injured, or you choose to quit. Refunds on these situations, but not limited to, will not be issued.
- Pay in Full: A 10% discount of tuition will be given to those who choose to pay the year in full. Pay in full will be due July 1st. Choreography payment will still be the due date listed above if not already paid in full. Competition fees will not be included. Pay in full is non-refundable and non-transferable.

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

All fees must be paid on time. Account balance must be Paid In Full one week before date of Competition. If it's not paid, your athlete doesn't compete. This policy will be enforced.

If a successful payment has not been processed by the 10th of the month, a \$35 late fee will be applied. \$30 fee for all returned checks. If you have questions about the set up or billing of your account, contact steve.starstruck@gmail.com or info.starstruckallstars@gmail.com

Fundraising



FUNDRAISING

All Elite Team Members are strongly encouraged to participate in fund raising activities. You can use your fundraising dollars to help pay for uniforms, tuition, post season competition, travel, apparel etc. It's a fun way to show off our teamwork while earning money to reach our cheerleading goals.

Each of the fundraises we utilize have been successful. We've been able to identify a variety of fundraising products from different vendors that resonate with people so we're not just offering one thing all year long. Many Starstruck students have repeat buyers they visit every year who continue to support our fundraising efforts.

Historically athletes who have participated in multiple fundraisers were able to fund a significant portion of their cheerleading expenses, particularly for post season competition. I've also learned parents are much less stressed and tend to enjoy their season a lot more.

We have a number of current fundraisers but are always looking for new opportunities and volunteer leadership.

Contact Jill if interested or have questions.

Dates



- February 1ST Register for Elite Tryouts
 - April 29th Elite Team Placements
 - May 15th – Elite Teams Announced
 - CLOSED -- May 26th – 31st – Closed for Memorial Day
 - June 1st Tuition Due
 - June 5th Practice wear, uniform, shoe try on
 - June 6th FIRST DAY OF ELITE PRACTICE!!! Athlete Gym Membership Registration Fee will be due
 - June 14th 2022-2023 Practice Wear Bundle due June 15th \$150
 - June 14th First Half Uniform Due \$225
 - CLOSED -- June 18th – Closed for Father's Day
 - CLOSED -- June 29th – July 9th – Closed for Fourth of July
 - July 1st Tuition Due
 - July 12th – 13th ELITE STUNT CAMP
 - July 15th 1st Choreography & Music payment Due \$175 (All Members)
 - July 15th Second Half Uniform Due \$225 (Total cost for uniform must be paid by this day)
 - July 15th- 16th Choreography Camp
 - August 1st Tuition Due
 - September 1st Tuition Due
 - September 1st Bow \$50
 - September 1st Make Up Kit \$50
 - September 1st Insurance and Processing Fees Due
 - CLOSED -- September 2nd -4th – Closed for Labor Day
 - September 15th 2nd Choreography and Music Payment Due \$150 (All Members)
 - October 1st Tuition Due
 - October 1st Bonfire - Mitchellville Pumpkin Patch or other activity
 - October 1st First Half Competition Fees Due \$460
 - October 1st Coaches Fees Due \$270
 - October 6th SEP Homecoming Parade TBD
 - October 21st Starstruck Trunk-or-Treat
 - November 1st Tuition Due
 - November 14th SASsy Showcase
 - November 18th Starstruck Winter Show
 - CLOSED -- November 22nd – 26th – Closed for Thanksgiving
 - December 1st Tuition Due
 - December 2nd Second Half Competition Fees Due \$465
 - CLOSED -- December 20th - January 1st Closed for Christmas
 - January 1st 2024 Tuition Due
 - February 1st 2024 Tuition Due
 - March 1st 2024 Tuition Due
 - CLOSED -- March 8th – 17th 2024– Closed for Spring Break
 - CLOSED -- March 31st – 2024 Closed for Easter Sunday
 - April 1st 2024 Tuition Due
 - May 1st 2024 Tuition Due
 - CLOSED -- May 25th – 28th 2024 – Closed for Memorial Day
- *Team Banquets, Summit Send off, and Summit Dates TBD