



UNITED ELITE ALL STAR CHEER

TRYOUT INFORMATION PACKET

2017-2018

United Elite (UE) welcomes you to our Program! Our objective is to develop each athlete physically, mentally and emotionally to ensure they will achieve success on and off the competition floor. Our athletes will learn how to work hard, set and achieve goals, work through frustrations and setbacks, take risks, and work as a team. They will also learn the meaning and worth of dedicated effort. Athletes will have the confidence which comes with the knowledge that they can accomplish amazing things if they put their minds to it!

At United Elite, athletes make lifelong friends and memories which will remain with them forever. Each of our athletes will build self-confidence through the positive reinforcement of our Staff.

As you review this information packet and consider becoming a competitive cheerleader at United Elite, we ask that you please read all requirements, including, but not limited to, attendance, financial and time commitments, policies, procedures, etc. Competitive cheerleading is a select team sport and is very demanding from a time and financial standpoint. It is a commitment that should not be entered lightly. Please make sure you are capable and willing to commit to the mandatory practice schedule, competition schedule and financial responsibilities required.

We are interested in athletes and parents who will fully commit to this year-round sport and remain loyal to their team and the Program. With hard work, loyalty and dedication, together we can be successful and achieve great things!

ALL STAR CHEERLEADING OVERVIEW

The United Elite All Star Cheerleading Program is a twelve (12) month program. Athletes will begin training in May, 2017 and continue through the end of April, 2018. All Star Cheerleading is broken down into both competitive and non-competitive (show and exhibition) levels by age and ability. The United States All Star Federation (USASF) is the main governing presence in this industry, and United Elite will form teams based on their guidelines and criteria.

All Star Cheerleading teams are scored based on the execution and difficulty of their tumbling, jumps, dancing, tosses, motion technique, stunting, performance, unity, creativity and choreography. Athletes will be placed on teams based upon their age and ability in these elements. There are times within the Program in which athletes will be placed on teams due to the necessity of a certain skill set or position.

The goal is to structure successful teams with both age appropriate and skill appropriate athletes. The United Elite Staff reserves the right to place athletes at their discretion.

The following age requirements are set forth in the USASF guidelines. Age requirements are based on age on or before August 31, 2017.

SPECIAL NEEDS		Any Age
TINY PRE-TEAM (EXHIBITION)	3 - 6	Years Old
TINY	5 - 6	Years Old
MINI	5 - 8	Years Old
YOUTH	6 - 11	Years Old
JUNIOR	8 - 14	Years Old
SENIOR	11 - 18	Years Old
SENIOR (LEVEL 5)	12 - 18	Years Old

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

Tuition/Monthly Fees:

Monthly tuition is comprised of instruction fee, competition fees and coaches' fees. These fees do not include, registration fee, choreography fee, music fee, booster club dues, USASF membership fees, practice clothes, uniforms, warm ups, bows, shoes, make up, backpacks or any other accessories or additional fees.

All monthly tuition **MUST** be paid via auto draft on the 2nd of each month. All other charges such as practices clothes, uniform or any other purchased items can be paid at the front desk or online through our parent portal. **Auto draft is for tuition/monthly fees and registration only.**

Athletes delinquent on their tuition/monthly fees will be required to attend practices, but sit out, until accounts are brought current. They will not be allowed to participate in competitions, classes or private lessons when accounts are delinquent. Accounts are delinquent after the 5th of the month.

Late Signup Fees:

Anyone signing up after May, 2017 is subject to a late signup fee. This fee will be determined at the time of signup.

Exit Fee:

An exit fee of \$350.00 will be automatically charged to any athlete withdrawing from the Program before the end of the year-long commitment. The exit fee goes into effect June 1, 2017 and remains in effect through the last day of April, 2018. The exit fee applies to all athletes including show/exhibition teams.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance will be taken daily at team practices and at any other required events. It is the parent's responsibility to notify coaches of any upcoming absences, if an athlete is sick, or going to be tardy. Coaches and director (director@uegym.com) should be notified as soon as possible via email or phone call. Attendance is required at every practice, class and event unless excused by your coach for illness and/or injury. You must contact your coach and they will decide whether your athlete should attend practices, classes, events and competitions. You must provide a doctor's note. Injury or illness one week before competition may omit the athlete from competition as deemed necessary by the coaching staff. No fees will be refunded if your athlete is sick or injured. This also applies to Show Teams and Special Needs teams. We

are implementing a new and improved attendance policy for 2017-18. We will follow this policy strictly. Please review this policy and be certain you can and will abide by the requirements before committing to the Program. The detailed Attendance Policy is included in this packet.

Additional Practices:

Additional practices, instruction and specialty classes, such as Flyer Class, Stunt Class, etc., may be added to the athlete's practice schedule. These practices will be mandatory. Athletes who do not attend these specialty classes and/or practices will be subject to removal from the specified position and/or team.

Timeliness:

Please make sure your athlete arrives to all practices, classes, competitions and events on time. Excessive tardiness will not be allowed. If an athlete is late to competition it could result in the athlete being pulled from the performance and future performances.

Attire:

Athletes are required to be dressed and ready to work out at the practice start time. There will be a set practice wear schedule for the season. Athletes are required to follow this schedule. Hair should be securely tied back at the beginning of practice. All jewelry should be removed. Athletes are encouraged not to bring jewelry or valuables into the gym. United Elite is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Disciplinary action will be taken for athletes who are out of uniform, tardy, leaving early, absent, etc. No exceptions. This action will apply to excused or unexcused instances. This will apply to every athlete, no matter the circumstances. If you miss practice, you are late, leave early, you are out of uniform, etc., you will be required to do the assigned conditioning. Any athlete leaving practice without completing the assigned conditioning will be required to do double the next practice.

Private Lessons:

Fee information for private lessons can be obtained at the UE Cheer Gym front desk. Coaches can also provide this information. Scheduling should be discussed with the individual coach. There will be no private lessons given to any team member who is delinquent in their team tuition, fees or Booster Club dues.

Insurance and Injuries:

Team members must provide their own medical insurance. Athletes must also report all injuries, including injuries that occur outside of the gym, to the coaching staff as soon as possible. The coaches can then make sure the athlete is protected from further injury during practice. Athlete and parent cooperation in injury prevention and reporting updates to the coaching staff is extremely important.

Sportsmanship:

We ask that you show good sportsmanship at all times to all UE teams and staff (at practices and competitions) as well as all other teams and athletes. Conduct yourself with grace and courage during the competition by accepting all scores in a positive manner.

Coaching:

Please leave all coaching, both in and out of the gym to the coaches. Refrain from discussing your concerns or gossiping with other parents. If you have questions, please schedule a conference with your athlete's coach.

Spirit:

Be your athlete's #1 fan! Good times and challenging one's too, unconditional love is your task. We would love to see all UE parents, in UE attire, sitting together showing support for our teams at competition. This

shows strength, support for our athletes, unity and gym pride. We will have new spirit designs for the 2017-18 season.

Gym Closures:

The United Elite Cheer Gym will be closed on the dates listed below. Please pay particular attention to the Christmas Holiday closures. The UE Staff reserves the right to change this schedule if necessary. Please review the Attendance Policy for fees related to unexcused absences.

May 29, 2017	Memorial Day
July 3-5, 2017	Independence Day
September 4, 2017	Labor Day
October 31, 2017	Halloween
November 21-26, 2017	Thanksgiving
December 24-31, 2017	Christmas
January 1, 2018	New Year's Day
March 12-16, 2018	Spring Break (Will follow Rockwall ISD schedule)

UE Website and App:

The United Elite All Star website (UEallstars.com) and the new UE app, relay information concerning competition results, special activities, and other pertinent information regarding gym activities.

Questions:

All information regarding training and competitions will be distributed by email and/or handed out at practice. You may call the front desk with questions (214) 771-3498. You may also contact the Cheer Director, Eddie Frantom via email at director@uegym.com or the Cheer Program Manager, Carol Wigley at carol@uegym.com. Please do not contact the cheer company, event producers or judges at any event we attend. Please do not approach the coach during practice hours or competition. If you need to speak with a coach contact them to schedule a time that will not interfere with instruction.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All Star Cheerleading is a "SELECT" team sport. It takes a full commitment from both cheerleader and parents. All practices are mandatory! Athlete is allowed a summer vacation. This must be scheduled by email to director@uegym.com and copied to the athlete's team coach.

Practices can be intense prior to competition and extra practices will be scheduled as needed. All athletes realize that by missing practice their team cannot work all baskets, stunts, pyramids, tumbling or transitions efficiently. Athletes that have poor attendance, extended illnesses, injuries or excessive absences will be replaced.

The following excused and unexcused policy is not negotiable. If a cheerleader has three unexcused absences within the one-year commitment, he/she is subject to dismissal from his/her team.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Working, fatigue, personal issues, studying, social occasions, family occasions, family time.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Mandatory school functions that result in a grade, death in the family, contagious illness which has been diagnosed by a physician and a physician's note is provided. Documentation/proof will be required for all excused absences.

The absence policy goes into effect once the fall schedule begins and will end after the last competition. We will abide by the following policy for the 2017-2018 All Star season.

- 3 tardies (more than 5 minutes late) = 1 unexcused absence
- 3 unexcused absence = \$50 fee
- 4 unexcused absences = \$100 fee
- 5 unexcused absences will result in automatic removal from the team.
- Unexcused absence 2 weeks prior to ANY scheduled competition = \$50 fee
- Unexcused absence 1 week prior to ANY scheduled competition = \$100 fee

It is the responsibility of the athlete to learn any changes they missed due to an absence, which may include extra practice time. All absences must be emailed in advance to director@uegym.com and copied to the athlete's team coach.

Please understand this is a team sport with no subs, alternates, fill-ins, etc. One person out can affect the entire team. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. A copy of the Attendance Policy with signature requirements is included in the Registration Packet.

ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

United Elite's athletes are held to a high standard of moral character. Our goal is to surround ourselves with positive athletes who strive to reach both the team's goals and their own personal goals. Parents, please read through the following obligations with your athlete explaining each one.

- I will not use inappropriate language or participate in inappropriate, immoral behavior. I will not participate in the illegal consumption of tobacco, alcohol or drugs. I understand that all of my actions both inside and outside of the gym are a reflection of United Elite and should demonstrate strong CHARACTER.
- I understand this is a full, one year COMMITMENT and that a team is depending on me to fulfill my responsibilities as a team member. I will be committed to my coaches, my teammates and myself striving to reach both the team's goals and my personal goals.
- I will come to practice with a positive ATTITUDE, and I will work hard to achieve the goals set by my coaches. I realize that a positive attitude is contagious, and I will do my best to influence my teammates in a positive manner.
- I will not disrespect any team member, coach, parent or competitor from United Elite or any other gym for any reason at any time.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship striving to be a humble winner and a gracious loser.
- I will learn and obey the rules and regulations of United Elite.
- I will wear the scheduled practice clothes to each practice. I understand it is my responsibility to help my parents keep up with the schedule and the outfits.
- I will arrive at all competitions on time with my uniform, hair and makeup completed to United Elite standards.
- I understand that all material, music and routines are the property of United Elite and are not to be used for any other purpose including school squads and talent shows.
- I understand that breaking any of the codes of conduct above may result in suspension or dismissal from United Elite.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents are vital in helping their children maintain high moral character, fulfill their commitment and keep a positive attitude. United Elite wants to serve as a partner to the parents helping each child achieve these goals, but the primary job must lie with the parents. Please read this carefully and understand that you are making a ONE YEAR commitment of time and financial resources. You are also committing to support our program's philosophies and goals.

- I understand that my actions in the viewing room and at competitions are a reflection of United Elite and should be of strong moral CHARACTER. I will be a positive role model for my child and will encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all athletes, coaches, and spectators at every practice, competition and event.
- I am aware that this is a one year COMMITMENT and will do everything in my ability to enable my child to participate in all practices, camps, retreats and competitions throughout this season. I understand that a team is depending on my child to fulfill his/her responsibilities as a team member. I will do all that is necessary to get my child to practice on time and assure that he/she does not need to leave practice early.
- I will maintain a positive ATTITUDE by remembering that children participate in cheerleading to have fun and that the sport is for children, not adults.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will not feel defeated by the outcome of a competition or his/her performance. I will encourage my child to be a humble winner and a gracious loser.
- I will respect the coaches and their authority during practices and competitions and will not question, discuss or confront the coaches during a practice or a competition, nor will I pull my child out of practice or competition without communicating with the coach. I will take the time to speak with the coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- If my child is involved in any matter of disrespect towards any United Elite staff member or student, I will resolve this problem with my child immediately.
- I understand that my child must wear the proper practice outfit that is scheduled for any specific day and will support this requirement with my child. I understand conditioning will be required of my child for infractions. If my child loses any part of their practice clothes, I understand that I must purchase a replacement immediately.
- I fully understand that the coaches reserve the right to suspend my child's participation indefinitely in practice or competition (which may include losing positions) as a disciplinary action if any of the rules, policies or codes of conduct is not adhered to.
- I will attend parent meetings, read e-mails and check the website to retrieve information that United Elite has prepared.
- I understand that the viewing area will be closed at some point during the season. I will respect the coach's wishes and not stay and watch practices.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition/Monthly Fees:

United Elite All Star Cheer is a twelve (12) month program. We will begin practicing on May 1, 2017 and continue through the end of April, 2018. All tuition/monthly fees outlined below must be paid through automatic draft (Automatic Draft Form included in Registration Packet.) Monthly tuition will be automatically drafted on the 2nd of each month. Tuition includes instruction fee, competition fees and coaches' fees.

Tuition for male and female athletes is the same. Male and female athletes receive equivalent instruction/training and attend the same competitions. Uniforms and practice wear costs do vary from male to female athletes.

Special Needs Teams

\$45.00 per month May 2017 through April 2018

Show Teams

\$160.00 per month May 2017 through February 2018

\$100.00 per month March 2018 through April 2018

All Competitive Teams - Tiny through Senior

\$285.00 per month May 2017 through February 2018

\$175.00 per month March 2018 through April 2018

Additional Expenses:

<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Annual Registration Fee	\$ 37.88/\$64.95 Family	At Tryouts
Booster Club Dues	\$ 65.00	At Tryouts
Choreography and Music Fee	\$150.00	May 1, 2017
USASF Membership (competitive teams only)	\$ 35.00	June 1, 2017
*Practice Wear	\$150.00	Deposit \$75.00 June 1, 2017 Balance \$75.00 July 1, 2017
*Uniform	\$460.00	Deposit \$230.00 July 15, 2017 Balance \$230.00 August 15, 2017
*Warm Ups	\$TBD	September 1, 2017
*Competition Bow	\$ 45.00	August 1, 2017
*Team Make Up	\$ 65.00	August 1, 2017
*Team Shoes	\$ 86.59	October 1, 2017
*Team Backpack	\$ 92.00	October 1, 2017

Travel Expenses

(One in-state travel)

(One out-of-state travel if bid received)

Other Possible Expenses:

The possibility of extra competition fees if cost exceeds the anticipated amount.

Big Sister/Brother Little Sister/Brother Program

Christmas Gift Exchange

Theme Days

*All athletes must have the same practice wear, uniforms, warm ups, competition bow, make up, shoes and backpack. Each of these items, excluding shoes, must be purchased through United Elite. **The fees listed for these items are approximate.** There are no refunds for these items.

Payment Options:

UE offers two different payment plan options. Please review both options carefully. There are no refunds.

Option One

One-Time Tuition Payment.

Payment will be due no later than one month after registration.

Tuition total for the season is paid upfront in one lump sum.

This includes monthly tuition only. It does not include other fees such as choreography, music, uniform, practice clothes, etc., or the possibility of extra competition fees if cost exceeds the anticipated amount.

You will receive a 10% discount on tuition only.

Siblings will receive a 10% discount on monthly tuition.

Exit fee applies if athlete withdraws from the Program before the season is complete.

There are no refunds.

Option Two

Monthly Tuition Payments.

Tuition will be paid monthly by automatic draft. Automatic draft required.

You must sign up for automatic draft payment with a debit/credit card.

Automatic draft payments will begin May, 2017 and end April, 2018.

Siblings will receive a 10% discount on monthly tuition.

Exit fee applies if athlete withdraws from the Program before the season is complete.

There are no refunds.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS ON PRE-PAID SEASONS. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS ON MONTHLY TUITION/FEEES, BOOSTER CLUB FEES, USASF FEES, PRACTICE CLOTHES, UNIFORMS, WARM UPS, COMPETITION BOWS, MAKE UP, SHOES OR BACKPACKS.

TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be held Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Candidates will be registered, evaluated and released. There is no tryout fee. Fees due upon registration for the Program are as follows:

Registration fee:	\$ 37.88 per athlete or 64.95 per family
May tuition:	\$160.00 per athlete Show Teams \$285.00 per athlete Competitive Teams
Booster dues:	\$ 65.00 per athlete.

All athletes participating in tryouts should wear appropriate cheer attire and tennis shoes. All paperwork included in the Registration Packet should be completed prior to tryouts. Parents should accompany athletes to tryouts and turn in required forms.

United Elite Staff will evaluate each athlete. After tryouts athletes will be placed in practice groups. You will be notified via email the week of April 24, 2017 as to your practice schedule. These practice groups will allow the Staff to continue to evaluate the athletes and groups and to ensure groups are comprised for maximum success. During this continued evaluation period athletes may be moved to different groups. This is at Staff discretion. Our goal is to create strong teams which will produce effective results. There are many elements to consider for All Star teams: tumbling, jumping, dancing, stunting and stunt positions, work ethic, dedication, experience, etc. We look for athletes who exhibit strong work ethic, dedication, superior attitudes and the ability to be a team player.

Final team placement will be in June/July, 2017. The UE Staff reserves the right to move athletes to different teams at any point necessary throughout the duration of the season. The Staff also reserves the right to change the competitive division of any team at their discretion.

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