

EXPRESS CHEER

Information Packet 2023

Impact Half Year

IMPACT Half-Year Team Information - Prep & Novice Program

Practices will begin the week of November 27th, 2023.
Exact Practice Days and Times will be determined after Team Placement.

Pricing

MONTH	FEE
December*	\$180
January **	\$180
February***	\$180
March	\$180
April	\$180

*Administration Fee- \$75

**Uniform Rental Fee - \$200

*** Competition Bow- \$15

The December payment is due at the time of turning in the packet, along with the Registration Fee \$40 (if needed). These payments must be made prior to signing up.

Please note that the monthly fees include:

One and a Half Our Practice per week,
Choreography,
Competition Fees,
Music Fees.

Not included:

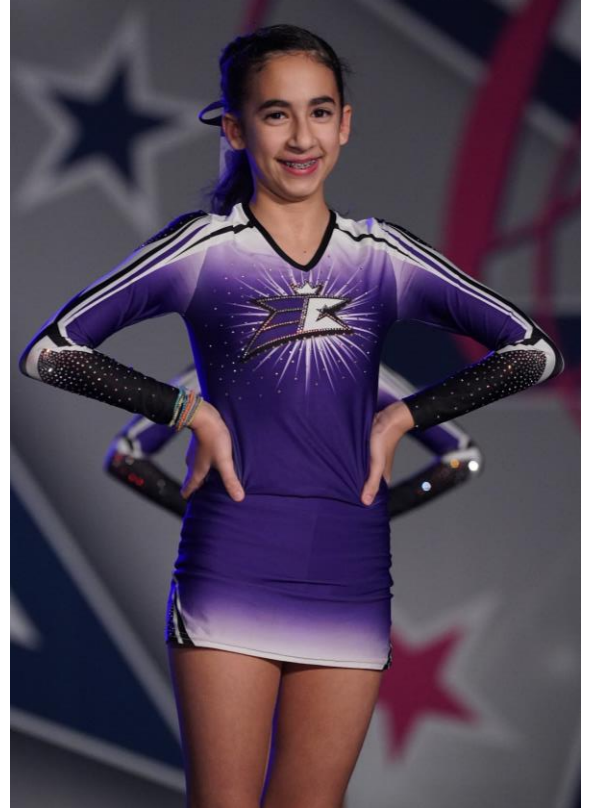
Uniform Rental \$200- (\$150 rental, \$50 refundable deposit)

Includes: Top, Skirt with built in briefs

Competition Bow (\$15)

Shoes or make-up

Registration fee (if needed)



Tuition is due on the 20th of each month prior to the month you will be attending.

For example, January's tuition is due by December 20th.

All tuition payments are considered late on the 1st of the month and will be assessed a Late Fee of \$20.



2023-2024 Important Dates

Please Check ALL CLOSING Dates Carefully

Important Events and Closing Dates:

May 29th – June 2nd – Gym Closed
June 5th – Off Season Impact Begins
July 3rd- 14th – Closed for 4th of July
September 1st-4th – Closed for Labor Day
October 6th – 9th – Closed for Fall Break
November 20th-24th – Closed for Thanksgiving Break
November 27th – The Week Impact Half Year Begins
December 22nd- January 6th – Closed for Winter Break
March 10th -17th – Closed for Spring Break
March 29th - 31st – Closed for Easter

Competition Dates:

January 20th or 21st – Express Fest – Frisco, TX
February 10th or 11th – NTGU MEGA Nationals - Irving, TX
February 24th – TBD
April 6th or 7th – NTGU Spring – Denton, TX

**Please remember that these dates are tentative.
Practices and Events can be added, deleted, or substituted without notice.**

Absences

Absence Policy

An Absence Request Form must be submitted TWO weeks prior to the absence. All absence requests submitted less than two weeks prior to the absence will be unexcused. Forms are located in the lobby and in our document section on our website. Be prepared to show documentation for absences. NO absences are permitted the week of an event, excused or unexcused. Unexcused absences must be approved by a member of Express Cheer Staff at least two weeks prior the date of the absence(s). No unexcused absence will be allowed at any practice that involves choreography. An excused absence is limited to mandatory school functions for a grade, death in the family or contagious illness (fever, vomiting, diarrhea). . We will verify with school administrators or the school if we think someone is being dishonest. Exceeding the 2 allowed unexcused absence will put your athlete's position on the team in jeopardy at the coach's discretion. Missing practice for any other reason than those listed above will result in an unexcused absence. This includes but is not limited to; homework, no ride, work, cotillion, etc. All other sports that conflict with Express practices are NOT EXCUSED. Athletes who are late or miss practice may be required to condition at the following practice.

All athletes must attend practice even when they are sick. Athletes may not be required to participate but must be present and must provide a doctor's note with detailed information regarding illness, treatment, and length of recovery. This includes dental, medical and all other health related issues that would prohibit an athlete from participating. Extended sicknesses or injuries may jeopardize an athlete's position on the team. Athletes may also be removed from their team and the program for not following the Absence Policy. Understanding that this is a team sport is key. Commitment from all athletes for all practices is the only way we can set our teams up to have a successful season.

Competition Absence Policy

Do not plan family vacation or trips during or around competitions, if you have done so you must inform Express Cheer in writing before you are admitted onto a team. Understand that this is team sport and that if one person is missing, it is basically a waste of time for everyone else. Missing or skipping practices jeopardizes your athlete's role on the team.

NO ABSENCE WILL BE ALLOWED THE WEEK PRIOR TO ANY EVENT/ COMPETITION. Missing a practice during these weeks may result in the athlete being moved to an alternate position or being dismissed from the team.

Code of Conduct

It is understood that Express Cheer reserves the right to dismiss an athlete from any practice or remove them from a team if their behavior is deemed inappropriate.

A member of Express Cheer must be a strong representative at all times. We expect that you will keep your social media clean and family friendly at all times. Remember you are a direct reflection of Express Cheer. If you are caught demonstrating abusive behavior, lying, or any form of negative behavior it will be grounds for removal. Express Cheer will not tolerate gossiping, pettiness, back talking or any disrespect to teammates or instructors. After warning a team member, a parent will be notified of the problem. If the issue is not resolved it will be grounds for removal.

Please be aware that inappropriate displays of behavior FROM PARENTS to office staff, instructors, athletes or other parents at events or inside Express Cheer can also result in removal of athletes from teams.

The use of Spirit Athletics LLC, Express Cheer DBA or any other subsidiary of our companies is strictly prohibited. It is prohibited to use our name in emails, social media formats, apparel, or other promotional material. No portion of our routines, music, dances, stunts, transitions, etc., should ever be used in any forum outside of our program.





ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Check one: ☐ New Student ☐ Sibling ☐ Returning Student

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (Person responsible for the account)

Mother/Guardian First Name	Mother/Guardian Last Name	Cell Phone Number	Allow Texting
Father/Guardian First Name	Father/Guardian Last Name	Cell Phone Number	Allow Texting
Mailing Address		Home Phone Number	
City, State, Zip Code		Email Address	

STUDENT INFORMATION (One Form Per Student)

Student's First Name	Student's Last Name	Birth date	Age
Gender	Medical Conditions, Disabilities, Allergies and/or Concerns		

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, ACCOUNT POLICIES AND MEDIA RELEASE

In consideration of the above-named students/participants participating in the programs of Express Cheer, a Spirit Athletics company, I represent that I understand the nature of the above enrolled activities and that I am, or my children are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I acknowledge that if I believe event conditions are unsafe, I or my children will immediately discontinue participation in the activities. I fully understand that these activities involve risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis, and death, which may be caused by my or my children's own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the activities, the conditions in which the activities take place, or the negligence of the "releasees" named below; and that there may be other risks either result or my or my children's participation in these activities.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Express Cheer, Spirit Athletics LLC, its respective owners, partners, administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages, on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in assumption of risk I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost, which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I hereby approve, agree, and release any photographs, video, or audio recording ("MEDIA" herein) taken by employees or agents of Express Cheer that include a depiction of my child during activities held at Express Cheer or any public event that includes Express Cheer, for use in whole or in part, in marketing, social media and/or training material or any other form deemed acceptable by Express Cheer. I hereby release and discharge Express Cheer, Spirit Athletics LLC, from all claims, damages, or relief due to the use of such media. I hereby grant, assign, and transfer to Express Cheer all rights and interest therein at no charge.

I understand an enrollment fee of \$40 per student (maximum of \$80 per family) is due on each anniversary date of enrollment. Class Make Ups must be arranged by contacting the main office staff or the online portal. Make Ups are not guaranteed and are available only if there are class openings. To qualify for make ups, students must be actively enrolled in classes and/or programs. Furthermore, I agree to contact the office staff in writing, in person, by phone or via the online portal to change or withdraw from class.

I have read the RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

OFFICE USE ONLY System Entry _____ Follow Up Email _____



Acceptance of Terms & Conditions

Please take a moment and read carefully to ensure that you fully understand the time and financial commitment required for Express. You will need to initial each section and sign at the bottom of the page.

- _____ I understand that I will forfeit any monies paid if I choose to leave a team or are asked to leave the program. I also understand that I am entering into the Express program of my own free will. There are NO REFUNDS!
- _____ You must advise your coach in advance if your child will be arriving late or leaving early from practices.
- _____ If a student is injured or sick and not contagious, they are required to attend practice, not participate.
- _____ Express athletes are required to attend all practices. If habitual absences occur; athletes may be removed from the team without notice and no refund will be provided. Also, please note that if an athlete misses practices the week prior to a performance, regional or local competition, and/or two weeks prior to a national competition it is at the discretion of Express and its coaches whether or not they perform.
- _____ An excused absence is limited to mandatory school functions for a grade, death in the family or contagious illness. Missing practice for any other reason other than the four listed previously will also result in an UNEXCUSED absence. This includes, but is not limited to:
- ◆ Too much home work / studying (please plan ahead)
 - ◆ Don't have a ride (again, please plan ahead)
 - ◆ Work
 - ◆ School Sports
 - ◆ Cotillion
- _____ Express athletes are required to attend all competitions. Everyone will receive a competition schedule and if you cannot attend the competitions, then you should not join the team.
- _____ Tuition does not pay for the right to perform. Individuals must continue to meet the skill level requirements. Failure to pay tuition will result in an athlete sitting out of practice.
- _____ It is understood that Express reserves the right to move your child to another team during the season and/or dismiss an athlete from any practice or remove them from a team if their behavior or parents' behavior is deemed inappropriate. In the instance that an athlete quits or gets dismissed from a team, a \$750 cancellation fee will be processed immediately.
- _____ Please be aware that inappropriate displays of behavior from parents can also result in removal of athletes from teams. This applies in all situations. Including, but are not limited to: practices, performances and competitions.
- _____ I understand that team practices cannot be made up and in the event that practices are cancelled or there are global or local events out of the control of Spirit Athletics LLC (DBA – Express Cheer & Dance) or its subsidiaries, that limit our ability to provide services, I will be responsible for the duration of my contract and Spirit Athletics LLC (DBA – Express Cheer & Dance) or its subsidiaries will do everything in their power to provide substitute services and to make each family/customer whole.

I, _____ (parent), understand, accept, and agree to all of the terms and conditions within the Express Cheer Evaluation Packet.

Signature _____ Date _____

Payment Contract Agreement

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(parent's initials)

I acknowledge that, under the terms of this Agreement, the above-named student will be charged a registration fee once a year and all tuition will be payable on the 20th of each month prior. If fees are not paid on time, I acknowledge that late fees will be charged.

(parent's initials)

Tuition does not change based on the number or length of practices in any month.

(parent's initials)

It is also acknowledged that FAILURE TO ATTEND PRACTICES WILL NOT RELIEVE ME OF ANY OBLIGATIONS TO PAY THE TUITION AGREED UPON, AND THAT NO REFUNDS OR MAKE-UP CLASSES FOR TUITION PAID SHALL BE MADE FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OR WITHDRAWAL. I further acknowledge that I will be required to pay for all uniform pieces, and trips and expenses not included in Express tuition.

(parent's initials)

I further acknowledge that under the payment plan, if I withdraw my athlete for any reason, I may be responsible for additional fees. **All resignations must be received in writing.**

(parent's initials)

I understand that if my athlete is no longer a part of an Express Cheer team for any reason, their uniform will need to be returned within one week of their resignation. If it is not returned, I will be charged the full price of the uniform.

(parent's initials)

In addition, I understand by signing this page, I give Express the right to run the credit card on file for any outstanding balance on the 1st of each month, or for the cancellation fee of \$750.

(parent's initials)

I understand that carrying a balance on my account will hinder my athlete from taking additional classes or private lessons until team tuition has been paid. In addition, if monthly tuition is not paid by the 1st of each month, my athlete will sit out of practice until the account is current.

(parent's initials)

I acknowledge the monthly tuition does not include any additional charges (late interest, penalties, unbilled attorneys' fees, etc.) upon signing this agreement I agree to pay additional charges or fees which are incurred if it becomes necessary to collect the amount referenced in agreement.

(parent's initials)

I understand that if any installment is late or missed, Express Cheer reserves the right to continue with the collections process and take whatever action is deemed necessary to recover the full amount of debt including but not limited to cancellation of this agreement and/or exclusion of your child from participation in all Express Cheer related activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature / /
Date

Participant Signature / /
Date



Authorization Agreement for Collections

_____ (Name) hereby authorize Express Cheer to automatically bill my credit card/bank account my athlete's monthly tuition and any and all fees associated with his/her classes/squad. All requested information is required. Each month, your credit card /bank account will be billed for the amount indicated and your charges will appear on your statement. Any athlete/parent who wishes to change or cease payments entirely from the automatic payment system **must notify Express Cheer in writing no less than 2 weeks prior to the automatic debit date.** It is the cardholder's responsibility to maintain the correct information. We acknowledge that the origination of transactions to our account must comply with the provisions of the U.S. law. **Please note that you are required to put both forms of payment on file.** You may check the type of payment you would like us to first process. Express reserves the right to process the second form of payment if your primary payment is declined.

Monthly Tuition is due on or before the 20th prior to each month.

A late fee of \$20 will be assessed for payments received after the 1st of each month unless prior arrangements have been made.

Customer Information:

Name: _____

Athlete's Name: _____

Credit Card Information _____ Please use this as my primary payment.

Account Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Address associated with credit card:

Town: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Bank Account Information _____ Please use this as my primary payment.

Name on Account _____

Name of the Banking Institution _____

Routing Number _____

Account Number _____

I authorize, Express Cheer to automatically charge my credit card/bank account on file in the amount due, each month. I understand that my payment is to be withdrawn on the 20th of each month prior.

Signature _____ Date: _____

All returned payments, declined credit cards, and/or expires cards will result in a \$35 non-sufficient funds fee.



ABSENCE REQUEST FORM

NAME OF ATHLETE: _____ DATE: _____

TEAM: _____

REQUESTING TO BE ABSENT:

MONTH: _____ DAY: _____ TIME: _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITY: _____

VACATION/OTHER: _____

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO ATTEND ANY PORTION OF THE SCHEDULED PRACTICE?

YES - OR - NO

IS SO WHICH PART? _____

1. I KNOW THAT SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR A GRADE ARE THE ONLY EXCUSED ABSENCES.
2. I AM AWARE THAT MY ABSENCE CAN AND WILL AFFECT THE REST OF THE TEAM PRACTICE.
3. I KNOW THAT MY PARTICULAR STUNT OR STUNT GROUP WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PRACTICE AND ALL SPACING AND FORMATIONS WILL BE AFFECTED BY MY ABSENCE.
4. I PROMISE TO LEARN ANY NEW OR CHANGED MATERIAL PRIOR TO MY NEXT PRACTICE.
5. I UNDERSTAND UNAPPROVED ABSENCES MAY JEOPARDIZE AN ATHLETE'S POSITION AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF A TEAM.

ATHLETE'S NAME

PARENT'S NAME

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

COACHES NAME

COACHES SIGNATURE

APPROVED: YES - OR- NO

COMMENTS: