



Norton Youth Cheerleading 2017!

We are excited that you have expressed interest to participate as a Norton Youth Cheerleader for the 2017 season! Please read over the material with a parent and sign the permission form and compliance form to partake in this year's tryouts. Our clinics will be held Monday (May 8), Tuesday (May 9), and Wednesday (May 10) from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Norton Middle School Gymnasium and Tryouts will be held that Friday (May 12) at the Norton Middle School Gymnasium **between 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.** Your squad's exact tryout time on Friday will be released during clinic week. We as an organization take pride in conducting an honest and fair tryout. All of our cheerleading positions are chosen by a team of judges that are not a part of our community and that none of the girls will know. Girls may, however, see familiar faces such as tally judges and clinic coaches in the tryout room.

Both clinics and tryouts are closed to the public!

We are asking each girl to **pre-register**. Please read over all enclosed material and mail back your signed Permission Form. If the signed Permission Slip Form is not turned in prior to the start of the first clinic, your daughter will **NOT** be able to participate.

Please mail all pre-registration forms to the following address:

Mrs. Brooke Baker
NYC Director
3337 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd
Norton, Ohio 44203

Or E-mail form to: brooke1299@aol.com

Please Note...At the beginning of the first clinic on May 8, we will be holding a parent informational meeting. We will be able to answer any questions regarding tryouts, camp and cost at that time. Please plan on attending.

Questions? Email me at brooke1299@aol.com

BASIC INFORMATION

Norton Youth Cheerleading strives for you to have a great experience this season. Each squad cheers for Norton Youth Football at both home and away games.

FLAG SQUAD: Flag football cheerleaders are not required to try out and information on registration for flag cheer teams will be given out on a later date. Ages 5-8. Must be 5 on August 1st.

2nd GRADE SQUAD: Girls on this team are all 2nd graders for the 2017-2018 school year. They will learn the **basics** of cheerleading and will be cheering for the 2nd grade football team. There will be one 2nd grade squad consisting of the top ten try-out scores. Any 2nd grade girl who does not make it for this team, *IS STILL ABLE TO AND ENCOURAGED TO CHEER ON THE FLAG FOOTBALL CHEER TEAM.*

3rd and 4th GRADE SQUADS: There will be two squads consisting of 10 cheerleaders each. (Twenty total, based on top try-out scores). Both squads will learn/review the basics of cheerleading and will be introduced to some more advanced skills as well. Both squads will be cheering for a football team consisting of both 3rd and 4th grade boys. Girls must be in 3rd or 4th grade for the 2017-2018 calendar year to try out for these squads.

5th and 6th GRADE SQUADS: There will be two squads consisting of 10 cheerleaders each. (Twenty total, based on top try-out scores). Girls should know all the advanced basics and motions, timing and control should be advanced as well. You will learn special dance routines and complex cheers. Both squads will be cheering for a football team consisting of both 5th and 6th grade boys. Girls must be in 5th or 6th grade for the 2017-2018 calendar year to try out for these squads.

NORTON YOUTH PANTHER CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS 2017

**To tryout, you must be entering the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. DON'T FORGET-You MUST have a *signed permission form* to participate.

Clinics: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (May 8, 9, 10) 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the **NORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

Tryouts: Friday, May 12: 4:00 p.m- approx. 8:30 p.m.at the **NORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**. Squads will be posted on the Norton Youth Football website at www.nortonyouthfootball.org AS SOON AS POSSIBLE that evening.

Attendance: You are required to attend all three clinics. If you are late, or have to leave early, please let me know before the clinic begins. YOU are responsible for making up missed practices on your own. We will not teach you individually. In the event of a tie at try-outs, attendance will be used as a tie-breaker.

Dress for Clinics: shorts, t-shirts and tennis shoes of any color/ kind.

Dress for Tryouts: Black shorts, white T-shirts (with no writing, designs, etc.), white **clean** tennis shoes, white socks, no jewelry and hair pulled back off of your face in a bow (black, red or white, no writing). **You WILL be judged on appearance!!!**

JUDGED AREAS FOR TRYOUTS

1. **Required Cheer** - A cheer will be taught at clinics. Your child will be judged on the following: knowledge of the cheer, cheer motions (dynamic, distinct and confident), voice control, (LOUD and clear), and spirit projection (smile, pep and eye contact).
2. **Required Chant** - A chant will be taught at clinics. Your child will be judged on the same areas as the required cheer.
3. **Jumps-** The following skills will be included in tryouts. They will be demonstrated during clinics, and any help or instruction needed may be requested at that time.
-HURDLER JUMP
-TOE TOUCH/RUSSIAN JUMP
-DOUBLE JUMP** 5th and 6th grades ONLY
4. **Stunt-**This is a chance for the girls to show the judges their individual talent. Stunt options may include cartwheel, round-off, split, back handspring, etc. Stunt scoring is not necessarily on difficulty, but more so on perfection.
5. **Individual chant- 5th and 6th GRADE ONLY-** girls are to make up and perform an individual chant. This chant will not be taught at clinics, must be unique and individual per girl and must be learned on the girl's own time. If there is extra time at clinics, coaches may be able to help and/or critique any girls made up chant if the girl would like them to. Girls will be judged on creativity, knowledge, motions, voice control and spirit.

IT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO HAVE YOUR CHANT MADE UP BEFORE CLINICS.

RULES/REGULATIONS/OBLIGATIONS

If you are chosen as a cheerleader for the 2017 season, you will be asked to comply with the following:

1. **Norton Youth Cheerleading is a 4-5 month summer and fall commitment!** Unlike most other sports, our cheerleading program is composed of summer conditioning and practices, football season games that may run up to and into November! You may NOT miss practices or games to play another fall sport. Cheerleaders are required to abide by the attendance regulations listed in the Demerit System. **This is a commitment and a priority if your daughter chooses to try out!**

2. **There will be certain financial obligations which you must assume. (AKA: CHEERLEADING IS NOT CHEAP!)** (These are approximate figures)

Norton Youth Football registration fee- **\$165** if you already have your warm-up from last year

\$240 if you are a new cheerleader or need a new warm-up

Includes: registration, cheer camp registration, concession stand donation, cheer shoes, hair bow

Additional costs:

Cheerleading Warm-up and Pants with embroidery - \$75 (We will be going with the same warm-up and pant as last year so this is only MANDATORY for new cheerleaders.)

Cheerleading briefs - \$8

Cheerleading bodysuit - \$25

Spirit materials (candy, craft items, etc) - \$15

Dry-Clean uniform at the end of the season and turn in on due date (NO EXCEPTIONS!)

3. **Cheerleading parents** will be required to help serve/donate to the concession stand, and girls are required to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at home games only. (We will rotate turns.)

4. **Cheerleading parents** will be required to transport child to and from games and practices **ON TIME**. (Please see Eligibility/Participation Agreement.)

5. **Families will be required to participate in fundraising throughout the season.**

6. **Cheerleaders will be responsible for maintaining a positive, friendly attitude** beginning with clinics and throughout the season. Coaches and advisors will keep a record to ensure this! There is a NO TOLERANCE policy as well as immediate removal for any cheerleader who acts or conducts herself in a manner inappropriate or unbecoming of our league. (Please see Eligibility/Participation Agreement.)

PERMISSION SLIP

***This form must be signed and returned BEFORE the first day of clinics. (Monday, May 8, 2017) in order for your daughter to try out for the 2017 Norton Youth Cheerleading season.**

Child's Name _____ Grade 2017-2018 school year _____
Birthdate _____ School _____

Parent's Name(s) _____
Address (include city and zip code): _____

_____ Phone
No: _____ Cell _____

Purpose: To ensure parents and guardians to authorize the provisions of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured while under NYFA authority, when parents or guardian cannot be contacted.

In the event reasonable attempts to contact parent at (phone no.) _____
Or (other parent) _____ at (phone no.) _____ have been unsuccessful, I hereby consent for (Preferred physician) _____ or (preferred dentist) _____ to administer any treatment deemed necessary. In the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, I hereby give consent of treatment to another licensed physician or dentist *and* the transfer of the child to (preferred hospital) _____ or any hospital accessible.

This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical options of 2 other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

**Please list facts concerning child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be aware: _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ **Email:** _____
Date ____/____/____

I have read the cheerleading packet in its entirety. I give permission for (child's name) _____ to participate in the (year) _____

Norton Youth Cheerleading clinics and tryouts. If my daughter is selected, I will see that she gets a physical exam. In consideration of the All Ohio Youth Football League accepting my application and the application of my daughter, we the undersigned, intend and agree to be legally bound hereby and for ourselves, or heirs, executors, administrators, hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages we may have against the management of the Norton Youth Football Association, its officers, directors, or coaching staff; or any member, team or officer of the All Ohio Football League, its representatives, successors, and assignees, for any and all injuries by me, my daughter, at any of the practices, clinics, tryouts, scrimmages or games, or in traveling to and from any practices, scrimmages or games, or any meetings of the All Ohio Football League, or any of its member teams.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____