



Norton Youth Cheerleading 2018 Information Packet

We are excited that you have expressed interest to participate as a Norton Youth Cheerleader for the 2018 season! Please read over the material and register online at <http://bit.ly/NYFRegistration2018> to participate in this year's tryouts.

For Flag cheer (ages 5 – 8) and 2nd grade, you are not required to attend clinics or tryouts. For all grades, **EVERY GIRL MAKES A SQUAD, EVERY GIRL CHEERS!**

For 3rd – 6th grade, Our **CLINICS** will be held **Tues. May 29, Wed. May 30, and Thurs. May 31st from 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.** in the **Norton Elementary School Gymnasium**. There will be a parent informational meeting at 6:15 on the first day of clinics (May 29). We will be able to answer any questions regarding tryouts, camp and cost at that time. Please plan on attending.

TRYOUTS will be held that **Fri. June 1 at 4 PM** at the **Norton Elementary School Gymnasium**. Your squad's exact tryout time for will be released during clinic week.

We take pride in conducting an honest and fair tryout. All 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 requiring each girl to be **pre-registered online by going to** <http://bit.ly/NYFRegistration2018>. **This is a change from last year!!!** Please read over all material before completing the **registration online**. **If you are not registered online beforehand, your daughter will NOT be able to participate.**

Please direct all questions to: nortonyouthfootball@gmail.com or through our messaging us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/nyf.panthers.

Norton Youth Cheer
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.

NEW FOR 2018 – EVERY GIRL MAKES A SQUAD – EVERY GIRL CHEERS

FLAG SQUAD: Flag football cheerleaders are not required to attend clinics or try out. Flag cheer registration is available online at 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: 2nd graders are not required to attend clinics or try out. Girls on this team are all 2nd graders for the 2018-2019 school year. They will learn the **basics** of cheerleading and will be cheering for the 2nd grade football team.

3rd and 4th GRADE SQUADS: Required to attend clinics and try outs. Squads will learn/review the basics of cheerleading and will be introduced to some more advanced skills as well. 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 2018-2019 calendar year to try out for these squads.

5th and 6th GRADE SQUADS: Required to attend clinics and try outs. 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. 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 2018-2019 calendar year to try out for these squads.

NORTON YOUTH PANTHER CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS 2018

** To tryout, you must be entering the 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Clinics are mandatory if you intend to try out. Flag cheer and 2nd graders do not need to attend clinics and tryouts. **

DON'T FORGET - You MUST have complete the online registration process at <http://bit.ly/NYFRegistration2018>.

CLINICS: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (May 29, 30, 31) 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. at the NORTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. Clinics are mandatory if you intend to tryout.

TRYOUTS: Friday, June 1st: 4:00 p.m - approximately 8:30 p.m. at the NORTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. Your squad's exact tryout time will be announced during Clinics. Squads will be posted on the NYF website at www.nortonyouthfootball.org AS SOON AS POSSIBLE that evening.

ATTENDANCE: 3rd – 6th graders 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.

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 2018 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 Cheer Registration Fee: \$200

Registration Fee includes: registration, uniform (you keep both skirt and vest from uniform), cheer shoes, hair bow

Additional costs:

- Cheerleading briefs - \$8
- Cheerleading bodysuit - \$25
- Mandatory Summer Cheer Camp to be scheduled - \$30

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AS IT IS NEW THIS YEAR:

- **\$100 Volunteer Deposit REFUNDABLE Fee per family:** In order to keep our program viable into the future, we need more help from families to volunteer. No one is paid to support NYF&C and we cannot run this program for the kids without you.
 - o Refundable deposit must be cash, money order, or on a separate personal check, separate from registration. Alternatively, you can pay \$100 at registration to not volunteer at all.
 - o Deposit (or buy-out payment) is due by the first practice and REQUIRED to participate
 - o Your player will not be able to participate without \$100 deposit turned in.
 - o Check is held (not cashed) until end of season, and returned as long as your obligation of 2 volunteer sessions is met. Check returned at end of season banquet.
 - o Check will be cashed if volunteer obligation or equipment rules are not met
 - o It is your responsibility to ensure a volunteer log is signed for your shift and initiated by a NYF Board member.
 - o Information will be shared on our website, Facebook page and via email about volunteer sign ups – they will be first come first served.
 - o Deposit is waived for coaches and parent advisers

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

4. **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.)

NORTON YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER NYFA REGISTRATION

POLICIES & CONSENTS

PLAYER/PARENT PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY POLICY:

1. The NYFA players shall abide by the "Buckeye Youth Football Conference" (BYFC) bylaws and the NYFA "Eligibility/Participation" bylaws.
2. All players and/or cheerleaders must meet the requirements of the BYFC and either live in Norton City limits, or attend school in the Norton City Schools.
3. Each player and/or cheerleader must participate in conditioning, practices, camps, and scrimmages to be eligible to play in games.
 - a. If a player and/or cheerleader misses two or more practices/scrimmages combined in a week, he/she will not be eligible to play in the following game.
 - b. A player is subject to reduced playing time if the player continually misses practices or has other disciplinary problems during practices or games. The Head Coach will make the Director or designee aware of the problems. The Director or designee has final say in the reduced playing time. The Head Coach and Director will make the parents of that player aware of the situation.
4. Each player will conduct them self in a manner that represents good sportsmanship.
5. Each Parent, Grandparent, Family member, or friend/associate of a player will conduct them self in a professional manner. The use of profanity towards a player (even your own), parent, grandparent, family member, friend, spectator, referee, board member, or coach is not permitted and that parent, grandparent, family member, or friend/associate may be removed. An aggressive or fighting manner towards any other parent, grandparent, family member, spectator, player (even your own), referee, board member, or coach will result in the removal of that individual.
6. No refunds will be made for a player and/or cheerleader after the three days of conditioning/practice is completed by that player/cheerleader.
7. If any equipment is lost it is the responsibility of the parents to replace it.
8. If your child's equipment was not returned from last season, you owe an additional \$100.00 for replacement of that equipment. NYF has already replaced the equipment that was not turned in.
9. Players will not receive trophies if their equipment is not turned in on scheduled turn in dates at end of season.
10. Parents and spectators are more than welcome to stay and watch practices. We do not allow parents or spectators at practices to be any closer than 30 yards from the players practicing. Only coaches are allowed near the player's practice areas.
11. During camps, practices, scrimmages, and games Parents, Family Members, and Spectators are not allowed on the field unless called onto the field due to a player injury.
12. This form must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned before your child can participate in any conditioning, camp, practice, or game for the Norton Youth Football Association.

VOLUNTEER & EQUIPMENT DEPOSIT ** NYFA B, C & D Division Tackle & Tackle Cheer Athletes only **

Each season, each player/family is required to:

1. Arrange for an adult family member (18 or older) to fill 2 volunteer shifts, in a manner made available by NYFA during the course of the season.
2. Return all equipment and uniforms issued by NYFA, allowing for normal wear and tear, by the equipment return deadline announced by NYFA.

At the time of this application, NYFA will collect a \$100 check as a deposit to assure that these requirements are met. If the requirements are met by the date of the equipment turn in deadline, then NYFA will return or destroy your check s on or about that date. If any of these requirements are not met by the time of the equipment turn in deadline, then you agree that NYFA may deposit the check and keep the \$100 deposit to repay itself for resources it has expended in meeting the requirements that the player and his/her family did not fulfill. Coaches and NYFA Board Members are exempt from this deposit policy.

Volunteer Participation: There are many opportunities to volunteer and we cannot possibly do it without your help! Your family's two volunteer time slots can be: concession stand, chains, scoreboard, spotting, stadium clean-up and/or field maintenance. NYFA will post information about volunteer sign up on the website, Facebook page, and at a clipboard posted at the concession stand. You will be responsible for signing the official NYFA volunteer time sheet and having a NYFA board member initial your signature to maintain an official record of your participation. Any other record of completing your commitment will not be honored.

FOR FOOTBALL: Equipment Return: After the last game of the season, dates will be given for equipment turn ins. ALL NYFA equipment issued to the registrant will need to be turned in at this time, except for mouth pieces. These dates will be given to all parents as well as posted on the website and Facebook page. In the event that equipment issued to the registrant is lost, stolen, or not returned on your equipment return dates, NYFA will keep your \$100 security deposit given at the beginning of the season during registration.

CONSENT FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY:

I hereby grant permission to Norton Youth Football Association Inc. and Cheer (NYFA) to use any photographs taken from other team parents or a member of NYFA and post them on the NYF website, www.nortonyouthfootball.org and other social media properties the organization owns. These photographs will be representing and promoting NYFA during practice, games, tournaments or playoffs on the NYFA web site and social media properties. I acknowledge NYFA has the right to crop or treat the photograph at its discretion for formatting purposes. I also acknowledge that NYFA may choose not to use any photograph at this time, but may do so, at its own discretion, at a later date. I also understand that once a photograph is posted on the NYFA website or social media property, the photograph can be downloaded by any computer user. Therefore, I agree to indemnify and hold NYFA harmless from any claims.

WAIVER

I have read the cheerleading packet in its entirety. I give permission for my child to participate for the 2018 season Norton Youth Cheerleading clinics and tryouts. In consideration of the Buckeye 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 Buckeye Youth 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 Buckeye Youth Football League, or any of its member teams.