

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is the cost per participant?

A: All levels of cheer are \$169

Q: Is there a payment plan offered?

A: No, but credit cards are accepted.

Q: What does the registration fee include?

A: Entry to league, uniform, warm-up suit, practices, and games

Q: Do spirit teams get to keep uniform or equipment after season?

A: Uniforms will be kept by participants; however poms will be returned to TYSR

Q: Location of practices?

A: Belvidere Central Middle School or Seth Whitman Elementary

Q: Time and duration of practices?

A: Practices will be from 6-8 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Once school begins practices will drop to Tuesday and Wednesday only and may be subject to extension in duration, changes will be determined by the head coach of each team.

Q: How many practices per week?

A: Typically 3 days per week. (some extended practices prior to 1st few games)

Q: Start and end dates of season?

A: Practice starts near the end of July. Games start near the end of August. Typically there will be one game per week on Saturday and 8 to 10 regular season games (plus playoffs), depending on number of teams in league.

Q: Location of home games?

A: Belvidere Central Middle School.

Q: Are there other "costs" besides initial registration fee?

A: Team shoes, bootie shorts (briefs) and possibly a hair ribbon

Q: Is there a discount for multiple children from one family?

A: No.

Q: How can a parent become a coach or involved with the board?

A: Complete the coaching/volunteer application process (application, interview, and background check). Details will be posted to the website soon.

Q: Do I have to go to a certain school to play on the TYF teams?

A: The TYF Board's goal is to create an opportunity for kids to cheer and dance together now and through middle and high school, children from elementary schools that feed into BCMS and BNHS will be taken as priority.

Q: Is there a tryout?

A: No.

Q: What is the refund policy if a child signs up to play and then changes his mind?

A: A refund after the 1st week of practice, less uniform costs.

Q: Do school grades affect status on team?

A: No. Parents are encouraged to use their own judgment on this matter.

Q: Registration date & time?

A: March 14th 6-8 pm @ Belvidere Central Middle School cafeteria.

Q: Can credit cards be used for payment of registration fee?

A: Yes, with a processing fee online only.

Q: What should I bring to the Registration?

A: 1) Check, Cash or credit card transaction proof for registration fee.
Checks are to be made out to Thunder Youth Football.

2) Photocopy of child's official Birth Certificate

Q: How many participants will be on a team?

A: This will depend on the number of players who register and the number of qualified coaches. Our goal is 24 participants per team

Q: Will Thunder offer a Competition Team in 2011/2012 season?

A: Yes, Registration for Competition team will be on March 14th as well, no registration fee will be due at this time and cost will be discussed on a separate handout.

Q: Will Thunder sponsor a tumbling and/or dance class?

A: Yes, a "Team Dance" class will be offered through Evolve Dance Company and a "Team Cheer/Tumble" class will be offered through Gymnastics Academy of Rockford (G.A.R.)