



THE TREASURE CHEST



Welcome to the first edition of “The Treasure Chest”. This monthly newsletter will hopefully provide you with loads of helpful information to help make you and your daughter’s experience with WCYFA absolutely fantastic. Feel free to contact Coach Risa or Coach Melissa if you ever have any questions.

Now introducing... your Flag Coaches for 2009



HEAD COACH RISA DUDLEY

A born and raised Texan (yes we do exist) from Plano, Texas. My handsome hubby (Brady – Flag Football assistant coach) and I have been married for 13 years and have 3 wonderful children: Jordan (3A cheer), Shelby (1A cheer) and Brayden (Flag football). This is our fourth year with WCYFA, third cheer uniform (☺) and my 2nd year as a coach. Combined with my crazy and fun life of church, family, kid’s school, and sports... I also work outside of the home full-time locally in Wylie (which some day I hope I can convince my husband otherwise. Wish me luck!) I am so excited to have a wonderful assistant in Melissa. Melissa and I have a lot of fun things in store for the girls this year. I am truly excited and looking forward to a working with your daughters. Pirates Rock!



ASSISTANT COACH MELISSA RAMIREZ

My name is Melissa Ramirez, this is my family’s 2nd year with WCYFA. I have been married to my husband Ruben for 9 years. I have two daughters, Karina and Amaya. This is Karina’s second year on the 1A squad, and this Amaya’s first year on Flag. Karina will be entering the 3rd grade next year and Amaya will be starting Kindergarten. We moved to Wylie in 2007 from Garland (where my husband and I grew up) and we have loved this town so far. I work full-time as a Business Manager for an IT recruiting office as well as go to school part-time. WCYFA has been a great organization for my kids to be involved in, and I am so excited to be a part of it this year assisting Risa with coaching the Flag squad. I cannot wait for the season to get started....see you soon! Go Pirates!

UP-COMING EVENTS!

May 31st – Pirate and Parent Motion Clinic

Community Park

4:00pm ~ 5:30pm

All parents (yes dad's that means you too) are encouraged to participate. This is a great time to get to know the coaches, cheerleaders and other parents as well as get a head start on the cheers and chants we will use throughout the season.

📣 Don't forget your final payment is due May 31st as well

June 14th – @ Community Park

📣 Flag cheer concession stand – during Football Mini Camp

2:00pm ~ 3:30pm

We will need parent volunteers to man the concession table (collect money). During this time we will work with the girls, get to know one another and have an opportunity to get in a mini-cheer practice

Sign-up forms for concession stand and donation items for the concession stand are attached at end of newsletter or will be at the May 31st motion clinic

📣 Big Sis Lil Sis – Motion Clinic

4:00pm ~ 5:30pm

Older cheerleaders will be paired with younger cheerleaders

June 19th – Flag Family Cook-out



Olde City Park Pavillion (off of Ballard Street in Wylie)

6:30pm ~ 8:30pm

Coaches will provide the hotdogs and buns. Please advise what items you will provide (you can respond via e-mail or at the mini clinic)



Drinks

➤ Chips

➤ Desserts

➤ Plates/cups/napkins/plasticware

June 21st – Happy Father's Day

Foot ball mini camp – NO cheer camp

June 28th – Cheer Stunt Clinic

Community Park

4:00 – 5:30pm

July 20th * 22nd – Cheer Camp with WHS cheerleaders

6:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Wylie High School gym

JULY 27TH + THE SEASON BEGINS!!!!

Practices will be held from 6:30pm to 8:00pm Monday's & Thursday's. Location will be confirmed soon.



Q & A !



- 🗣️ Where should I go or who should I ask to find out information about the league and my daughter's cheer squad?

To find out the latest information feel free to check out our website at <http://www.leaguelineup.com/wyliepirates>

Each team has their own webpage located to the left of the main page. In addition to the web pages each cheerleader will be provided a cheer folder which the coaches will use to provide you schedules and information updates (new editions to the Treasure Chest). These folders will be available for the Pirate and Parent Motion clinic May 31st. If you do not find what you are looking for do not hesitate to contact Coach Risa (rdudley@sanden.com) or Coach Melissa (Melissa@odysseyIS.com)

- 🗣️ Are the cheer mini camps mandatory?

No the mini camps held in May and June are not mandatory. However we highly recommend everyone attend. This is a great time to get a head start on the cheers/chants we will use throughout the season as well as a time for the coaches and cheerleaders to get to know one another.

- 🗣️ Is there a fee for the mini camps and cheer camp this summer?

No. There is no additional fee for the camps. We may request parent donations for the football concession. However there is no additional cost for the camps.

- 🗣️ What if I have vacation planned during the summer?

No problem. We understand that everyone may have vacation plans. We are very flexible and understanding. Please be sure to let your coaches know when you will not be able to attend a function. This will help them in their planning for the practices. However keep in mind dates of our Official Cheer Camp which is mandatory to be held with WHS cheerleaders July 20th and 22nd as listed in above upcoming events.

- 🗣️ What is the attire for the mini-camps?

Until practice uniforms arrive and noted by the coaches all mini-camps will be the same as tryouts: white shirt, black shorts and white tennis shoes.

 What can I do to get involved with my daughter's team?

Getting involved and volunteering is a great way to join in the fun and excitement that your daughter will experience this summer. There is a list of parent volunteer opportunities. Please contact Coach Risa or Coach Melissa to sign up for a parent volunteer position. The areas to assist are in the following pages attachment.

 What shoes are required for the season?

Nike Sideline Cheer Shoes is the required shoe for the 2009 season. We encourage you to go ahead and purchase these shoes. They will be required by our Cheer Camp July 20th. These can be found on line by multiple cheer vendors. Please be sure the shoe is the Nike Sideline Cheer shoe.

 When will our candles arrive?

Generally between 2-3 weeks. Your coaches will contact you when they have arrived.



MOTION OF THE MONTH



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Both arms extended straight out to the side and parallel to the ground, relax the shoulders

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST MATE – attends practices and games, assisting w/taking attendance; ensures that halftime materials (e.g., music, script, etc.) are taken to press box; places squad communication into cheer folders (practices only)

HOSPITALITY SQUAD – facilitates the spirit gifts for opposing team cheerleaders (home games only)

CHILL LEADERS – responsible for providing a method for keeping girls cool during warm events (e.g., iced down bandanas, garden water sprayer, etc.)

SPIRIT SQUAD – provides team w/ spirit throws for football games (e.g., candy bags, etc.)

SUNSHINE SQUAD – coordinates small gifts for the girls for special events, such as homecoming & competition (e.g., flowers)

POSTER SQUAD – responsible for creating run-through posters for games; create stadium posters for games (e.g., homecoming); create posters for fans to display during competition; may include making posters for cheer routine(s) as requested by instructors/coaches

MEDICS – available to assist w/minor medical needs (e.g., small cuts, scrapes, etc.); needs to have a small first aid kit w/Band-Aids & ointments

PHOTOGRAPHERS – captures images of girls during outdoor practices, games, & competitions; provide a copy of images to coach so that they may be shared w/entire squad

VIDEO TECHNICIAN(S) – available by request of coach to video practice/performances and make available to coach/cheerleaders so that they may critique own performances (must have own equipment)

DIVA SQUAD – available to assist several girls with getting hair (and make-up if team wants) ready on competition day (may include curling, braiding, etc. as decided); this position is not required for the entire season, but may want to begin planning early