

Savannah Christian Preparatory School
Middle School Cheerleading
Tryout Packet
(Football, Basketball, Competition)

2017-2018



May 16-18, 2017

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the Savannah Christian Preparatory Middle School Cheerleading Team. In this information packet, you will find important details regarding candidate responsibilities during and after tryouts as well as other information that should be read thoroughly and signed by the candidate and parent/guardian.

Please consider all responsibilities of Savannah Christian Preparatory School cheerleaders while making the decision to tryout for a position on a team. **All completed paperwork is to be turned into Coach Gill or Coach Hardy by Friday May 12th.** Penalties will be given for any incomplete or late paperwork.

Eligibility for tryouts:

- A candidate must be enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year at SCPS.
- A candidate must be in good academic standing passing 5 out of 7 classes.
- A candidate must have a completed tryout application.
- **A candidate must have a current physical examination on file with supporting documents (verified by Athletic Department).**
- A candidate must have a signed Parental Permission and Release Form.
- A candidate must have a signed 2017-2018 Agreement Form.

Cheerleading Tryouts are CLOSED

(Only cheer candidates and coaches are allowed in the tryout area; tryouts will consist of jumps, cheer, chant, dance and conditioning).

Mandatory Cheerleading Tryout Dates:

Tuesday, May 16 Middle school gym

5:30 -6:30 Football/Basketball

5:30-7:30 Competition

Parent Meeting for those interested in Competition Cheer 7:30

(Location – Middle School Gym)

Wednesday, May 17 Middle School Gym

5:30 – 6:30 Football/Basketball

5:30-7:30 Competition

Thursday, May 18 TRYOUT DAY! Middle school gym

5:30- until your tryout is complete

All tryout practices are mandatory unless the student is participating with another SCPS event.

Attire for tryouts

- All cheer candidates should wear a white shirt, black shorts and cheer shoes or tennis shoes for Tuesday – Wednesday tryout practice days.
- For tryout day, all cheer candidates should wear red shirt, black shorts and cheer shoes or tennis shoes.
- Hair should be secured in a ponytail at all times.
- No wearing of sports bras as tops.
- NO JEWELRY of any kind will be allowed.

Cheer Teams Selections and Requirements

Varsity Football Cheerleading Team

- 6th, 7th, and 8th graders eligible
- No tumbling required

Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Team

- 6th, 7th, and 8th graders eligible
- NO tumbling required

Middle School Competition Cheerleading Team

- 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are eligible
- Minimum standing Back Handspring and Round Off Back Handspring (with a spot) -Required Or proof that you are currently enrolled in a tumbling class.
- Selection process will be based on filling the positions required for a successful competition team.



***2017 – 2018 Cheerleading Teams will be emailed no later than
Friday, May 19th at 9:00 PM.***

Applicant Information Sheet

Student Name: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Have you enrolled for the 2017 – 2018 school year? _____

Please list any allergies/Health Problems/ Medications/Previous injuries:

Will you be a member of any extracurricular activities/competitive programs outside of SCPS during the 2017 – 2018 school year? If so, when will they meet /practice?

Please circle which teams you would like to try out for.

Varsity Football

Varsity Basketball

Varsity Competition

(Please return this page to Coach Gill or Coach Hardy by Friday May 12th, 2017)

Savannah Christian Cheerleading Constitution

The Cheerleading Team shall be known as the Savannah Christian Raiders. These rules and regulations are subject to addition and change when found necessary and beneficial. The Head Coach regulates these changes.

1 PURPOSE:

1.1 It shall be the purpose of the Savannah Christian Cheerleading organization to promote and uphold team spirit for those we encounter, to develop good sportsmanship by example, to support good relations in the community and between teams and squads during events. To provide leadership for the student body while working in harmony with administration, other athletic teams and sporting organizations. To develop respectable character, teach responsibility, dependability, cooperation, discipline and maintain high standards and excellence in both academics and physical fitness.

2 ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1** A candidate must be re-enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year at SCPS.
- 2.2** A candidate must be in good academic standing passing 5 out of 7 classes.
- 2.3** A candidate must have a completed tryout application (includes essay, pep rally sample etc.).
- 2.4** A candidate must have a current physical examination on file with supporting documents (verified by the Middle School Athletic Director).
- 2.5** A candidate must have a signed Athletic Dept. Parental Permission and Release Form.
- 2.6** A candidate must have a signed 2017-2018 Constitution Agreement Form.

3 CHEERLEADING TEAMS:

Middle School Competition Cheerleading Team

- 6th, 7th and 8th graders are eligible
- Minimum standing Back Handspring and Round Off Back Handspring (with a spot) Required- or proof of current enrollment in a tumbling class
- Selection process will be based on filling the positions required for a successful competition team

The number of cheerleaders selected is determined by the coaches and is final. In the event that cuts have to be made we will be happy to meet with the athlete/parent to discuss strengths and areas of weakness, upon request.

4 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

4.1 All cheerleaders are required to contribute to the SCPS Cheerleading Program and your team. All cheerleaders will attend all practices, competitions, painting sessions, camps and any other activities or events. Absenteeism of 3 or more cheerleading practices can result in suspension of cheering. Practices will continue to be mandated.

4.2 Choreography Camp: All cheerleaders should plan on attending camp as a squad.

4.3 Competitions: The squad will compete at approved competitions with the highschool varsity competitive team.

4.4 Social Activities: All members are encouraged, and recommended to attend. Advance notice of non attendance is required.

4.5 If any other activities or opportunities are chosen by the coaches, the coaches shall decide if the event is mandatory or optional. Reasonable notice of all such activities/opportunities will be given for mandatory events, and as early as possible for others.

5 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

5.1 Annual Camp/Clinics: The cheerleader is responsible for the cost of attending.

5.2 Competitions: SCPS athletic program will pay the cost of competition entry.

5.3 Members will provide their own refreshments when not provided by the SCPS Booster Club, coaches or event organizers.

5.4 Each member will be required to purchase certain items of clothing/uniform for hygienic reasons.

5.5 Every attempt will be made to cut down the personal cost to the cheerleader. Every cheerleader is REQUIRED to participate in ALL fundraising activities to minimize cheer expenses.

6 TRYOUTS:

6.1 A Tryout will consist of performing designated skills in front of judges or coaches/choreographers. A majority decision by the council for acceptance will be taken. However the coaches have the right to accept or veto this vote.

6.2 The format of the tryouts will be decided by the coaches, and will be held in a fair and open manner conducive to allowing each candidate to show his/her best abilities and potential.

6.3 All skills will be graded on the basis of the level of perfected expertise. Overall attitude will also be graded at tryouts.

6.4 All skills demonstrated at tryouts ***must be maintained*** in order to remain on the squad the candidate is assigned; (with the exception of injury).

6.5 Tryouts are closed to the public.

6.6 All tryout decisions are final and binding.

7 PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

7.1 To be set by the coaches

7.2 All practices are **MANDATORY**. All cheerleaders should attend all practice sessions unless valid reasons are notified to the coaches. Coaches should be notified in the case of an emergency. If checked out of school early due to an illness etc., please contact the coach if an event, game or practice is scheduled for that day.

8 UNIFORMS & PRACTICE WEAR:

8.1 The cheerleader is responsible for the cost of uniforms, camp wear, practice wear, and other required cheer accessories.

8.2 Cheerleaders in uniform or wearing any item of squad or team identification must always conduct themselves in a manner becoming to a SCPS member.

8.3 Uniforms should be cared for properly and clean at all times.

8.4 SCPS attire is the only practice wear acceptable for practice.

9 APPEARANCE:

9.1 For safety reasons, **jewelry of any kind will NOT be worn** with uniform or at practice. This includes earrings, watches, belly rings, etc.

9.2 All hairstyles must be neat and secured up out of the face, not needing attention (brushing, etc.) while performing.

9.3 ***NO colored nail polish or acrylic nails***. Nails should be cut, not to exceed the fingertip.

10 CONDUCT:

10.1 Squad members are required to maintain and uphold the reputation of the SCPS Cheerleaders through their own conduct, squad spirit at games (home or away), community or school related events, and through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat etc.)

10.2 Members are required to be courteous, polite and friendly.

10.3 All cheers and chants shall be of a positive and sportsmanlike manner.

10.4 Members will make every attempt to ignore or dissuade negative responses at events and not become involved in such action themselves.

10.5 The following rules must be abided by at all games and competitions:

- Confidence and enthusiasm are contagious; therefore, you should always look excited and involved in the game and competitions.
- ***DO NOT*** yell or show negative emotion to officials or fans.
- **Violation of any of the above will result in disciplinary actions decided by the coach.**

11 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

11.1 All cheerleaders will participate in fundraising projects. The money raised will be used to help fund expenses during the year.

11.2 All fundraising activities will be approved by coaches and administration.

12 INJURY

12.1 Any injury is to be immediately reported to the coach.

12.2 If under doctor's care, the cheerleader will not be allowed to participate unless specific orders are given by a physician.

12.3 When returning from an injury, documentation of release from the physician is required by the Coach and SCPS Athletic Trainer.

12.4 If injured outside of SCPS, returning back to the SCPS Cheer Squad as an alternate will be decided upon by the coaches.

13 DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

13.1 It shall be squad policy that disciplinary action will only be invoked as a last resort, and that every reasonable attempt will be made to avoid situations likely to lead to such action through squad discussion and positive encouragement, by example, and by finding ways and means to correct negative trends. Warnings will be given for every violation to the listed constitution, practice rules and/or squad rules.

13.2 A cheerleader may be suspended from games/events for the following reasons: Unexcused absence, excessive absence or tardiness, failure to cooperate with coaches, teachers and/or administration or failure to abide by squad rules and regulations.

13.3 A cheerleader may be dismissed from the squad for the following reasons: Excessive and irreconcilable disruptive influence on the squad, conduct likely to bring the squad or team reputation into disrepute (such as use of alcohol or drugs), any violation of the SCPS Honor Code, ineligibility, and as otherwise deemed necessary by coach.

14 TRANSPORTATION:

14.1 Cheerleaders will travel to and from away competitions by bus when the school provides one.

*Cost and Dates for the
2016-2017 SCPS Middle School Cheerleading Season*

Camp Costs

Football Cheer Camp
Time/ Location TBA

NO COST

Competition Choreography Camp/ music
July 10- July 11 MANDATORY
Location: Upper School Gym - Times – 9:00-3:00

\$250

Competition Parent Goody Bags (More information to come)

\$100.00

Attire:

Football/Basketball Cheerleaders:

\$180

New Cheerleaders:

Includes: uniform, personalized jacket, personalized cheer backpack, bow

New Uniform and Bow :

\$ 100

Football Cheerleaders Personalized Bag:

\$30

Competition Uniform and Bow

\$150.00

Competition Personalized backpack- (same as last year)

\$40

Competition Camp Attire and Travel Suit (sportsbra/tank/sweatshirt)

\$70

**** Competition Cheerleaders will also need black nike pro (or similar) pants or capris, and nike pro (or similar) black shorts. This will be purchased by you on your own.**

Competitive Shoes

\$80.00

(Cheerleaders may not wear the same shoes for spirit and competition squads. For those cheering football/basketball, please get all white game shoes. Brand does not matter).

Successful fundraisers and participation may result in lower costs of the above expenses.

**Mandatory Uniform Fitting: Monday May 22nd
3:30 in the middle school gym.**

Outline for Payments

Competition Cheer:

1 st Payment – Choreography	\$250	Due May 22
2 nd Payment – Competition Camp Attire/Travel Suit	\$70	Due June 6
3 rd Payment – Competition Uniform /Bow	\$150	Due July 10
4 th Payment – Competition Goody Bag	\$100.00	Due August 11

Any other extras ordered ---- All accounts should be paid in FULL by August 11.

Football/Basketball Cheer:

All payments in Full: Monday May 22nd.

**Savannah Christian Preparatory School
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2017 – 2018 Agreement Form**

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

By initialing below, we signify that we have read and understand the contents and sections of the 2016 -2017 Savannah Christian Preparatory School Cheerleading tryout packet and constitution. We will abide by this and understand the expectations and commitment to following the rules, taking ownership and consequences set forth by the program rules.

Student Initials	Parent Initials	Section
_____	_____	Purpose
_____	_____	Eligibility
_____	_____	Team Requirements
_____	_____	Attendance
_____	_____	Financial Responsibilities
_____	_____	Tryouts
_____	_____	Practice Schedule
_____	_____	Uniforms & Practice Wear
_____	_____	Appearance
_____	_____	Conduct
_____	_____	Fundraising Activities
_____	_____	Injury
_____	_____	Disciplinary action
_____	_____	Transportation

_____ I agree that when I join a team, I am committing to my team for the FULL season. This includes being at all practices, games, and or competitions.

(Please return this page to Coach Hardy or Coach Gill by May 12, 2017)