

SPIRIT TEAMS

Purpose

The cheerleaders and dance team's purpose is to compete as athletes. Bryant spirit leaders should also promote sportsmanship within our school and among other schools. The highest priority should be to encourage spirit and pride for Bryant Schools. The squad's goal is to work in harmony with administration, faculty, athletic teams, band and other school organizations.

Appearance and Uniforms.

1. Hair and Nails must be kept in accordance with AAA guidelines. No jewelry, which includes all body piercing, can be worn while participating in an event (practice, game, competition).
2. Each member is responsible for maintaining all uniforms issued by the school. Loss of any uniform article must be replaced at the member's expense. Uniforms must be returned clean and undamaged.

Disciplinary System

The coach's disciplinary system will be discussed at the parent meeting once the squad is selected. Each spirit team will follow the procedure for dismissal of athletes as stated in the Bryant Athletic Handbook.

Financial Responsibility and Fundraising

1. Parents are limited on their out of pocket expenditures. The maximum cost per group is as follows: Senior High Cheer & Dance \$600, Freshman Cheer & Dance \$400, 8th Grade Cheer & Dance \$300 and 7th Grade Cheer & Dance \$250. This money is due before school ends in May. Summer camp is required for all members and is included in the out of pocket expenditures. Coaches will determine the type of camp and when the camp is held. Members and parents may choose to be involved in specific fundraisers to defer individual expenses.
2. Any additional cost (competition fees, technique fee, choreography fee) will be raised through fundraising efforts of the group. Members will be expected to actively participate in fundraising projects during the year. The coach and parents will determine specific fundraisers to help defer competition cost.
3. Parents and/or students will be required to work in the concession stand for the Bryant Athletic Booster Club when assigned by the athletic director.

Tryout Procedures

Tryouts will be held in March/April of each year. Squads will be selected by the Bryant Coaching Staff.

Competition

Since the cheerleaders and dance team's responsibilities include competition as athletes squad members can be benched from a routine at the coach's discretion. Benches may occur due to a lack of effort, not meeting proper skill levels or for discipline problems or for any conduct not becoming of a Bryant Spirit Leader. Benches may occur for any performances, Invitationals, State (may bench in specific categories Ex. Jazz, Pom or Hip Hop) or for Nationals.

Additional information

1. Chain of Command – If a situation of concern arises, the parent should contact the coach directly. If the parent is not satisfied after speaking to the coach, then the athletic director should be consulted. If the parent is unsatisfied with the outcome, they should contact the assistant superintendent of personnel. Finally, the superintendent should be consulted if the parent is still unsatisfied.
2. Spirit members will follow the rules of the Athletic Handbook and the rules of the National Federation/Arkansas Activities Association, as well as all team rules.
3. Participation in other sports and activities that may conflict with spirit events should be discussed with the coach prior to tryouts.

Personnel Information

Athletic Director: Mike Lee

HS Cheer: Karen Scarlett

9th Cheer: Kim Cruse

Bryant MS Cheer: Samantha Thompson

Bethel MS Cheer: Jamie Sheffield

HS Principal: Todd Edwards ***Bryant MS Principal:*** Todd Sellers ***Bethel MS Principal:*** Chris Gabe

HS Dance: Laura Wooten

9th Dance: Kim Carmack

Bryant MS Dance: Sharon Ballard

Bethel MS Dance: Lisa Price