

Ridge View High School

2021-2022 Cheer Try Out Information



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Try Out Packet Due April 12, 2021
Pre-Try Out Clinic April 12-14, 2021 5pm-7pm
Try Outs April 19-22, 2021 4:30-7pm

Obtain the full sports physical packet from www.ridgeviewsports.com

Prospective Cheerleaders & Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Ridge View High School Cheerleading Team. Being a cheerleader is a prestige honor and privilege that allows you to represent your school and community. Becoming a part of RVHS cheer team is very rewarding, but comes with much dedication and commitment from parents and athletes. Please understand that this commitment includes both **time and expenses**.

Cheerleading is a team sport. When a cheerleader does not follow through with their commitment, it affects the entire squad. Please take extra time to review this information packet before committing to trying out. This commitment will demand after school practices 3-4 days per week, off campus training, hosting and attending cheer camps, and cheering at every game* (exceptions for JV cheer).

It is expected that all athletes abide by the RVHS athlete's code of conduct. If chosen to be a part of RVHS cheer team, the cheerleader and parent(s) will be required to review and sign the code of conduct and cheer by laws.

The cheer teams will be chosen as follows:

Varsity - Top 26 (+-)

* Competitive Team (Fall season - football and competition)

Junior Varsity - Second Top 20(+/-)

* Competitive Team (Fall season - football and competition)

Spirit

* Winter season - basketball

Team selection is at the discretion of Ridge View Cheer coaches. You may be offered a spot on one or both of the competitive and/or spirit teams.

Requirements to try out:

* Completed and signed cheer application due by April 12, 2021

* 2.5 cumulative unweighted GPA - copy of recent report card

* Completed and signed physical form dated AFTER April 1, 2021.

Physicals must be turned in to **Brian Rosefield, Kanisha Jenkins, or Jeffrey Sincavage at brosefield@richland2.org, kajenkins@richland2.org, or jsincavage@richland2.org**

Please turn in completed applications by scanning and emailing to rvhcheer@gmail.com. If you do not have access to a scanner, there are free scanner apps such as Genius Scan that you can use. Physicals must be turned in to the aforementioned personnel (Rosefield, Jenkins, or Sincavage). DO NOT TURN IN PHYSICALS TO CHEER COACHES

All tryout sessions are closed to the public

This means only those who are trying out will be able to attend sessions. Spectators are not allowed.

Upon being selected to be a part of RVHS cheer team, each student must maintain their eligibility according to South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) requirements. There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for parents and cheerleaders who are selected to be on the 2021-2022 cheer team. The tentative date for that meeting will be April 26, 2021.

Again, thank you for your interest. I hope you decide to join us and I wish you all the best of luck at try outs.

Porche Cameron
RVHS Head Cheer Coach
rvhcheer@gmail.com

What To Expect From Coaches

Our knowledgeable and experienced coaching staff are more than excited for another year of spirit and fun. Cheerleading is a sport of happiness, team work, and school spirit. It is our ultimate goal to take this squad to the next level. We will do our best to bring out the best in each cheerleader. You can expect the following from RVHS cheer coaches:

- Expect us to push cheerleaders to their highest potential
- Expect to try new things
- Expect hard work and dedication
- Expect honesty and transparency
- EXPECT FUN

What To Expect For Try Outs:

- Submit complete application, proof of final grades/GPA, and sports physical dated after April 1, 2021.
- If a completed packet and physical form is not on file for you, you will not be permitted to try out.
- Appropriate attire for try out week is a t-shirt, shorts, any cheer bow of your choice, and cheer shoes. If you have never cheered before and do not own cheer shoes, any athletic/workout tennis shoe will be fine.
- Final try out day, please wear a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, tennis shoe, and a bow.
- Hair must be neatly pulled back from face, no jewelry, nails must be short.
- You will be expected to perform a cheer, chant, and dance that you will learn during the week of try outs.
- You will also be required to demonstrate three different jumps.

What To Expect After Try Outs:

- Rosters are *anticipated* to be posted on all social media platforms and Ridge View Sports website on April 23 after try outs are complete. Try Out numbers will be posted, not names, so please remember your number.
- If you are selected as a team member for the 2021-2022 year, you will be sent an email with important information on how to order practice wear from the team store and how to pay the deposit.
- Parent meeting to discuss upcoming season, practice days/times, etc will be April 26, 2021.
- First team practice is tentatively set for May 3.

- **Cost:** The projected financial commitment for the upcoming season is estimated to be around \$950. This cost includes all practice wear, shoes, bags, bows, accessories, and training at ACX for 6 months.
- The easiest and best way to decrease the cost of cheer fees is to participate in fundraising. There will be fundraising opportunities to help decrease fees.
- Team fundraisers benefit the entire team. Individual fundraisers help decrease an athlete's individual fees.
- First fundraiser will begin within the first week of practice and details will be given at the parent meeting.

Any questions/concerns regarding try outs should be sent to Coach Porche Cameron at rvhcheer@gmail.com

Cheerleader Statement of Candidacy

This statement of candidacy is a pre-try out agreement between RVHS cheer and the cheer candidate. This form does not guarantee a spot on either of the cheer teams. We, cheer candidate and parent, are signing with knowledge and understanding of the following:

- I have thoroughly read and understand the try out information and agree to the terms.
- Every effort will be made to ensure the safety of all try out participants. I understand that RVHS and coaches are NOT responsible for any accidents that may occur during the conditioning, open gym, and try out process.
- If there are any known medical conditions, I will communicate it to the coaches at the beginning of the try out process.
- My position as a RVHS cheerleader is my first priority over any other job or personal activity.
- I am a student first, and athlete second.
- I will represent myself, my team, and my school with the highest level of pride and respect.
- I understand there will be in depth by laws I must abide by and sign.
- I understand the financial commitment of becoming a RVHS cheerleader.
- I agree to the outlined payment dates and will plan accordingly.
- I understand if my full balance is not paid by August 14, 2021, I will not be able to participate in any cheer functions until my cheer balance is resolved. I also understand I may not receive certain practice/performance items until my balance is resolved.
- I understand that if I decline to participate in fundraisers that are geared towards helping me lower my balance, I will be responsible for the entire balance presented.
- I understand the time commitment of becoming a RVHS cheerleader.
- I have reviewed the timeline of important dates and will consider this timeline when scheduling other events, vacations, etc.
- I agree to trust the RVHS cheer staff in how they govern the teams and enforce rules, by laws, and SCHSL regulations.
- I agree to utilize the RVHS cheer staff open door policy and will notify them of any issues I may have to give them an opportunity to resolve it.
- I understand there will be one try out and I will be offered a spot on a team based on my performance, skills, abilities, and the needs of the RV cheer team.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Printed Name of Candidate

Date

Try Out Application Packet Checklist

Complete Physical Dated After April 1, 2021

Completed Application

Copy of most recent report card/GPA

Signed Try Out Candidacy Form by both Student and Parent

Ridge View High School Cheerleading Try Out Application

Student Name: _____

Current School: _____

Current Level: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address (parent): _____

Email Address (student): _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name _____

Relation: _____

Address (if different from student):

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name _____

Relation: _____

Address (if different from student):

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Number/Relation

_____/_____/_____

Try Out Position (circle one): **Base Backspot** **Flyer**

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Application **You may use the back of this sheet as extra space if needed**

1. List Previous Cheer/Gymnastics/Dance Experience and include the number of years:

List your specific tumbling skills:

2. List other school/extracurricular activities you participate in:

Will these activities interfere with your commitment to being on the cheer team?

3. What qualities do you believe a cheerleader should possess?

4. What are your greatest strengths?

5. What do you believe is your weakness? How do you plan to improve?

6. How well do you adapt to change? Provide an example of a time there was a change or interruption in your plans and how did you handle it?

7. What does school spirit mean to you?

8. Why do you think you should be selected as a cheerleader for RVHS?

9. Would you accept a position on our JV team? Keep in mind 7th-12th grade students may try out and can be placed on any team. The only exception is seniors who cannot participate on JV due to SCHSL rules.

Yes / No