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SQUAD MAKE UP:

The 2009-2010 Northeast MS Community College Cheerleading squad will consist of 6 co-ed couples, 1 *alternate co-ed couple, 1 mascot, and 1 *alternate mascot (in the event there are not enough qualifying males the squad will become all-girl. Call backs will be made and a second try-out date set.) *Alternates will not receive a scholarship unless they are moved onto the squad.

CHEERLEADER RESPONSIBILITY/PURPOSE:

Northeast cheerleaders are expected to act as role models for students in the community. They will cheer at home and away football games and division boys and girls basketball games, as well as participate in local parades and campus functions. Their main goals should be to promote school spirit, lead the fans in cheering, and to represent Northeast in a positive way both in and out of uniform. Cheerleaders serve a key role in public relations at Northeast.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Each squad member is awarded a FULL tuition scholarship, 2-3 uniforms (must be returned), and AWAY game meals.

The Mascot will also be awarded a FULL tuition scholarship, one TIGER mascot costume (must be returned), and AWAY game meals.

Requirements: MUST be enrolled in 12 semester hours

Scholarship renewal for the spring semester shall be based upon the individual cheerleader's or mascot's effort during practice sessions, performance at games (knowledge of routines, cheers, chants, spirit, etc.), level of physical fitness, conduct/attitude both in and out of uniform, commitment to the squad, participation in fundraising, and academic performance. Cheerleaders and mascots are required to tryout each year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

College Prep Clinic: Designed to recruit prospective spirit squad members as well as give those interested in Northeast Cheerleading an opportunity to meet the coach and current cheerleaders. Open to all sophomores, juniors, seniors, and others interested in becoming better prepared for college co-ed tryouts.

FEE: \$20 (1 session) \$35 (2 sessions) \$50 (3 sessions)

*Dates: March 19, March 26, (April 2 if needed)

Time: 4:00-7:30 (30 min. break @ 5:30 for supper)

Location: TBA (Bonner Arnold Gymnasium or Burgess Activity Center *Dates subject to change please check the website/call

Check us out! Individuals interested in trying out for the 2009-2010 school year are invited to attend one of our weekly practice sessions to meet the coach and the current squad members. Please call and schedule your visit today!

CHEERLEADER & MASCOT TRYOUTS/CLINICS

2009-2010 Squad

*Dates: April 9-11, 2009

Time: 5:00-8:00P.M. on April 9, 10 (tryout clinics)

4:00P.M.-until on April 11 gym opens @ 1:00 (tryouts)

Location: TBA (Either Burgess Activity Center or Bonner Arnold Gymnasium) *Dates are subject to change, please check the website/call.

TRYOUT ATTIRE:

Males: Wear collared shirts with shorts, clean shaven face, short fingernails

Females: Long sports bra and shorts (cheer briefs under IF you have a pair), hair up in pony tail and away from the face, short unpainted fingernails

Both: NO jewelry or gum

Requirements (paperwork):

MUST have a current application to Northeast filled out completely and on file (may be completed @ 1st tryout clinic) Tryout Registration Form (may be filled out @ 1st tryout clinic) Sealed letter of recommendation from a prior coach or principal (MUST be turned in on or before last tryout clinic) Liability Release (under 18 MUST have parents signature BEFORE permitted to stunt on campus)

Interview- you will meet with the coach at one of the two tryout clinics. During this time she will conduct the interview, you will be weighed, and you will be asked how tall you are.

We would like the following at the tryout clinic:

Copy of Medical Physical no older than 12 months, if available.

Requirements (Cheerleading SKILLS):

Attend tryout clinics

Candidates should be in good physical shape Stunt sequence: toss shoulder stand, toss hands/extension or lib., etc. and a stunt of your choice. Must cradle! You will get points for difficulty, but keep it clean because you will also get points for execution. You may be asked to stunt with more than 1 person.

Jumps: Toe touch and /or Pike (females) Optional Tumbling: Back handspring and Tuck, standing and/or running; not required but highly encouraged Optional

Advanced/Elite Stunt: 2 stunt sequence max, do not try an advanced/elite stunt unless you have successfully completed the progressions leading to the advanced/elite stunt.

Below you will find some of the categories you may be judged in:

Cheer/Motions: Judged on placement, execution, sharpness, voice projection, etc.

Fight Song: Execution, sharpness, stunt, togetherness, etc.

Enthusiasm (pep/spirit): smile, voice projection, rapport with crowd, eye contact, overall spirit.

Appearance: Physical attractiveness, neatness, poise, posture, and physical build

Interview: Personality, ability to communicate, and attitude Stunting (FEMALES):

Coordination, ease, poise, toes pointed, difficulty, execution Stunting (MALES):

Coordination, ease, poise, strength, difficulty, execution

MASCOT REQUIREMENTS:

Must attend at least 1 tryout clinic and tryouts Performance to music, a skit, dance, use of signs, and/or demonstration of involvement with the crowd Interview with the coach
Submit the paperwork listed above (under cheerleader requirements)

Mascot Responsibilities (in addition to those of the cheerleader's as stated above):

Crowd interaction

Public appearances at campus events

Attend all HOME football and basketball games, local parades, and other campus/Northeast functions required by the coach or other NEMCC faculty member.

The costume does get VERY hot. You may take breaks as needed and work up to being able to remain in your costume for longer periods of time. Mascots should be in costume during all half-times, and set a goal to remain in costume during at least 50% of the game (please note this 50% may be split up with cooling breaks in between).

Extra Cheer Practice: Former cheerleaders do sometimes offer PRIVATE tutorial sessions in cheer, stunting, and/or tumbling. . These sessions are scheduled by appointment only for a fee set by the individual cheerleader. These cheerleaders are not to be considered professionals nor are they employed or insured by Northeast MS Community College. Hiring a former cheerleader can be beneficial in learning new skills, but one must first assess and understand the risk of injury or death associated with cheerleading. These sessions are conducted AT YOUR OWN RISK, Northeast Mississippi Community College and Jennifer J. Johnson, cheer coach, cannot be held accountable/liable for any injury sustained while engaged in cheerleading activities including but not limited to .

Cheering, stunting, and/or tumbling.

Mini Cheer Camps: Hosted by the NEMCC cheerleading Squad

Open to students in grades pre-k and up

Offered three times each year: Fall- includes a performance at a home football game, Winter- includes a performance at a home basketball game, and Summer- includes a performance for the parents, friends, and family members.

Students will get the opportunity to learn basic skills in cheerleading in a fun stress free environment Students will receive a camp shirt and possibly a set of poms.

Cost varies from camp to camp