

Northside Varsity Cheerleading 2025 Information & Try Out Packet

Tryouts:

Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22

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Our Team:

- For the 2025 Cheerleading season we are a merged competition-sideline team. We will have one team of 20 student athletes. 16 will compete and all-girls will cheer during the varsity football games.

Before Tryouts:

- ❖ Each candidate must submit a complete tryout form by 3:30pm on **Friday, April 11**. Forms must be fully complete to attend tryouts.
- ❖ Tryout Packets must include the following documents arranged in this order:
 - Candidate Information Sheet
 - Statement of Permission and Understanding
 - Pre-participation Physical Evaluation Form
- ❖ Tryout Packets may be turned in one of the following ways:
 - Hand deliver or e-mail to Coach G (Room 929 at NHS)
 - Turn it in to the front office at NHS ATTN: Kelly Gentry
 - Scan and e-mail to gentry.kelly.k@muscogee.k12.ga.us

Tryout Dates and Attire

- ❖ Tryouts will be held April 21-22 in the Northside High School Gym
- ❖ All candidates must wear the following each day of the tryouts:
 - A plain white t-shirt or sports tank with sports bra
 - Black shorts of appropriate length
 - Tennis shoes or Cheer Shoes
- ❖ Candidates may demonstrate their stunting, tumbling, and jumping abilities.

Announcement of the 2025 Cheerleading Squad:

All candidates will be notified Wed, April 23 at 5pm as to whether they have been selected to be a member of the squad or not. Roster will be posted on our Instagram page: @NHSpatriots_Cheer

Statement of Permission and Understanding

If you make the cheerleading squad, realize that you are making a commitment to Northside High School, your coaches, your teammates, and yourself for the **entire** cheerleading season. The decision to tryout should not be taken lightly. You will be expected to put cheerleading as one of your top priorities. Furthermore, as a representative of Northside, you must maintain proper behavior at all times. This includes inside and outside of the classroom. Grades, behavior and attendance are expected to be satisfactory during the season and will be checked prior to tryouts. You must follow the cheerleading guidelines. Students who break the rules will be disciplined. By making this commitment to the Northside High School Cheerleading Program, you will receive many valuable and rewarding experiences that you will remember long after you graduate from high school. These activities will not only channel your enthusiasm and spirit in a constructive and beneficial manner, but will give you a sense of pride and accomplishment in being a part of such an amazing team.

Practice Obligations:

- Mat practices Monday-Thursday mornings 7:00-8:30 am
- Sideline and Game day practice will be Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 4-5:30pm

Financial Obligations:

- Total financial obligation for new cheerleaders is \$1,750 (returning is \$1,550). Fundraisers will be offered, but uniform fees are due in April prior to fundraisers.
- Booster Club Fees are \$500. These fees go towards all practice apparel, bows, poms, transportation, away game meals, GHSA memberships, team bonding, competition fees, game day competition fees, cleaning mats, end of the year gifts for the cheerleaders, end of the year banquet, senior gifts, etc.
- Camp and Choreography fees are \$300. These fees go towards June 12 stunt clinic, June 17-18 Competition Choreography camp, July 14-15 game day choreography camp and lunches, music.
- Coaching and Competition fees are \$250. These fees go towards coaching stipends (\$1000HC/\$1500AC/\$1500 AC) and competition entry fees (3 + state) and 2 game day competitions (region & state).
- Each cheerleader must have her/his account paid for in full by September 4. Please refer to the tentative payment schedule below.

Money paid to the Booster Club is non-refundable if your child quits or is removed from the team for any reason all money paid is forfeited.

Payment Schedule		
Estimate ~\$700 (new)/ \$500 (returning)	Uniform (sideline uniform only for returning, both uniforms for new) and practice wear	May 5

\$300	Stunt Clinic, Game day Choreography, Competition Choreography, Music	May 21 and June 5 (option for split payment)
\$250	1 st Booster	July 10
\$250	2 nd Booster	August 7
\$250	Coaches and Competition Fees	September 4
TOTAL: \$1750 new/ \$1550 returning		

Summer Date Obligations:

- A. June 2 & 4 practice 9-11
- B. June 9 & 11 practice 9-11
- C. June 12 Stunt Clinic at United 9-11am*, followed by a team lunch at a local restaurant
- D. June 16 Open Gym in mat room 9-11
- E. June 17-18 Competition Choreography 9-3 at United*
- F. July 8 practice 9-11
- G. July 10 Golf Tournament Fundraiser 8am-2pm Bull Creek*
- H. July 14-15 Game Day Choreography Camp 9-3 at Northside*
- I. July 15 following Game Day Choreography team bonding at Whitewater Express*
- J. July 22, 23, 24 Practice 9-11*
- K. July 29, 30, 31 Practice 3:30-5:30*

Mandatory events (*) are required for every member of the team.

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Try Out Cover Sheet

This cover sheet and the following pages must be submitted to Coach G by April 12.

Cheerleader Name: _____

Rising Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th

Are you a returning cheerleader? YES NO

Rising 9th Graders- List middle school: _____

Magnet, Hardship, or Zoned: _____

Stunt Position: Flyer Base Back Spot Other: _____

Candidate E-mail Address: _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please answer the following questions completely:

Tell us about your personality.

Three words your peers would use to describe you:

Do you have any cheerleading experience? Explain (standing & running tumbling & stunt abilities).

Why should you be chosen to be a member of the NHS Cheerleading Team?

An interview may be conducted during the final day of tryouts.

Statement of Permission and Understanding

By signing below, you are acknowledging that you understand that...

- Tryouts will be held in the NHS Gym April 21 and 22 4:30-6:00 pm
- You are expected to wear a plain white shirt, black shorts, tennis shoes, and no jewelry each day of tryouts. You understand that all hair must be up. Cell phones must be put away.
- If you make the squad, you are committing to cheer during the entire football season and attend all GHSA competitions through region and state (August 18-November 15 & beyond, if football advances)
- **If you make the squad there is a mandatory parent meeting at 5:30pm on April 24 (mandatory for all cheerleaders and one parent must be present).**
- If you make the squad, you are responsible for purchasing your uniform & practice wear on May 5 (~\$700 new/ ~\$500 returner)
- If you make the squad, you are responsible for all financial obligations (\$1750/\$1550)
- If you make the squad, you must fulfil requirements as well as be in attendance for the July 10th Golf Tournament Fundraiser.
- If you make the squad, you must participate with our June 12 stunt clinic, June 17-18 Choreography camp and July 14-15 Game Day Choreography Camp, these events are **Mandatory**.

Candidate Agreement

I, _____, have read and understand the 2025 program expectations. I agree to abide by the policies described if I am chosen as a member of the squad. I am agreeing to the information in the packet, and understand and agree to the statements listed above.

Candidate Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of _____, have read and understand the 2025 program expectations and the tryout information. I agree to abide by the policies described if my child is chosen as a member of the squad. I also agree to the financial obligations as they are described in the information provided. I acknowledge that my child has an approved 2025 physical on file. I understand that failure by me or my child to adhere to these policies could result in dismissal from the squad, if my child is chosen as a member of the squad.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please ensure an up-to-date physical is on file with the Northside Athletic Dept. or attach one to this packet.