

**Wheaton Ram Cheer
Junior Coach Application
2016 Season
Applications due April 15, 2016**

Email to Tracy Osborne at osbornetracy3@gmail.com or return to the Community Center.

Full Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

High School _____

Home Address _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell : _____ Best contact: Home Cell Email

Number of years cheering with the Rams _____ Number of years cheering in other organizations _____

List organizations:

Have you been a junior coach before? YES NO If so, what year _____ age group _____ head coach _____

Rank order the age groupings you are most interested in assisting:

K-1st or 2nd grade (Please note that K-1st grade squads do not attend competitions, but do participate in Spirit Spectacular)

3rd or 4th grades 5th or 6th grades 7th or 8th grades

Do you have a sibling cheering for Wheaton Rams? YES NO If so which squad? _____

List any other Jr. Coach applicants with whom you would like to be assigned to a squad (requests will be considered, but placement is based on strengths and needs of the individual and the squad).

The 2016 Cheer Season begins as early as July 1st and can end as late as December 5th. List any specific dates and/or times that you are not available to coach: _____

Are you a member of your high school cheer or dance team? YES NO

What areas do you feel you can assist a Wheaton Rams Cheer squad in? (check all that apply)

Choreography Sideline Cheers Half time/Competition Cheers

Beginning Stunts Advanced Stunts Jumps Dance Conditioning

Which stunt positions do you feel most comfortable coaching? _____

Why do you want to be a Wheaton Rams Junior coach for the 2016 season?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

For questions, please contact Tracy Osborne at osbornetracy3@gmail.com

Wheaton Park District Rams Cheer

2016 Junior Coach Rules and Responsibilities

Wheaton Park District Rams Cheer takes great pride in making sure our cheerleaders receive the support and encouragement needed to succeed. Our cheerleaders deserve every opportunity to be the best that they can be which can be accomplished by the help of dedicated Coaches and Junior Coaches. Jr. Coaches are important to the success of the Wheaton Ram Cheer program. Their knowledge and talents assist in teaching the sport of cheerleading while being exposed to the art of coaching by the adult Volunteer Coaches assigned to each squad. Jr. Coaches learn how to communicate effectively, identify individual needs, motivate a team and assist in building confidence.

All Junior Coaches are expected to adhere to the following:

1. There will be no more than four (4) Junior Coaches assigned to each squad grades 2-8. K-1st grade squads should have no more than two (2) Junior Coaches. If each squad has ample Jr. Coach assistance, more may be assigned with the approval of the squad's Head Coach and the Cheer President. Junior Coaches must be high school students.
2. Junior Coaches will be assigned based on their individual strengths and time availability along with the needs of the squad.
3. Coaches and Jr. Coaches must strive for open and clear communication. Expectations of each squad's Jr. Coaches will be discussed and explained prior to the start of the season. Specific duties will be outlined and agreed upon by each coaching team and their Jr. Coaches. A written list of expectations will be signed by all parties and given to the Cheer President by July 1st.
4. Jr. Coaches serve as role models. All team rules in regards to behavior, language, actions, and respect are expected to be adhered to by all coaches and cheerleaders.
5. Jr. Coach attendance at practice and games is extremely important. If schedules do not allow the Jr. Coach to attend, she must communicate that to the Head Coach with as much notice as possible. No communication of a missed practice or game is unacceptable.
6. Jr. Coaches are expected to sign and follow the Wheaton Park Districts Code of Conduct, Character Counts Contract and all policies set forth by the assigned Cheer Squad. WPD volunteer forms and a background check must be completed.
7. Jr. Coaches are expected to attend all required certification classes, meetings and training clinics and must pass any required tests.
8. Jr. Coaches are volunteers and are not monetarily reimbursed; however, the time spent coaching can be used for service hours.
9. If it becomes clear that the Jr. Coach cannot meet the duties of the squad, disobeys rules and responsibilities set forth by the WPD, Rams Cheer or the individual squad, or behaves in a manner that reflects poorly on her or the program, she may be asked to step down from her role with the program.

I agree to the above stated rules and responsibilities.

Signature _____ Date: _____