

# PIONEER CHEERLEADING



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your scholar has indicated a desire to become a member of the 2020-2021 Pioneer Cheerleading Team. Enclosed is all of the information you will need to make an informed decision about whether or not the team will be the right fit for your scholar and whether or not you will agree to allow them to participate in the tryout process.

If selected to be a cheerleader, there are specific responsibilities and obligations which your scholar must assume in order to qualify for and to remain an active member of the team. After reading the attached information with your scholar and fully understanding the rules and regulations which govern this program and the expectations to be met by your scholar, please sign each form where indicated and return the completed forms to the Front Office. If you have any questions concerning the information included in this packet, please do not hesitate to contact me via email to: [Renners@pccafl.com](mailto:Renners@pccafl.com).

Cheers!

*Sarah Renner*

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Pioneer Cheerleading Head Coach

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## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Athletes MUST maintain a GPA of 2.5 during the entirety of the sport season (which includes pre-season conditioning). Should the athlete's GPA go below 2.5, the athlete will be suspended from all sport activities until the required GPA has been re-established.

## ATTENDANCE

Cheerleading is a team sport and as such, absences affect the entire team. Athletes are expected to attend all scheduled practices, games and team events. Except in cases of unforeseen illness or emergency, advanced notice via email should be sent to the coaching staff when an athlete is expected to miss practice, games and/or events. Athletes who miss all practices during a game week will not be permitted to perform for that game. Athletes must be present for the entire practice immediately preceding a game or event in order to be considered eligible for participation in that halftime performance or special event performance.

Athletes are expected to remain for the duration of any game or special event, from the time the team meets for pre-game warm-ups to the time the final buzzer rings and the team is dismissed. Any special circumstances should be addressed via email to the coaching staff well in advance. Leaving a game early because it is getting late is not an acceptable course of action and frequent instances of such may result in disciplinary action.

Athletes must be present for a minimum of four instructional hours during a school day in order to participate in any afterschool practice, game or event that day. When at all possible, please avoid scheduling appointments that will conflict with the practice/game schedule.

Repeated attendance issues may result in removal from the team without refund of any fees paid.

## TRYOUTS

Tryouts will consist of a four-day clinic followed by traditional closed evaluations. ***Anyone interested in participating in tryouts must have a completed Pioneer Cheerleading Application Packet on file by the first day of the clinic. (As we will not be considered an FHSAA sport this school year, the EL2/EL3 forms will not be required for cheerleaders.)***

*Clinic (March 9<sup>th</sup> through March 12<sup>th</sup>):* Athletes will be expected to attend all four days of the clinic to learn the tryout material. Each day of the clinic will focus on different components of the evaluation. All levels of experience are welcome! Athletes should be dressed in comfortable clothing and athletic shoes ***with laces***. No spaghetti strap shirts. Leggings are acceptable provided a t-shirt of appropriate length is worn. If an athlete has a conflict and does not attend all four days of the clinic, it will be their responsibility to learn any material they have missed and they will not be granted any special consideration during the evaluation.

*Evaluations (March 13<sup>th</sup>):* Evaluations will consist of a closed tryout. Three athletes at a time will demonstrate the required elements in front of a panel of judges. Judges may include the Coaching Staff, members of PCCA Administration, School Faculty/Staff and professionals from the cheerleading community. Results will be posted on the doors to the gymnasium as well as online at the conclusion of the tryout process.

## ANNUAL EXPENSES (\*Not including competition fees)

*Pioneer Cheerleading is a YEAR-ROUND program. Fees paid cover expenses for the entire school year. While every effort will be made to give families the opportunity to raise funds to cover expenses, ultimately the financial commitment will be parent responsibility. Payments may be made by installments via check or money order payable to PCCA. Some items may be paid via credit card directly to the vendors, but would be full-pay items and fundraising would not be available for that option.*

UCA Cheer Camp: \$395.00 \*online payment option

Camp Wear: \$175.00 (will also be used as practice / event uniforms after camp) \*online payment option

New Season Fees: \$230 incl uniform, shoes, briefs, personal poms, bodysuit, socks, team t-shirt and duffle

Returning Season Fees: \$130 incl shoes, briefs, personal poms, bodysuit, socks, team t-shirt and duffle

(Returning athletes that need new uniforms may either purchase a gently used uniform from another former athlete OR may purchase only the uniform pieces that they need a la carte.)

*\*Should the coaching staff decide that one or more teams is eligible to participate in competition, there will be additional competition entry fees and/or costuming fees associated with participation.*

### **Payment Installments (Total of \$700 for returning athletes and \$800 for new athletes)**

<b>Installment Plans</b>	<b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>
Returning Athlete* Include Camp in installments	\$150	\$140	\$140	\$135	\$135
New Athlete Include Camp in installments	\$150	\$165	\$165	\$160	\$160
Returning Athlete* Paying camp directly to UCA	\$150	\$41	\$38	\$38	\$38
New Athlete Paying camp directly to UCA	\$150	\$66	\$63	\$63	\$63

***\*Returning athlete fee does not include uniform pieces that need to be ordered if an athlete needs to replace any items from the previous year. In such instances, that additional amount will be added to the installment plan. \*\*Please contact the coaching staff directly with any requests for a modification to the timeline of the installment plans above.***

## FUNDRAISING

Optional fundraising opportunities will be made available monthly. 10% of all funds raised will go into the Pioneer Cheerleading General Fund. The balance will be distributed evenly between all athletes who participate in a specific fundraiser. If your athlete participates in a fundraiser, they will receive credit for their portion of funds raised and that amount will be applied to their individual ledger and balance due for the installment payment due the following month. (Ex: Susan is a returning cheerleader and participates in the March 14th fundraiser. Her portion of funds raised totals \$50. Her April payment due will be reduced to \$90.)

\*If you have ideas and/or contacts for potential fundraisers, please email Coach Renner at [renners@pccaf1.com](mailto:renners@pccaf1.com)

## SPONSORSHIPS

We are looking for sponsors for the 2020-2021 season. Sponsorship letters may be distributed to local businesses as well as out of town family and friends. 20% of each sponsorship received will go to the Pioneer Cheerleading General Fund to purchase items to benefit the entire program such as mats, mirrors, training equipment, transportation, team events, etc. The remaining 80% of each sponsorship will go directly towards the fees due for the athlete that has secured the sponsorship. Should an athlete secure more sponsorship funds than needed to cover their personal season fees, any overage may be earmarked for the General Fund or designated for use by another athlete, whichever the securing athlete's family chooses.

## CAMP

***CHEER: UCA Cheer Camp – Monday, June 22 through Thursday, June 25 at the University of Central Florida***

All Cheerleaders are expected to attend camp with the team. The four-day event includes lodging in dorm rooms on the UCF campus, meals to include dinner on day 1, all three meals on day 2, all three meals on day 3 and breakfast on day 4. (Team moms and coaching staff will arrange for additional snacks and beverages for the team throughout the event.) The event consists of a structured schedule of professional instruction in cheerleading safety, stunting, team building and routine choreography. Pioneer Cheerleaders will have the opportunity to showcase what they have learned and compete against other teams during the Camp Championships held on the final day. Friends and family are invited to attend the Camp Championships from 9:30-11:30am on Thursday, June 25th to support their cheerleader(s) and provide transportation home.

***Camp Transportation: Athletes and Coaching Staff will be transported by bus to their respective events and there will be a fee of approximately \$20 per athlete. Parents will be responsible for picking up their athletes at the university at the conclusion of camp.***

## PRACTICES

***Athletes that participate as a member of more than one PCCA sports team should provide a copy of their practice/game schedule for other team(s) as soon as it has been released. Every effort will be made to accommodate conflicting team schedules, however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the athlete to ensure they are able to handle the commitment to more than one team per season.***

***Spring Practice:*** Practices for the 2020-2021 season will begin in April and will consist of conditioning and skill-building to prepare the team for camp. Spring practices will be held twice per week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-5:45pm.

***Fall Practice:*** Practices will be held Mondays from 3:45-5:45pm and Wednesdays from 4:45-6:45pm. We will make every effort to accommodate scholars that participate in additional school clubs and sports. Please speak with the coaching staff directly for any specific concerns about the schedule.

***Winter Practice:*** Practices will be held Mondays from 3:45-5:45pm and Wednesdays from 4:45-6:45pm until games have begun. Once games are added to our schedule, practices will be reduced to Mondays from 3:45-5:45pm and the hours between school dismissal and game time each game day.

## **GAMES**

*Volleyball:* Middle School and Junior Varsity cheerleaders will cheer at home games for Middle School and Junior Varsity Volleyball teams respectively. Teams will combine to perform together for special events such as Homecoming. (Multi-sport athletes that cheer AND play volleyball will be exempt from performing at volleyball games and will begin game performance for the basketball season.)

*Basketball:* Middle School and Junior Varsity cheerleaders will cheer at home games for Middle School and Junior Varsity Basketball teams respectively. Teams will combine together for special events such as Homecoming. There may be an occasional request for athletes at a big away game such as playoffs. Transportation to and from these events will be parent responsibility.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

From time-to-time throughout the season, special event opportunities may arise such as Spirit Day at UCF, Orlando Magic Halftime Extravaganza, holiday parade appearances, etc. The Coaching Staff will give as much advanced notice of these events and any additional practices that will be required in order to participate. Some of these events will have a fee associated with participation as well. All of that information will be relayed to parents in advance and whenever possible, we will attempt to fundraise for event fees.

## **COMPETITION**

At the discretion of the Coaching Staff a determination may be made to allow for one or more squads to participate in local, Regional and National competition. If that determination is made, a meeting will be held for team members and parents. A tryout process may be conducted. Involvement in competition would require additional practices outside of the normal cheerleading practice/game schedule and all practices would be mandatory. Competition fees would be an extra expense outside of the normal season fees for participating in Pioneer Cheerleading.

PIONEER CHEERLEADING  
ATHLETE INFORMATION SHEET

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Scholar Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any cheer/dance experience you have.

(No experience is required to be placed on a team.)

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Please list any other PCCA Clubs of which you are a member, as well as the days of the week and times of the club meetings for the current school year.

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Do you participate in any after school activities outside of PCCA? YES NO

If yes, please list days/times of these activities:

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**PIONEER CHEERLEADING**  
**REGISTRATION / RELEASE FORM**

The following form must be completed and handed in to PCCA prior to any participation in conditioning, practices, tryouts or regular sporting activities.

**COST:** There is no cost to attend or participate in conditioning or tryouts. If athletes are selected for a team, there will be season fees and additional paperwork due from each athlete. The initial payment of \$150 will be due at the conclusion of tryouts.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All players **MUST** maintain a GPA of 2.5 during the entirety of the sport season (which includes pre-season conditioning). Should the athlete's GPA go below 2.5, the athlete will be suspended from all sport activities until the required GPA has been re-established.

**Athlete Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade (2020-2021):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete's Limitations/Pertinent Health Conditions:** (Please provide doctor note documenting health condition and required medical care if necessary):  
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**Parent/Guardian Info:**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Info:**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Info (other than parent)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE:

**Medical Treatment:** In the event I cannot be contacted, I give permission for my child to receive emergency medical treatment by qualified medical personnel, and if needed, to be transported by ambulance or car to an emergency medical center for treatment. I further consent to the disclosure of any and all health information deemed immediately necessary for evaluation, and to the medical, surgical and hospital care treatment and procedures (including, but not limited to, administration of necessary anesthetics, tests, x-ray examinations, transfusions, injections, drugs) to be performed for my child by a licensed physician in a hospital when deemed immediately medically necessary or advisable by the physician to safeguard my child's health.

**Release from Liability:** Recognizing that PCCA will do its best to ensure a safe experience, I understand that accidents may occur both from my child's participation in sports activities and from transportation to and from the program's events. I agree to assume these risks and by signing below, I release Pineapple Cove Classical Academy, SCCAA, FHSAA, coaches, volunteers, independent contractors, directors and contributing agents of the activity, from all liability based on any damage, loss, or injury of ordinary negligence or otherwise, caused to my child or to me, from participation in the sports program.

I have read and understand the above and have completed this form to the best of my ability.

**Signature of parent or legal guardian:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## PIONEER CHEERLEADING TRYOUT COMMITMENT FORM

I have read the basic rules and regulations governing the PCCA Pioneers Cheerleading Team. As a representative of my school, I understand and agree to abide by them if selected as a member for the 2020-2021 school year. I agree to be an active participant in the Tryout Clinic and Evaluations and that my behavior will be a direct representation of my desire to be selected as a member of the team as well as a reflection of what the coaching staff can expect from me throughout the season.

Athlete's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and fully understand the basic rules and regulations which will govern my son/daughter if he/she is chosen to represent Pioneer Cheerleading for the 2020-2021 school year. I further understand that this is an extracurricular activity and that attendance at all practices, games, special functions and summer camp is a requirement of participation unless extenuating circumstances have been discussed and been agreed upon with the coaching staff in advance. I also understand the financial commitment involved in participation as a team member and agree to be held responsible for all fees due including camp, camp wear, uniforms and season fees. I acknowledge that fundraising opportunities will be made available to me, but that the ultimate responsibility for payment of all fees due lies with me.

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Tryout Clinic and Evaluations for the Pioneer Cheerleading Team.

Parent's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_