

Junior CHEERLEADERS



2020 PRESCHOOL CHEER PARENT PACKET

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PRESCHOOL CHEERLEADING PROGRAM

The Preschool Cheerleading program is for individuals ages 3 to 5. Led by the Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders, this program offers the unique opportunity to learn dance and cheer basics to prepare for the Colts Junior Cheer Program. Participants will also get the opportunity to perform with the Colts Cheerleaders for at least one Colts home game. Children will also be able to attend specific appearances with the Colts Cheerleaders and Junior Colts Cheerleaders to experience the community and service aspects of being an Indianapolis Colts Cheerleader.

CLINIC INFORMATION

- The Junior Colts Cheerleading clinics will be held at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center or Westfield Middle School throughout the months of June-December. Clinics will almost always be on a Saturday, but there is a chance for a Friday night or Sunday clinic. Time of the clinics will vary depending on the availability of the practice field. The Preschool Cheerleading clinics schedule is TBD and will be released by May 2020.
Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center | 7001 W. 56th St. | Indianapolis, IN 46254 [afternoon]
Westfield Middle School | 345 W. Hoover St. | Westfield, IN 46074 [morning]
- Participants will be divided into groups and have a Colts Cheerleader Instructor.
- During the clinics, the focus will mainly be on learning dance and cheer basics, as well as choreography that will be performed at Lucas Oil Stadium or other appearance locations. Before each clinic, you will receive a video of the choreography participants will learn at that clinic. It is strongly recommended that you watch the videos with your child, so everyone is familiar with what will be reviewed during the clinic. Due to the fact that we do not have a lot of practices together, **missing clinics may result in your child being unable to perform on gameday.**
- You may also want to bring a video camera to record the material being taught at the clinic. Nearly every child will need to practice at home to be prepared for the performance, so anything to make practicing easier is encouraged.

CLINIC ATTIRE

- Most clinics will have a specific theme (Colts Spirit, Sparkle Day, etc.) that will be posted in the newsletter. There may be clinics where your child will wear their 2020 Preschool Cheer t-shirt with shorts/pants. Your child must be able to easily dance in any outfit he or she wears to clinics. We suggest wearing jazz shoes or tennis shoes.
- There will also be the opportunity to purchase additional cheer merchandise that can be worn to any clinic. This merchandise is completely optional and not a part of the required uniform.

GAMEDAY

- Gameday Procedures allow parents the freedom to allow their child to participate in the program while tending to other children's needs or having personal free time. Your child's experience as a Junior Cheerleader and safety is our top priority.
- All Junior Cheerleaders are required to travel to and from the game on buses, no drop-offs at the stadium. All Junior Cheerleaders will travel on a bus with their squad, squad parents, head instructors and additional gameday parent volunteers (for more information on gameday volunteers please refer to page 5). No other parents besides the designated volunteers will be allowed on the bus. Everyone will meet the buses at Indiana Farm bureau Football Center. This location was carefully chosen based on safety.
- There will be a rehearsal held on gameday at the complex prior to boarding the buses. All parents are welcome to stay to watch rehearsal and encouraged to take pictures. After rehearsal, Junior Cheerleaders will get on buses to travel to Lucas Oil Stadium on gameday. The buses will arrive at the stadium 1 hour before their performance. Once everyone arrives at Lucas Oil Stadium, everyone will be taken to a holding room in the stadium to drop off any extra items and use the restrooms. Then we will head to the field for their performance.
- We will have the opportunity to offer tickets to you once the schedule has been released. Every performance will be recorded and put on a DVD at the end of the year for every Junior Cheerleader!
- If you do choose to purchase tickets to the game or have season tickets, you will be able to pick your child up at the stadium **AFTER** their performance. He or she will need to have their own ticket to the game in order to be able to be picked up. Pickup is at the bottom of the escalators behind the Funny Car Café located across from section 103 on the Northside of the stadium. Junior Cheerleaders will only be released to a parent on gameday for safety. You will need to clearly mark on the sign in/sign out sheet at check in that you will be picking your child up at the stadium. There will be a box on the sheet to check if you do choose this option. For halftime performances, your child will need to stay with the Junior Cheerleaders until after their performance. They will not be able to sit in the stands until after halftime. **Please be courteous and patient with squad parents when picking your child up at the stadium. We know everyone is anxious to get back to their seats, but safety of all Junior Cheerleaders is the number one priority.**
- Junior Cheerleaders will ride on the bus back to the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center immediately after the performance. We will give an exact time for parents to meet buses prior to gameday.



UNIFORM

- The Preschool Cheerleaders' uniform is a replica of the Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders!
No uniform exchanges after purchase.
- We ask that all uniform pieces for your child be used only for Junior Colts Cheerleading events and performances. If your child would like to wear their uniform to a public event not associated with the Colts, please run it by the Youth Cheer Coordinator. Wearing the uniform to school for "Colts Day," etc. is fine as long as your child's school approves.
- Feel free to wear the Preschool Colts Cheerleader t-shirt whenever, but we do ask for poms to be kept in good condition.
- **We highly suggest writing your child's name in all uniform pieces.** There are lots of children in this program and they all have the same uniform. You and your child are responsible for all pieces of the uniform at games and clinics. If any part of the uniform gets lost, you will be responsible for replacement.
- Poms will be the hardest thing to keep track of. It is extremely likely that they will get switched. Good news is, all the poms are exactly the same. Just be sure to double check that your child has two poms before leaving clinics or gameday. If they do get misplaced, you will need to replace them.
- **New poms, t-shirt and hair bow will need to be purchased every season.** We suggest that if you have poms from previous seasons, you use them for appearances and practice and use your new poms for gameday.

UNIFORM PRICING

- Uniform payment is due when you come to registration and have your child fitted.
- All uniform items are taxed at the Indiana State tax rate of 7%

Total uniform price for members with tax is **\$262.15**

- Uniform Dress: **\$140***
- Boots: **\$55***
- Poms, t-shirt and hair bow: **\$50***

** prices do not include tax*



TUITION & REGISTRATION

- There is a **\$25** registration fee due at registration.
- Tuition is **\$205** for June-December (includes 2 tickets to Colts home preseason game).
- We offer two payment options for tuition.
 - If you pay in full on the day of registration, we will offer a **\$25** discount. For a total of **\$180**.
 - You may also choose to pay in two installments.
Payments are due by the following Preschool Cheer clinic dates:

\$102.50 due in June **\$102.50** due in September

DISCOUNTS

- We offer discounts for Colts employees, season ticket holders, fan club members and Alumni Colts Cheerleaders.

PAYMENT TYPE OPTIONS

- **NO CHECKS.** We will accept cash or any major credit card.

LATE FEES

- If you choose to pay tuition in two installments, we need to receive payment by the above listed dates. If payment becomes more than 30 days past due, we will apply a **\$25** late fee.

DROPPING

- If at any point during the season your child decides to drop out, you will need to notify the Youth Cheer Coordinator. No refunds.

SCHEDULE

- The Preschool Colts Cheerleaders have the exciting opportunity to perform at select home games during the 2020 Colts season.
Dates: Will be announced at the end of May
- There will be several clinics led by the Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders. All clinics will take place at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center or Westfield Middle School.
Dates: Summer clinics announced at registration.
Season Clinics announced at the end of May.
- We will also have several opportunities throughout the season to do community appearances. We will communicate those opportunities to you in the monthly newsletter as they come up.

CORRESPONDENCE

All of our correspondence with you will be made through email. Please inform the Youth Cheer Coordinator if you are not receiving emails or do not have an email address.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

SQUAD PARENTS

- There will be a group of parents that will be selected as Squad Parents for the 2020 Season. All Squad Parents must attend the clinics and games the Preschool Program performs at. You are required to ride the bus to and from the Stadium on gameday. There will be a mandatory Squad Parent meeting/training session before the start of the season.
- Responsibilities will include helping with check-in and check-out at clinics/games and general supervision and safety of our Junior Cheerleaders.
- All interested volunteers must fill out an application to be considered. Squad parent application will be sent via email and will also be available at registration. Applications will be due at registration. Squad parents will be chosen by the Youth Cheer Coordinator based on availability, experience and application. All parents who apply are subjected to a background check.

GAME DAY/CLINIC VOLUNTEERS

- In addition, we will allow parents to sign up and volunteer at the clinics throughout the season as well as the games they will perform at. More information will be sent out via email.

PARENT GUIDELINES

During all Preschool Cheerleading clinics, parents and families are always invited to stay and watch their child. Many parents however, choose to spend their free time elsewhere. If you choose not to stay, your child's safety is our #1 priority. The last half hour of all clinics will be a mini performance to show off what the children have learned during the clinic so we do encourage all parents to attend that portion.

If you do choose to stay, please keep in mind that you are there as a spectator and we ask that you watch quietly and allow the instructors to lead the program. If other children attend as spectators with you, please supervise them. Please do not allow them to run around the facility or become a distraction to the participants.

No parents/additional siblings are allowed on the outdoor practice field during clinics.

The Youth Cheer Coordinator will make announcements to parents at the end of all clinics. General announcements and upcoming events will be discussed. The end of practice will be a good opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

If you have any questions or concerns during the season, please send those via email to the Youth Cheer Coordinator, Erin Smith—Erin.Smith@Colts.NFL.net. Email is the most sufficient way to communicate your questions and concerns.



CAN'T WAIT FOR THE 2020 SEASON!
LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING IT WITH YOU!