

# FAQ's

(Updated April 2017)

## **What are the age requirements for participation?**

Cheer- 4-12 years (must be 4 by September 1, 2017 and may not be 13 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017)

## **Can my daughter cheer for her brother's team/cheer with sibling?**

BYA makes every effort to pair siblings together when they are able to do so; however, if there is not a cheer squad assigned (due to low volume) to a particular team, we may not be able to accommodate the sibling request. Typically, cheerleaders are assigned by age division unless they make a request to play on another squad due to siblings.

## **Do we have to live in Burleson or does my child need experience to participate?**

No, you do not have to live in Burleson. BYA is focused on teaching the fundamentals for the sport at all ages so prior experience is not required.

## **Do we have to provide a birth certificate for participation with cheer?**

No.

## **Do I need to bring my child to sign ups?**

YES! Your child will need to be fitted for their uniform. Failure to attend one of the in-person sign-ups prior to the end of the regular registration period will result in late fees.

## **What is the cost for participation in 2017 and what does it include?**

Price \$115: Registration includes your child's uniforms pieces (top, skirt, bloomers, poms and warm up jacket) Also included are the BYA t-shirt, insurance and trophy.

There is a \$20 mandatory BYA raffle fee due at the time of uniform fitting.

TOTAL \$135

Cheer has optional pieces that can be added as well. They must be paid for by the close of registration, preferably at the time your child is fitted.

They include; the warm up jacket back design and your child's name on the front \$20

Warm up pants \$15

## **Where and when will sign ups be held?**

Please refer to the *Important Dates* link on the cheer page.

**Do the Raiders travel?**

Plan to travel for 50% of games. Typically our home games are played at Hughes Middle School, however, if there is a change you will be notified by your Coach/Team Mom. For away games, you may be required to travel to Azle, Castleberry (Ridglea), Fort Worth (Benbrook), Kennedale, Lake Worth, Richland Hills, Tarrant County and Saginaw.

**When is the first practice and where.**

Practice information will be sent by individual coaches. Cheer squads practice in the same location that their age football team practices. Practices should start the first week of August.

**When will the season begin and how long will it last? When will we receive a schedule?**

The official schedule is not set until after scheduled football player certifications in August, however, games typically start around Labor Day and continue through October. Playoffs begin in November and continue until the team is eliminated or proceeds to the Super Bowl. ALL SQUADS MUST CHEER THROUGH THE ENTIRE SEASON INCLUDING PLAYOFFS AND SUPER BOWL. Expect the season to cover September through November.

The schedule will be received before the first game of the season.

**Will the schedule or game location change?**

The schedule is subject to change based on many reasons. Additionally, locations can change at the last minute due to field conditions, etc. We will get any changes to you as soon as we are notified.

**Do we pay to get in to the games?**

Yes. Spectators pay for admission to all NWTYFA locations. This fee is set by the league not by BYA. (players and cheerleaders in uniform do not pay to get in to games)

**What other expenses might be incurred to participate?**

You will be provided with a list of additional items that will be needed to cheer. Examples could be; cheer chairs or buckets, hair bows, all white tennis shoes, socks, etc. These things will be determined per squad.

As with any organized sport, your family may be asked to participate with team fundraisers during the season. Fundraisers by teams are a way to help keep the coach/parents expenses to a minimum and must be approved by the VP in advance. Parents may opt-in/out of team fundraisers.

BYAs mandatory raffle fundraiser will be required of all participants at time of registration \$20

**What additional expenses are incurred by the BYA for my child to participate?**

Additional expenses that are incurred include: Official (Refs) Fees, Field Rentals, field Prep and maintenance and monitor or janitorial fees. Gate fees are collected at each location. The fees collected help each organization offset the expenses incurred and help keep registration fees low.

**How do I get most current information for the organization (game time, changes, locations, etc?)**

Coaches may utilize different methods to communicate with parents. Email, text, notification apps, as well as creating a squad Facebook page. This will be decided by each individual squad.

Also, checking the BYA Raiders Facebook [www.facebook.com/BYARaiders](http://www.facebook.com/BYARaiders) as well as the BYA cheer Facebook [www.facebook.com/BYARaiderscheer](http://www.facebook.com/BYARaiderscheer)

The BYA Facebook (Burlson Youth Association, Inc) as well as Twitter (@myBYAsports) will also be updated with pertinent information so be sure to follow us on Facebook and or Twitter!

**How can I contact someone before the season starts with questions, issues, or concerns?**

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