



JUNIOR TROJAN CHEER 2024-2025 TRYOUT CHECKLIST and Information

The following forms and items must be completed, signed and presented the first day of tryout clinic, Monday, April 15, in order for your cheerleader to participate in tryouts:

- \$50 Tryout Fee - Cash, check (made out to Jr. Trojan Cheer) or ONLINE via our website www.lassiterjrtrojancheer.com

- Copy of cheerleader's Q3 *SCHOOL ISSUED* report card (copy of ParentVue/StudentVue will be accepted)

- Signed* clinic tryout permission and liability form (ONLINE)

- Signed* financial obligation form

- Signed* sideline attendance form



2024 - 2025 Cheer Season - Important Dates and Information

Clinic and Tryouts

- Lassiter High School (AUX old gym)
- Tryout Clinics M-T-W, April 15, 16 and 17 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm
 - Girls will learn a cheer, chant and dance from LHS Cheerleaders
- Tryouts on Thursday, April 18 at Lassiter
 - Rising 6th Grade Tryouts – 4:30 – 5:30 pm
 - Rising 7th Grade Tryouts – 5:30 – 6:30 pm
 - Rising 8th Grade Tryouts – 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Judges panel consists of Lassiter & Stingrays cheer coaches.
- Tryout results posted to website by noon on Friday, April 19
 - www.lassiterjrtrojancheer.com
- “Made it!” party and Parent Meeting on Monday, April 22 @ 5:15PM at TBD, possibly Westchester Clubhouse (4201 Westchester Crossing NE, Roswell)

Spring Practice

We will practice on _____, _____, 2024, in the Lassiter (old) AUX gym. LHS cheerleaders will begin teaching/reviewing cheers with our squads. 6:00-7:30pm.

Uniform and Spirit Wear Fitting (*Mandatory*)

Fittings will take place during the made-it party and mandatory parent meeting for new cheerleaders.

Overnight Choreography Camp at Kennesaw State University

(*Mandatory* for all Junior Trojan Cheerleaders)

- June 13-15

Camp Lassiter Cheer Camp at LHS (*Mandatory* for all Jr Trojan Cheerleaders)

- June 17-20



2024 - 2025 Cheer Season - Important Dates and Information

Sidelines practice at Lassiter High School

- Thursdays 6 - 7:30pm
- August 1 - October 24
- *No practice: August __?__ (LHS Open House) September 26 (Fall Break)*

Football Season - Games are held on Saturdays. The season usually starts mid to late August and can potentially run into November (if a team makes the playoffs). The girls are REQUIRED to attend all games. The football program sets the schedule for the season and we usually do not receive information until mid August.

- *Please note that we DO have games Labor Day weekend (Aug 31st) and the first weekend of Fall Break (Sept 21)*

Basketball Season - Season runs November to February. Games are held on Sundays and we only cheer home games at LHS. We typically cheer for 3 games during the season (a combination of boys and girls games). When we receive the boys basketball schedule we will send out the dates.

End of Season Banquet - Normally scheduled on a Saturday in January or February.

If you have any questions, please visit the Jr Trojan Cheer website or ask a Board Member.

www.lassiterjrtrojancheer.com.

Important things to Consider Recreational vs. Competitive Sports

Recreational sports are normally offered through the recreation center. The cost of the sport varies depending on the sport you chose. These sports cost less and require less travel. Recreational sports have more participants, which requires less commitment. There are no tryouts needed to play them. They are played during their regular season and gives kids the opportunity to work on basic fundamentals. The games are for fun and played around the local community. Participation is often voluntary and absences are allowed.

Competitive sports are much more time consuming and require a huge commitment. To make a competitive team you must try out. This will test their skills and ability. Competitive teams are usually harder to get in and quite a challenge to stay in as they get older. Competitive sports are normally played year round. Often, you travel outside of your community to compete. They often require students to keep their grades up in order to participate.

So what do you need to know?

1. **Lassiter Jr. Trojan Cheerleading is a COMPETITIVE sport.** Many cheerleaders from this program go on to cheer in high school and this program works to prepare them for that transition. We work with the high school coaches during tryouts each year.
2. Practices, games, choreography and camps are **MANDATORY**. When one cheerleader is missing, it affects the entire team since they often rely on their bases and flyers for halftime routines.
3. We travel to surrounding high schools for games outside of our Lassiter community. The girls cheer a number of home games at Lassiter, but also cheer several games at different high schools.
4. The girls are **REQUIRED** to keep up their grades. Any cheerleader with two failing grades on their report card will no longer be able to participate. This is the same rule for high school. It's important to note that we have never had to remove a girl for grade issues.
5. There is a time commitment expected from parents. All parents **MUST** volunteer on a committee and must have their daughters to practice and games on time.
6. Social events are organized per squad (depending on Covid gathering guidelines) to encourage team building and camaraderie between the girls. We want the girls to work together and be supportive of one another. Although this is a competitive program and expectations are higher, we still encourage inclusion, friendships, fun, and a supportive environment for girls and parents.



JUNIOR TROJAN CHEER 2023-2024 TRYOUT PROCEDURES

Prospective cheerleaders must be rising 6th, 7th or 8th grade students attending middle schools in the Lassiter High School District only.

Dress for clinic:

- T-shirt or tank tops (no camis)
- Black or Navy running style shorts, any brand is fine, black or navy with white trim is fine
- Cheer shoes or sneakers (any color) with white no-show socks
- Hair in a high pony, bow is not required, but can be worn
- NO JEWELRY, NO EARRINGS. No gum.
- Send bottled water each day

On Tryout Day (Thursday, April 18) please drop off your child at Lassiter fifteen minutes before the tryout time wearing:

- Black running shorts (no spandex shorts) and plain white t-shirt (tucked in). Tryout number should be pinned onto the front left leg of shorts with a safety pin so they are visible to judges. (Tryout numbers will be randomly assigned and distributed prior to tryouts).
- Hair must be up, no jewelry and no long nails. No chewing gum.
- Girls should check in upon arrival. All girls should remain at the gym until their grade is released in the event callbacks are necessary.
 - Rising 6th Grade Tryouts – 4:30 – 5:30 pm
 - Rising 7th Grade Tryouts – 5:30 – 6:30 pm
 - Rising 8th Grade Tryouts – 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Results will be posted by 12 pm on Friday, April 19 on the Junior Trojan Cheerleading website: www.lassiterjrtrojancheer.com

All girls that make a squad (as listed on the website roster) are invited to join us, along with a parent, at the scheduled time for a “Made It” party and Mandatory Parent Information Meeting.

- Date: April 22, 2024
- Time: 5:15PM
- Location: TBD, possibly Westchester Clubhouse

Junior Trojan Cheer Financial Obligations 2024-2025

Initial Fees

\$50 Tryout Fee – Must be paid prior to participating in the tryout clinic on April 15, 2024

Go to: <https://www.lassiterjrtrojancheer.com/>, and Log In. From here, you will need to either create a new account or Log In to an existing account. At the top of the website, click TRYOUTS, REGISTRATION. Fill out the Registration Form, and click “Submit Form & Pay Fee.” You can choose Manual or PayPal to pay the \$50 tryout fee. If you choose Manual, you will need to pay by cash (exact change only) or check, and we will email you to make payment arrangements. If you choose PayPal, you will be taken to the PayPal website to complete your payment.

Program Fees

The cost of the Jr. Trojan Cheer program for the year will be \$1,380 for NEW cheerleaders and \$1,200 for RETURNING cheerleaders. Program fees include the following:

- KSU Overnight Camp Fee
- Camp Lassiter Fee
- Coaching Fees
- New cheerleaders also receive a duffel bag, rain jacket, half zip sweatshirt, yard sign, and water bottle. Returning cheerleaders who have misplaced any of these items will be responsible for repurchasing them at cost.
- Weekly practices
- Practice top and bow
- Cheer swag
- Homecoming float and costume
- Banquet Fee

We have 2 options this year for payment plans which are as follows:

Pay In Full Option

Due April 22, 2024 at the Made It Party and Mandatory Parent Meeting

- New Cheerleaders \$1,380
- Returning Cheerleaders \$1,200

Split Payment Plan Option

50% - Due April 22, 2024 at the Made It Party and Mandatory Parent Meeting

- NEW cheerleaders \$690
- RETURNING cheerleaders \$600.

25% - Due June 1, 2024

- NEW cheerleaders \$345
- RETURNING cheerleaders \$300

Final 25% - Due August 1, 2024

- NEW cheerleaders \$345
- RETURNING cheerleaders \$300

Forms of payment accepted are checks (preferred) and PayPal through our website:

<https://www.lassiterjrtrojancheer.com/pay-online>

Uniforms

The Lassiter Junior Trojan Cheer Program gets new uniforms and poms every 2 years. The 2024-2025 season athletes will be wearing the SAME uniform as the 2023-2024 season. If your child is a returning cheerleader, they do NOT need to purchase a uniform or poms this season. Returning cheerleaders also have the option to wear their shoes from last season as long as they are clean and in good condition. We will also be offering a used uniform sale from girls who have graduated our program or have outgrown last year's uniform. Uniforms must be paid in full at the Made It Party and Mandatory Parent Meeting on

April 22, 2024. All cheerleaders will be responsible for purchasing their own racerback sports bra and plain black leggings.

Forms of payment accepted are as follows: Check, or PayPal (includes 4% service fee). The PayPal links can be found on our website, click PAY ONLINE:

- Uniform (shell, skirt, bloomers, poms): Check \$187.51 PayPal \$195.01
- Shoes: Check \$61.20 or PayPal \$ 63.65
- Uniform Shell: Check \$82.40 or PayPal \$85.70
- Uniform Skirt: Check \$66.95 or PayPal \$69.63
- Uniform Bloomers: Check \$18.02 or PayPal \$18.74
- Poms: Check \$20.14 or PayPal \$20.95
- Half-Zip: Check \$100 or PayPal \$104 (This option is only for RETURNING cheerleaders that need a new half-zip. NEW cheerleaders DO NOT need to purchase this. It is already included in your NEW cheerleader fees).

Alternatively, you may purchase items from the used uniform sale. The cost of purchasing a used uniform is as follows: Payment for a used uniform is CASH (exact change only). Please note that you will need to purchase new bloomers to go under the uniform.

- Uniform Shell: \$25
- Uniform Skirt: \$25
- Poms: \$10

By signing below, you are acknowledging receipt of these financial obligations. Our program costs are largely front loaded. As such, the program participation fee is due in full upon commitment on April 22, 2024 at the Made It Party and Mandatory Parent Meeting. A payment plan is available if needed. However, if your cheerleader is unable to finish the season for any reason, the full payment is still due and payments are non-refundable. Please be advised that your child will not participate unless fees are paid in full by the due dates.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Athlete's Full Name

Grade for 24-25 Season

2024-25 Junior Trojan Sideline Cheer Attendance Policy and Parental Agreement

Attendance Policy

Regarding Practice

- May practices are considered mandatory unless they conflict with a spring sport. Please complete an absence request form ASAP if you have a conflict. The form is located on our website, <https://www.lassiterjrtrojancheer.com/form>
- Pre-season absences are only excused if the sponsor is notified in writing, at least two weeks in advance
- The mandatory season begins August 1, 2024, therefore no absences are allowed from practice beginning on that date.
- We will not practice during Cobb's Fall Break, however a mandatory game will be held on the one of the Saturdays before or after the fall break week, as a result, vacations should ideally be scheduled from Sunday to Friday or you can elect to receive demerits for missing the mandatory game

Regarding mandatory events

- All clinics and camps (outlined below)
 - Attendance and payment are mandatory; no exceptions
 - Only exception is with written proof that commitments booked prior to parent info meeting on March 5, 2024 and will receive 3 demerits for each missed camp/clinic.
- UCA Overnight Choreography Camp at KSU
 - June 13-15
- LHS Cheer Camp at LHS
 - June 17 - 20 (times TBD)
- ALL football and basketball games are mandatory including preseason, postseason (including playoffs)
- Homecoming participation is mandatory

Financial Policy

The Lassiter Junior Trojan Cheer program operates on a set budget per cheerleader NEW or RETURNING and all program fees must be paid in full or with the split payment plan by due dates. Uniform fees must be paid in full at our uniform fitting in April. All payments are non-refundable, this applies even if your athlete quits or is excused from the program for any reason.

Violation Consequences

The Lassiter Junior Trojan Cheer program operates on a demerit system. Demerits issued for missing practices, games, and other mandatory events are listed below. Please note demerits are also issued for other situations including, but not limited to behavior, tardiness, etc. A full list of demerits is outlined in the bylaws (copies are available on the website, www.lassiterjrtrojancheer.com, or by email request) and will be reviewed with all parents and cheerleaders at our mandatory post-tryout meeting.

For every three demerits received, the cheerleader will serve a half-game suspension. Twelve demerits results in immediate removal from the squad.

- Failure to attend mandatory camps/clinics
 - Six Demerits will be given (without written proof of booking prior to 3/5/24, which is 3 demerits)
- Late to a practice or game or leaving early from a practice or game (without prior 2-week notice)
 - Two Demerits will be given
- Missing a practice on an unexcused basis
 - Three Demerits will be given
- Missing a game on an unexcused basis
 - Six Demerits will be given
- During mandatory season (August 1, 2024 until Banquet 2025) one *special absence from a mandatory event (with a minimum two-week notice) will be allowed, but will result in three demerits.

**Special absence - Please note: This change was discussed and voted on by the executive board in an effort to allow families to attend events such as family weddings, baptisms, reunions, etc. without receiving punishment. The change should not be viewed as a "freebie" or opportunity to miss just because you want a day off or would rather be on vacation. We trust the Junior Trojan families will honor their commitment to the program and attend every practice and game. Failure to notify sponsors in writing at least two weeks in advance, will result in six demerits. NO EXCEPTIONS.*

- Excused absences: Missing a mandatory event as a result of a death in the immediate family, personal illness with doctor's note, religious holiday and/or personal sacrament requirements.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Athlete's Full Name

Grade for 24-25 Season