**JUNIOR TROJAN CHEER 2021-2022**
**TRYOUT CHECKLIST and Information**

The following forms and items must be completed, signed and presented the first day of tryout clinic, Monday, April 19, in order for your cheerleader to participate in tryouts:

❏ $45 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

❏ *Signed* financial obligation form

❏ *Signed* sideline attendance form

JUNIOR TROJAN CHEERLEADING

# 2021 - 2022 Cheer Season - Important Dates and Information

**Clinic and Tryouts**

- Lassiter High School (old gym)
- Tryout Clinics M-W-Th, April 19, 21 and 22 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
    - Girls will learn a cheer, chant and dance from LHS Cheerleaders
- Tryouts on Friday, April 23 at Lassiter
    - Rising 6th Grade Tryouts – 4:00 – 5:00 pm
    - Rising 7th Grade Tryouts – 5:00 – 6:00 pm
    - Rising 8th Grade Tryouts – 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Judges panel consists of Lassiter & Stingrays cheer coaches.
- Tryout results posted to website by noon on Saturday, April 24
    - www.lassiterjrtrojancheer.com
- "Made it!" party and Parent Meeting at the East Cobb Park on Sunday, April 25
    - Rising 6th grade squad - 4:30 pm
    - Rising 7th and 8th grade squads - 6 pm

**Spring Practice**

We will practice on Mondays (May 3, 10 and 17) in the Lassiter (old) gym. LHS cheerleaders will begin teaching/reviewing cheers with our squads. Time TBD.

**Uniform and Spirit Wear Fitting (*Mandatory*)**

Our uniform vendor will attend a Monday night practice in May to help with fittings. Parents/guardians will be invited. Date TBD.

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

- Monday through Thursday, June 21 - 24 (times TBA)

**Choreography Camp and Game Day Camp at Stingray Gym**

(***Mandatory*** for all Junior Trojan Cheerleaders)

- Thursday, July 30 and Friday, July 31 (9am - 3pm) - Halftime Choreography
- Saturday, August 7 (9am - 12pm) - Game Day

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Sidelines practice at Stingray Cheer

- 1431 Cobb Parkway North, Marietta
- Mondays 5 - 6:30pm (carpools depart from each middle school immediately after dismissal)
- July 26 - November 1
- *No practice: September 6 (Labor Day), September 27 (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. Note: we normally have a game the first Saturday of Fall Break. In September 2020, we did have a game Labor Day weekend.

PowderPuff - our squads enjoy competing against another local cheerleading squad in a PowderPuff flag football game in November. We usually practice 2 - 3 times on the weekends before the actual PowderPuff game.

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).

End of Season Banquet - Normally scheduled on a Sunday 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 2021-2022
# TRYOUT PROCEDURES

Prospective cheerleaders must be rising 6th, 7th or 8th grade students living in the Lassiter High School District only. Masks must be worn at all times during both the clinic and tryouts.

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 (Friday, April 23) 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 –- 4:00 – 5:00 pm
    - Rising 7th Grade Tryouts – 5:00 – 6:00 pm
    - Rising 8th Grade Tryouts – 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Results will be posted by 12 pm on Saturday, April 24 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 at East Cobb Park, along with a parent, at the scheduled time for a “Made It” party and Parent Information Meeting.

- Rising 6th grade squad – 4:30 pm
- Rising 7th grade squad – 6 pm
- Rising 8th grade squad – 6 pm

# 2021 - 2022 Lassiter Junior Trojan Cheerleader
# Permission Form and Liability Release Form

PLEASE NOTE: Each cheerleader must have this form completed and signed by a parent/legal guardian. This form must be turned in **prior to or on the first day of tryout clinic** in order to participate.

Cheerleader Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Current Elementary/Middle School _____
T-shirt size (adult XS - XL) _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____
Address _____
City, Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Cell Phone (mom) _____Cell Phone (dad) _____
Email address _____

Medical History: Please indicate any medical condition or history, which could require special attention. (Use back of paper in necessary)

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Junior Trojan Cheerleading is a parent run organization that is guided by bylaws and a volunteer Board of Directors. I have reviewed the Bylaws (available on website) and understand the financial and time commitment for both the cheerleader and parent. Furthermore, I understand that if the cheerleader is selected for a squad and chooses to discontinue participation, she will be subject to the penalties outlined in the bylaws. I agree to abide by all tryout rules and to abide by the decision of the judges and the executive committee. I understand it will be my responsibility to provide transportation for my child to and from all functions and to arrive on time for drop off and pick up.

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____

I will volunteer as:

SPONSOR BOARD MEMBER SQUAD LEVEL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBER

This form serves as a liability waiver for Cobb County Community Schools, the Junior Trojan Cheerleading Booster Club and Sponsors. It also grants the Junior Trojan Cheerleading Sponsor or assigned representative consent to have any required medical attention administered to my child while participating in any Junior Trojan Cheerleading activity. I will assume any and all costs associated with treatment, should that be necessary, in the event I cannot be reached.

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

Phone numbers where you can be reached in case of emergency:

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Student Signature _____ Date _____

# Junior Trojan Cheer Financial Obligations 2021-2022

The cost of the Jr.Trojan Cheer program for the year usually runs between $1,300 - $1,400. You should expect to pay near the smaller amount if your cheerleader does not need all the clothing and accessory items and near the higher amount if all clothing and accessory items are needed.

**Initial Fees**
$45 Tryout Fee – Must be paid prior to participating in tryout clinic on April 19, 2021

Registration Fee - Returning cheerleaders pay $435 and new cheerleaders $495. This fee* is due at the Made It party on April 25, 2021. These dues include the following fees:

- $50 **nonrefundable** Trojan Booster Club Fee
- $180 choreo/game day camp fees
- $90 Camp Lassiter (tentative)
- Coaching fees
- May dues
- New cheerleaders also receive a duffel bag, rain jacket and water bottle. Returning cheerleaders who have misplaced any of these items will be responsible for repurchasing them at cost.

**The registration fee is due on 4/25 or it can be split into two payments with $300 due on 4/25 and the balance on June 1. Note that if you opt for the split payment, the balance will be due at the same time as June dues.*

**Uniforms**
Uniform includes shell, skirt, bloomers, game day bow, pom poms and shoes (optional). The cost ranges from $175 - $250, depending on whether or not the cheerleader needs shoes. Returning cheerleaders have the option to wear shoes from a previous season as long as they are clean and in good condition. Uniforms must be paid in full at the fitting in May 2021. *All cheerleaders will be responsible for purchasing their own racerback sports bra and plain black leggings.*

***M*onthly Dues**
All squads pay the remaining fees for the program through monthly dues ($115/month). ***These dues are paid May-October and are due on the first of each month. (***June 1, July 1, August 1, September 1 and October 1). May dues are included in your initial registration fees.

Monthly dues cover costs related to:

- Weekly practice at Stingray Cheer gym
- Practice top and bow, pink out bow, white no show socks
- Cheer swag
- Homecoming float and costume
- Banquet fee

By signing below, you are acknowledging receipt of these financial obligations, as well as the due dates for each one. Please be advised that your child will not participate unless fees are paid in full by the due dates.

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**Parent Signature** **Date**

# 2021-22 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
- These two preseason absences are only excused if the sponsor is notified in writing, at least two weeks in advance
- The mandatory season begins July 26, 2021, 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
  - Failure to attend will result in removal for the season
- LHS Cheer Camp at LHS
  - June 21 - 24 (times TBD)
- Sidelines Choreography Clinic at Stingray Cheer
  - July 29 and 30 from 9am-3pm
- Game Day Clinic at Stingrays
  - Saturday, August 7 from 9am-12pm
- ALL football and basketball games are mandatory including preseason, postseason (including playoffs)
- Homecoming participation is mandatory

## 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 first 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
  - Removal from squad for the remainder of the season
- Late to a practice or game or leaving early from a practice or game (without prior 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 (July 26, 2021 until Banquet 2022) 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**

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