**GT STALLION COMPETITION CHEERLEADING**

The GT Stallion Cheerleading program’s initiative is to teach the sport of cheerleading in a fun, safe environment. Overall, we would like our girls to continue through our program, improving as they go, and eventually be able to participate in cheer at the high school level. Being that all of the high school cheerleaders in the Black Horse Pike Regional School District promote competitive cheerleading, we feel that our girls should experience this as well. **Participation on the competition team is not mandatory, however, we would really like for you to consider allowing your child to compete.** We plan to give the girls as many opportunities as possible to compete this season, plus host our annual GT Cheer Challenge (which your child would also perform at). If your child wishes to participate as a competition cheerleader, practices will continue two –three days a week; practice times will be determined so that all teams can be accommodated equally. We may also add some weekend practices to our schedule in October or November. Please check with your coach to be sure that you are aware of the practice schedule.

 Also, please remember beginning September 11, no unexcused absences will be allowed (this includes games) until the end of our competition season. **SINCE COMPETITION CHEERLEADING IS OPTIONAL WE NEED 100% COMMITMENT FROM THE PARENTS AND THE CHEERLEADERS.** If you are sick and non-contagious, you are expected to attend practice and watch and/or lightly participate. Lightly participating and/or watching practice will help you and your team. Please understand that if 1 girl is missing, the entire team suffers, as this is about TEAMWORK and we need the entire team in attendance to make changes and improvements-Because we are sharing the gym, our practice times are slightly shorter then what we are accustomed to, thus it is VERY IMPORTANT that we utilize every minute of practice. Your prompt arrival and exit from practice is much appreciated.

 **The competition teams are required to attend choreography camp and will need to learn a competition routine in a very short amount of time, thus starting at some point in the beginning of Sept, girls who choose not to compete will not practice during the week anymore. They will still need to attend the football games*. ALL* cheerleaders are to be at the Varsity football games to cheer on their teams.**

* **$80.00 for choreography camp is due by August 26th and every girl who plans on competing needs to attend—this will be over the weekend. Dates & times TBD**
* **Safety Stunt Clinic is mandatory $15.00 Date & Time TBD**
* **The competition bow will cost approximately $20.00**

Please let your head coach know whether or not your child will be competing for GT by tearing off the bottom of this paper and returning it to the coach promptly.

Thank you,

The Gloucester Township Stallions Cheer Board & Coaches

**Name of Cheerleader: Cheerleading team: Please circle:**

**YES-** I understand the commitment needed and give my child permission to participate as a Competitive Cheerleader for GT Stallions

**NO-** Competitive cheerleading is not for my daughter this year.

Parent Signature:

My daughter is also interested in extended cheer season\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please initial if so)

She also has her back handspring\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not needed but please initial if she does)

\*Please note that extended season is only open to girls who participate in the regular competition season