

North Davis Preparatory Academy

NDPA

Spirit Squad

APPLICATION PACKET

2018-2019

Dates to know and remember:

March 27th-Tryout clinic 3:30-5:30pm, Portfolios DUE at Clinic Check-in!

MANDATORY Parent meeting at 5:00 in Mrs. Draney's room 214

March 29th- Tryout clinic 3:30-5:30

March 30th- Tryouts in Jr. High Gym 1:30, Team Announced

April 13th- New Team Uniform Measurements (1:15pm)

*New Team Parent meeting @1:30 in Mrs. Draney's room: Uniform Deposit DUE \$100,

Camp Deposit DUE \$100 Parent sign-ups

May 16th – 4pm-7pm MANDATORY Safety Clinic

June 25th-28th - MANDATORY USA CAMP (Entire Spirit Squad)

July 4th – Layton 4th of July Parade (Entire Spirit Squad)

*The Spirit Squad will have open conditioning practices March 14th and 21st 3:30-5:00 for those interested in trying out.

WEDNESDAYS 3:30-5:00 AND FRIDAYS 1:30-3:00 NEW TEAM PRACTICE MONTH OF MAY

NDPA SPIRIT SQUAD TRYOUT CHECKLIST

1. TRY-OUT ELIGIBILITY

- Spirit Squad members are not allowed to have any F's
- Attend Mandatory try-out clinics and Mandatory Parent Meeting
- Application, Guardian Permission Waiver, Try-out fee receipt, Teacher Evaluations

2. PORTFOLIO

- Recent Photo (3x5 or larger)
- Try-out permission form – signed by candidate AND guardian (Included in Packet)
- Signed Portion of the NDPA SIMPLIFIED EXPECTATIONS (included in this packet)
- Teacher Evaluation form from 3 teachers (Included in this packet)
- \$10 Try-out fee Receipt – paid for in the NDPA Jr. High Office

3. FOR CLINICS AND TRY-OUTS

- Clinics and Try-Outs are CLOSED – Guardians, family and friends can wait in the foyer
- Arrive for try-outs on time (3:30pm for Clinics Jr High foyer, 1:30 for Try-outs Jr. High Gym)
- Hair: Must be pulled away from face and no jewelry can be worn

Attire: Candidates must wear White shirts and black soffe shorts or other form fitting shorts (biker shorts)

4. GUARDIANS

- Attend Mandatory Parent Meeting (March 27th @5:00 pm in Mrs. Draney's Room)

NDPA TRYOUT APPLICATION

Please complete the following information. Please write LEGIBLY

Student Name:	Current Grade Level:
Home Address:	Home Phone:
Cell Phone:	Email Address:
Birthday:	
What team are you trying out for?(Circle one) CHEER DANCE Are you willing to participate in whichever group the coach sees fit to place you in?	

Parent/Guardian Name:	
Home Address (if different than above)	
Parent/Guardian Phone (if different than above)	
Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Mother's Email:	
Guardian #2 Name:	Guardian #2 Cell Phone:
Guardian #2 Email:	
Emergency Contact Name:	Relationship to you:
Emergency Phone:	Emergency Cell Phone:

Allergies/Health Problems/Medications (Please describe in detail):

Do you have any obligation that might keep you from participating in Spirit Squad Activities?

(dance class, school clubs, sports teams etc)

TRYOUT PERMISSION SLIP & NEEDED SIGNATURES

My Child, _____ has my permission to try out to be a member of the NDPA Spirit Squad. I understand and agree that if they make the team that they must observe and abide by the Spirit Squad Contract and any of the Rules and Regulations set forth. I understand and agree that they are to be present for all practices, games, and performances.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you make the Spirit Squad, realize that you are making a commitment to North Davis Preparatory Academy, your coaches, your teammates, and yourself for the complete season. The decision to tryout should not be taken lightly. You will be expected to put the Spirit Squad as one of your top priorities. Furthermore, as a representative of NDPA, you must maintain proper behavior at all times. You must follow the Spirit Squad guidelines as set forth in the NDPA Spirit Squad constitution. Students will be held accountable for their actions, any rules broken, and any consequences that follow. By making this commitment to the NDPA Spirit Squad, you will receive many valuable and rewarding educational experiences that you will remember long after you graduate from NDPA. These activities will not only channel your enthusiasm and spirit in a constructive and beneficial manner, but will give you a sense of pride and accomplishment in being a part of an outstanding leadership group that represents North Davis Preparatory Academy.

I, _____, have read and understand the 2017-18 SIMPLIFIED EXPECTATIONS and the above statement. I agree to abide by the policies described if I am chosen as a member of the squad. I am agreeing to the information in the packet and understand that failure to adhere to these rules and policies could result in dismissal from the squad.

Student signature

Date Signed

ATTACH RECEIPT BELOW:

TEACHER EVALUATION for Spirit Squad Tryouts

Please complete the following form NO LATER THAN Tuesday, March 27th by 3:00pm. Teacher evaluations count as the highest portion of each candidate's total tryout score. Therefore, it is VERY important to give the student an HONEST yet ACCURATE rating based on your knowledge of the student. It is important that you rate the student according to how YOU feel the student does in YOUR class. Please be realistic as well as fair. **These evaluations will be tallied by the coaches and kept strictly confidential. These evaluations will NOT be shared with the student or parent(s)/guardians.**

Please place the completed form in a sealed envelope (given to you by the candidate), sign over the seal and return to my box in the Jr. High Teacher work room.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation!

Cheerfully,

Hollie Draney and Misty Smith

Spirit Squad Coaches

Name of Applicant: _____ Name of Class: _____

Approximate Grade in Class: _____

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, please rate the applicant in each of the areas listed below:

_____ Leadership Abilities/Skills	_____ Cooperation
_____ Dependability/Commitment	_____ Punctuality
_____ Ability to get along with others	_____ Willingness to follow rules and
_____ Ability to accept constructive criticism	_____ Ability to represent NDPA in a positive manner (school spirit/ appearance/attitude)
_____ Work Ethic	
_____ Motivation/Willingness to work	

Additional Comments (only if you feel necessary): _____

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spirit Squad Constitution

MISSION

- Promote and uphold school spirit, unity and pride.
- Represent the school to the highest degree.
- Set an example of good behavior and sportsmanship at all times (whether in uniform or not)
- Promote friendship with each other and with all students at NDPA. Also promote friendships with other schools with whom we compete.
- Promote the development of lifelong values and skills

NDPA Spirit Squad Program Rules and Regulations

Spirit Squad members understand that teamwork and the maintenance of discipline is the key to the success of the spirit program. Members are dedicated to promoting spirit, enthusiasm, and a positive winning attitude through example. Adherence to the Spirit Program Rules and Regulations is vital to achieve these goals. All members realize that the manner in which they conduct themselves, in or out of uniform, directly reflects on the entire team, squad and school.

Consistent enforcement of these rules and regulations is also necessary to ensure the safety and general well-being of each individual Member. Participation in Cheer and Dance is voluntary, not mandatory. It is a privilege not a right and may be revoked by the school personnel when a Member violates the rules and regulations. NDPA Policy and UHSAA rules apply first and foremost.

ELIGIBILITY

All member candidates and parents must sign the agreement stating that they agree to and are aware of the amount of time, expense, expectations, commitment and responsibility required and expected.

CONDUCT

- By being part of an athletic team, you are accepting the fact that your actions are more prominent than those not associated with such an activity. Because of this, exemplary behavior is mandatory at all times, anywhere in the community and at all school functions where you are recognized as a representative of NDPA.
- Promoting good sportsmanship by way of example is required at all times. Members must not use inappropriate language at practices, in school, at games, camp, or competitions, etc.
- Proper appearance is required at all times, with clothing appropriate to the occasion.
- Members must cooperate with and respect all faculty members, squad members, game officials, and coaches.
- Member must display proper behavior in class, including being on time, not skipping and not cheating.
- Every attempt will be made to discipline fairly/equally, and to make consequences of actions known ahead of time. Parents will be kept informed of problem situations. Severity of, repeated offenses may dictate harsher action.

ABSENCES

The Spirit Squad is unlike other sports. You being present is very important. Your team calendar will contain sections of time that attendance will be MANDATORY, these will be termed 'Black Out' days. **BLACK OUT DAYS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.**

There will be 3 types of absences. 1. Excused; 2. Clarified; 3. Unexcused

- EXCUSED: Illness or other extreme emergencies are the only valid reason for missing practices or games.
- Preplanned school functions or family events will be excused without additional discipline but NOT DURING BLACK OUT with TWO WEEKS NOTICE VIA EMAIL OR TEXT FROM GUARDIAN.

- CLARIFIED: Absences NOT during BLACK OUT and WITHOUT TWO WEEKS FORMAL NOTICE.
- UNEXCUSED: Absence, or late more than 15 minutes, DURING BLACK OUT OR LESS THAN 24 HOURS FORMAL NOTICE
- TWO (2) CLARIFIED ABSENCES OR 1 UNEXCUSED ABSENCE WILL RESULT IN THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REMOVAL FROM THE SQUAD.
- Absences due to conflicting activities and responsibilities are NOT excused absences.
- Attendance at a game or practice without proper shoes, clothes or uniform will result in the member sitting out. Missing class on a game day will also result in the member sitting out.

PRACTICES

- Safety is our first priority. No excessive horse-playing. Never stunt or tumble without the coach present.
- BLACK OUT practices are mandatory.

GAMES

- All games are mandatory for which you are assigned
- **Basketball** – All boys and girls basketball games. We will divide the squad to cheer at boys and girls games
 - If you cannot be to a game you are responsible to trade with another member.

UNIFORMS

- Damaged or lost uniforms will be replaced by the Spirit Squad member
- Follow proper care instructions given by the manufacturer
- Be aware of the uniform combination assigned for each event.

GENERAL

- All safety rules of the UHSAA are enforced and followed at our practices, games and competitions.
- All members are responsible for a certain amount of their own safety and protection during practices, games and competitions. Wraps, braces or tapes are to be worn when needed.

SUMMER

- It is imperative that all members attend and participate in all summer activities and events including camp, clinics, fundraisers and parades.

FINANCES

- Fundraisers performed by the Spirit Squad support the Spirit Squad Fund. This fund is used to pay for supplies, transportation fees, choreography fees, music, decorations, parties & gifts, awards and miscellaneous expenses.
 - Uniform, shoes, spirit wear, hair bows, bags, and hair bows are all at the expense of the Spirit Squad member.
 - Fundraising opportunities can be available to alleviate these expenses.

DISCIPLINE

NDPA policy and UHSAA by-law rules apply first and foremost. **Coaches and advisors reserve the right to discipline within reason and guidelines of team rules and constitution. We reserve the right to dismiss athletes from the team upon our discretion.

