

Dear Interested Cheerleader or Parent(s) of:

Thank you for your interest in the University of Minnesota Morris Cheer Team! I hope this letter gives you some information about our club.

First of all, we are a club. We are not a sport recognized by the University, and we have our own governing system. As such, we do not yet compete, but would like to with enough membership. Our membership has varied from as many as 16 members down to 8, and this effects what we can do.

As far as tryouts go, if you have any high school cheer experience, you will have no problems making it onto our squad. Each year we have a signup table at the freshman activity fair (August 28th for the 2007 Academic Year). We also post posters and e-mails around campus to invite any prospective cheerleaders to our open gyms. We have three open gyms where the veteran members work with the interested persons for two hours, going over the basics. After the open gyms we hold a tryout session. This is a point based system where the top scorers will make the team. We also have an overflow squad in case there is a surplus of members, but that is rare. Here is a template of the tryout judging sheet:

CHANT

Voice Projection
Facial Expression/ Enthusiasm
Motion Placement/ Sharpness
Overall Impression

JUMPS

Toe Touch
Side Hurdler
Kick

STUNTS

Each person must attempt three different stunts- one all girl, one co-ed and one stunt of choice.

REQUIRED ALL GIRL STUNT

Double Based Extension with Cradle (overall)
Extension was smooth and controlled
Good communication between bases

REQUIRED CO-ED STUNT

Assist To Hands
Ability to maintain form during movement
Composure (Smiling, doesn't look scared, etc.)

OPTIONAL STUNT

(Optional stunts for those girls going for Girls Squad)
All-girl Chair

Double Based Lib
Double Based Awesome
(Optional stunts for those girls going for Co-ed)
Prep
Chair
Chair to Hands
Walk-in
Toss to hands
Extension

GYMNASTICS (Extra Points)

Round-off
Backhand spring
Back tuck
Round-off Backhand spring
Round-off Back tuck

I hope this information helps you answer any questions you have. If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail the Cheer Team at ummcheer@morris.umn.edu. You may also visit the Cheer Team website at www.morris.umn.edu/~cheer.

Thanks, and I hope to see you this fall!

The UMM Cheer and Stunt Team Captains