

# Wildfire Cheer 2016-17 Season Information Pack



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in Wildfire Cheer! We're very excited to now be able to release full details of our recreational and competitive cheerleading programme for the 2016-17 season. Please read this Information Pack through carefully as it contains a lot of information including class times, fees and competition information.

Kind Regards

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## Recreational Cheerleading

At Wildfire Cheer we believe that all children should have the opportunity to enjoy cheerleading, whether they are able to commit to a competitive team or not. Our recreational classes will be continuing in Shepshed and Loughborough and we have ensured that recreational class times are as similar as possible to what they have been.

The cost for this class will be staying at £4 for an hour a week and there are no compulsory additional costs. Children can join and leave the class at any point in the year and we will not have a strict attendance policy. Please note however that payments will still be taken at the start of each half-term and there are no refunds for missed sessions.

In our recreational classes we will learn cheerleading and tumbling skills and work towards getting our Wildfire Cheer Award Certificates. We will also be organising a whole club showcase for July 2017, so in the later part of the academic year each class will learn a routine and perform it there. It's possible opportunities will also arise to perform at local events (suggestions welcome!)

Recreational classes are available for children from 4 to 12 years old. Unfortunately we do not currently have enough interest to run a specific recreational class for age 13+, although we will look to open one as soon as there are sufficient numbers. For now, older children are welcome to attend our open tumbling class (see Page 11 for details).

### Class Details

#### Tiny Recreational Class (Shepshed)

New for this year we are offering a recreational class specifically for children in Key Stage 1. This will be a 45 minute class where we will be teaching the very basics of cheerleading and tumbling and there will be a big focus on fun!

Time: Wednesdays from 17:00 to 17:45

Location: Newcroft Primary School, Shepshed

Age Range: 4 to 6 years old (must have started school)

Cost: £3 per class, paid in half-termly blocks

#### Mini/Youth Recreational Class (Loughborough)

Our Mini/Youth recreational classes will be continuing on Mondays in Loughborough. Although please note the slightly earlier time.

Time: Mondays from 16:00 to 17:00

Location: Gymnasium, Charnwood College, Loughborough

Age Range: 6 to 12 years old

Cost: £4 per class, paid in half-termly blocks

### Mini/Youth Recreational Class (Shepshed)

Our Mini/Youth recreational classes will be continuing on Tuesdays in Shepshed. Although please note the slightly later time and the change of location.

Time: Tuesdays from 17:30 to 18:30

Location: Sports Hall, Shepshed High School, Shepshed

Age Range: 6 to 12 years old

Cost: £4 per class, paid in half-termly blocks

### Booking and Fees

Fees are to be paid in half-termly blocks and are due by the first class of each half-term. If there are places available throughout the year for new starters, we do allow children to come and try the class for a one-off £4. However if you decide to come back you will then need to book and pay for the rest of the half-term.

If possible, please pay by BACS transfer in advance of the first class to secure your place. Bank account details will be confirmed in August (the account will be changing). If paying by cash or cheque, please bring this along with you to your first class in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. We will be confirming the account name to which cheques should be made out to in August when the new account is set up.

To secure your place in a recreational class you must either pay by BACS or email me ([hannah@wildfirecheer.com](mailto:hannah@wildfirecheer.com)) to confirm that you want to book a place and how/when you will be paying class fees. The payment schedule for each class is as follows:

### Tinies Recreational (Wednesdays, Shepshed)

<u>Fees due</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Classes covered</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	£18 (6 weeks @ £3)	7 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep, 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	£24 (8 weeks @ £3)	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov, 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov, 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	£15 (5 weeks @ £3)	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb, 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	£21 (7 weeks @ £3)	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb, 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar, 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar, 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 5 <sup>th</sup> April
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	£15 (5 weeks @ £3)	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 24 <sup>th</sup> May
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	£12 (4 weeks @ £3)	7 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun, 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun

Mini/Youth Recreational (Mondays, Loughborough)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fees due</u>	<u>Classes covered</u>
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	£20 (5 weeks @ £4)	5 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct, 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	£32 (8 weeks @ £4)	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct, 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov, 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	£20 (5 weeks @ £4)	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan, 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	£28 (7 weeks @ £4)	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	£16 (4 weeks @ £4)	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	£20 (5 weeks @ £4)	5 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul

Mini/Youth Recreational (Tuesdays, Shepshed)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fees due</u>	<u>Classes covered</u>
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	£24 (6 weeks @ £4)	6 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	£32 (8 weeks @ £4)	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov, 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov, 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	£20 (5 weeks @ £4)	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan, 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2017	£28 (7 weeks @ £4)	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb, 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar, 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	£20 (5 weeks @ £4)	25 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	£20 (4 weeks @ £4)	6 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun

I hope to see a lot of new and familiar faces in our recreational classes this season ☺

## Open Tumbling

Next year we will again be offering an Open Tumbling class on Thursdays in Shepshed. This class is open to both recreational and competitive cheerleaders. In the class we will warm up and work on some tumbling drills and conditioning all together, but the majority of the session will be unstructured and cheerleaders will be able to work towards their own personal tumbling goals. Coaches will be around to instruct and support skills.

Attendance at open tumbling is of course optional, however it is highly encouraged especially for competitive cheerleaders!

Time: Thursdays from 18:30 to 19:30

Location: Sports Hall, Shepshed High School, Shepshed

Age Range: All ages

Cost: £2 pay as you go (if any Mini competitive cheerleaders want to attend the last 30 minutes after their class finishes at 19:00, they will only need to pay £1)

## Competitive Cheerleading

Competitive cheerleading (AKA All-Star cheerleading) has grown massively over the last 10 years in the UK and there are now teams in almost every major town and city. We're so excited to be able to start (as far as I know) the very first competitive cheerleading teams representing the Loughborough and Charnwood area!

So what does competitive cheerleading involve? Our teams will train hard to learn more challenging cheerleading skills, perfect these skills and put them together into routines. Our competitive teams will be able to progress quickly as they will be training in a consistent team and training will be slightly longer at between 1 hour 30 and 1 hour 45 minutes. Our teams will then compete their routines at 3 different competitions between March and July 2017.

Competitive cheerleading is a big commitment, but it is also a very fun and rewarding experience. It teaches a lot of valuable lessons about working hard towards your goals, trying your best and teamwork. Please be aware however that the time commitments and costs will be higher and athletes will be expected to be at every training session and commit to the whole season.

As it is our first competitive season and we will be competing at a beginner level, there will be no trials for competitive teams this year. Competitive teams are currently open for all children (boys and girls) who are in School Years 3 to 10 as long as they can commit to the team. Children who are Year 2 or under will not usually be able to compete, unless specifically invited by the Head Coach. We do not currently have the interest to form a team for Senior aged athletes in Year 11 or above, but we will be looking into this as soon as we do have the interest!

### Team Age Categories:

Rules and age categories for cheerleading are set by the IASF (International All-Star Federation) and all of the competitions we are entering follow these. This season we will have 2 teams competing in the following age categories:

- Mini Cheer – aged 8 years or younger on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 (School Years 3 and 4). Some Year 2's may be invited to join this team a year early if they show the required level of skill and concentration.
- Junior Cheer – aged 14 years or younger on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 (School Years 5 to 10).

There may be opportunities for some athletes to compete on more than one team (referred to as 'crossovers'). Competition rules mean that athletes cannot compete in a category younger than their age, but they can compete in a category older than their age. I will be allowing some crossovers, however this will be by invitation only. Costs for crossovers will of course be higher.

## Class Details

Both teams will train once a week, starting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 for Youth/Juniors and 15<sup>th</sup> September for Minis. The last week of training before Legacy Nationals will be the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Competitive teams will still train during half-terms and in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the Christmas and Easter holidays. The only days training will not be on are:

Youth/Juniors: 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Minis: 29<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### Mini Competitive (Shepshed)

Our youngest competitive team will be training in Shepshed, as that is where most of our interest currently is. This team will be training for 1 hour 30 minutes per week and the class fees will reflect this. Class fees will be paid monthly.

Time: Thursdays from 17:30 to 19:00

Location: Sports Hall, Shepshed High School, Shepshed

Age Range: Mini Cheer (see 'Team Age Categories')

Cost: £25 per month, paid from September to June, plus additional costs (see Page 9)

### Junior Competitive (Shepshed)

We have a large amount of interest in this team, again mostly in Shepshed. This team will be training for 1 hour 45 minutes per week and the class fees will reflect this. Class fees will be paid monthly.

Time: Tuesdays from 18:15 to 20:00

Location: Sports Hall, Shepshed High School, Shepshed

Age Range: Youth Cheer (see 'Team Age Categories')

Cost: £28 per month, paid from September to June, plus additional costs (see Page 10)

## Competition Information

Each competitive team will be entering three competitions between March and July 2017. The first two competitions will be very small local competitions and the third competition will be a big national competition (but we will be entering beginner divisions).

Competition: ICE, West Midlands

Date: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Location: Fenton Manor, Stoke on Trent

Competition entry fee: £12.50 per athlete

Spectator tickets: £10 for adults, £5 for children

Competition: Cheer City, Summer Showdown

Date: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Location: Leicester

Competition entry fee: £15 per athlete

Spectator tickets: £8

Competition: Legacy, Live Your Legacy (Nationals)

Date: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>/Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 (our divisions will most likely be on the 1<sup>st</sup>, TBC)

Location: Birmingham

Competition entry fee: £42 per athlete

Spectator tickets: £18 for adults, £12 for children

The cost of the third competition as you can see is a lot higher, but it is a national championships and it will be an extremely well run and exciting event! This competition is held in the Genting Arena and we will be competing on a full competition sprung floor.

## Competition Uniform

All competitive cheerleaders will need to buy a competition uniform. This will be a bespoke 'Wildfire Cheer' uniform which will include a long sleeved top (similar to a leotard), shorts or skirt (to be decided) and a competition hair bow. If you've never seen a competitive cheerleading uniform before, here are some examples from the company I'm considering using:

<http://www.libertycheerwear.co.uk/Testimonials/GallerySquadPhotos.aspx>

We can't confirm the exact cost of uniform until we get it designed, but this will likely be around £80. However, hopefully we will be able to put on some fundraising events (ideas welcome) so each cheerleader can raise money towards their uniform! Uniforms will be the same for every competition so there will be no need to buy a new one until they get too small. There's also the possibility for people to sell on 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms as long as they are in a good condition (I'd suggest at around half price).

Buying specific cheerleading trainers will be optional, but athletes will need to wear appropriate white trainers for competitions.



## Fees

Class fees are to be paid monthly between September 2016 and June 2017. Class fees work out to just over £4 per hour which covers the cost of coaching, venue hire, custom competition music and admin costs. I would recommend setting up a standing order for class fees, however it's up to you how you make payments (BACS, cash or cheque), as long as fees are paid by the first class of each month. Bank account details will be confirmed in August (the account will be changing).

Competition fees are set by the competition providers and the prices given above are dependent on fees being paid on time (these are 'Earlybird' prices). Uniform fees will need to be paid in January 2017 to ensure our uniforms are ready for March. Please see the full payment schedule for each team below:

### Mini Cheer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fees due</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	£25 class fees
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	£25 class fees
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2016	£25 class fees
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	£25 class fees £12.50 ICE competition fees + any spectator ticket fees
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	£25 class fees Uniform fees (approx. £80 but hopefully lower depending on the amount each cheerleader can fundraise)
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	£25 class fees £15 Cheer City competition fees + any spectator ticket fees
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	£25 class fees £42 Legacy Nationals competition fees + any spectator ticket fees
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	£25 class fees
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	£25 class fees
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2017	£25 class fees

## Junior Cheer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fees due</u>
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	£28 class fees
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	£28 class fees
1 <sup>st</sup> November 2016	£28 class fees
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	£28 class fees £12.50 ICE competition fees + any spectator ticket fees
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	£28 class fees Uniform fees (approx. £80 but hopefully lower depending on the amount each cheerleader can fundraise)
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	£28 class fees £15 Cheer City competition fees + any spectator ticket fees
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	£28 class fees £42 Legacy Nationals competition fees + any spectator ticket fees
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	£28 class fees
2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017	£28 class fees
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	£28 class fees

## Commitment and Attendance

As this is our first competitive season and everyone will be new to competitive cheerleading, I appreciate that people may be apprehensive about committing for the whole year before seeing if your child enjoys the competitive class. So it's fine to change your mind about being on a competitive team during the first month. However once October fees have been paid, your child will need to 100% commit to the whole season. We will be setting stunt and pyramid groups very early on, so if people drop out later on in the season I will have to change stunt groups and choreography which is very detrimental and unfair to the rest of the team. All fees are non-refundable.

Due to the nature of cheerleading, good attendance and punctuality to training is very important. For example, if even one team member is missing it's impossible to practice our whole team pyramids sections. Athletes will be expected to attend every session. Consistently missing training or any missed training in the 3 weeks leading up to competition may result in your child being removed from the routine and unable to compete. We will be training during half-term and for the first week of the Easter holidays so please do let me know in advance if you have any holidays already booked so that I can try to work around this.

Please do let me know if you have any more questions about competitive cheerleading. Thank you for your interest in being part of our very first competitive season, hopefully this can be the start of something amazing!

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