

# DERRY DEMONS 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL HARVEST CHEER COMPETITION

Saturday October 31st 2009

Hello Coaches and Coordinators,

Thank you for registering for our 1<sup>st</sup> annual harvest cheer invitational. Derry is very excited that you have decided to attend. We currently have a total of 41 teams registered. (not too bad for our first one) The competition is being held at West Running Brook Middle School, located 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry NH 03038.

Please use your favorite map engine to obtain directions.

**Please bring a completed medical/photo release form for each participant that you haven't already turned one in for. Each cheerleader needs one in order to participate.**

**Check-in starts at 7:45 AM. Please don't arrive any earlier than 7:45.**

Check-in will be on going all day. If you are scheduled to perform at 12:30 you do not need to check in at 7:30. We ask that you check in at least one hour prior to your Picture time.

Please arrive as a team. 1 coach must stay at check-in and wait for any cheerleaders not arriving with the team. The rest of the team and coaches can enter and proceed to the cheer room. We need to make sure all coaches and cheer teams are together. Thank you for understanding this.

Once you have pulled into the main entrance, you will see a set of doors in the middle of the school (that will be for spectators) Cheerleaders will enter through the Left side door. There will be signs posted. Teams use the doors to the left; spectators use the doors to the right. The area will be well marked.

The FINAL order of appearance with warm up times is attached for you. There have been changes please read carefully. You will also receive a final order of appearance at check in.

Derry Demons cheerleaders will welcome the tiny mite and division 8 teams and escort them to the warm ups. If you have any questions during the day, look for one of the crew members in the bright **orange** shirts.

Warm-up flow: Please keep in mind that we have the use of the elementary school behind west to do our warm ups, stretching and run the routines... **The day of the comp. the coaches will get info on how things will run. The original plan was to use that school so that the girls didn't have to warm up and then sit for hours, but... I think that Mother nature has other plans. Gotta love that Good 'ol rain!! So, there is a plan B. I will get info to you upon check in.**

**YOU WILL STILL FOLLOW THE ATTACHED OOA..**

The first station is where the photographer will take the team picture. Once your team picture has been taken, you can proceed to the actual warm-up where we have a private hallway for stretching. This should be a quiet area. **Please do not plan on running through your routine twice.** From here you will go to the holding area. There are water bubblers and restrooms at the holding area, which is 15 minutes prior to getting to the performance area.

Score sheets will be available at the end of each session after all awards are handed out. You will receive the scores for all the teams in your division. Derry Demons will be performing only. You will receive lolli-grams that were purchased for your team. Please ask your cheerleaders not to open the lolli-grams in the gym.

We ask that you have all your coaches keep their pocket books with them at all times. We have a room for all the cheerleaders to leave their “stuff”. Cheerleaders and coaches will have access to this room, spectators will not. Please remind your team to leave all valuables at home. The cheerleaders’ cash should be with the coaches and not in the team room.

Cheerleaders need to be dismissed from the gym to their parents after the awards ceremony. There are several exits in the gym. The parents can’t get in the back area. **Please have your cheerleaders gather their “stuff” and bring it into the gym prior to awards.** Coaches – please remind the parents the night before or the morning of the event that they will be responsible for picking up the cheerleaders in the gym.

We ask that you clear the mats shortly after awards. We need to get done as early as possible, after all it is trick or treat for most towns that evening.

**Please pass along the following information to the parents, fans, spectators, cheerleaders, and other coaches:**

- **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN ANY PEANUT PRODUCTS.**
- **Please DO NOT park on the main road, or in any fire lanes. You will be towed! Car pool if possible.**
- **PLEASE TRY TO LEAVE ALL CELL PHONES WITH PARENTS! WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.**
- **We will be clearing the performance floor but not the gym between sessions.**
- **Please, no flash photography. Video is fine.**
- **Tickets will go on sale at 7:45** and will remain open all day. You will be able to **enter the gym at 7:45.** Our café will be open, as well as our vendors. The spectators cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children from 5 years of age to 15 years of age, and 4 and under admitted for free. Tickets are good for the entire day, not per session.
- We will have a full concession all day starting at 7:45 AM.
- “A Vintage Rose” will be on hand for all your floral needs with reasonably priced flowers.
- We will be selling **Lolli-grams** – These are so cute you don’t want to miss out. This is a great way for parents, coaches, friends, and grandparents to wish the cheerleaders good luck, great job, etc. **These are \$1.00 each.** This table will be located by the entrance to the gym.
- Raffle baskets – we will have an assortment of raffle baskets at each session. Tickets are 25 tickets for \$5 or 75 tickets for \$10. The winners will be announced at the end of each session. You will want to make an appearance at both sessions to try a chance at these wonderful baskets. These will be located between the spectator’s entrance and gym entrance.

- There will be a variety of colors for your “TEAM BEADS” ... Many colors to choose from.
- Cheerleading apparel. Customized t-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants. Located in the cafeteria.
- **The morning session will be for Tiny Mites/Mascots and division 8/Mitey Mites.**
- **As well as for divisions 10, 11, and 12 (blue).**
- **The late afternoon session will be for divisions 12(red), 13 and 15.**

Please refer to the order of appearance for start times for each session.

We ask that the spectators stay in the stands while the teams are performing. The gym doors will be opened between performances to allow fans in and out. **The doors will be closed during all performances.**

It is important that the parents have this information prior to arrival.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Looking forward to a great time!!!

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