

RRHS Special Needs Cheer Team Coaching/Leadership Packet

Being a special needs team coach is a privilege, and with that privilege comes great responsibility. You are expected to be in attendance and early to every event, make sure all squad members are on task, and complete many extra duties. You will essentially run this cheer program. If you continually fail to complete your duties and/or your behavior becomes a problem, the sponsors will remove you from your leadership position.

The sponsors will make all decisions on matters regarding coaches and leaders. The sponsors reserve the right to appoint coaches/leaders and/or remove/replace the coaches/leaders if needed.

If you would like to apply to be a coach or leader, you must turn in the following packet:

1. Application with completed responses
2. Signature Page
3. Recommendation Form from 2 adults such as an employer, teacher, etc (form attached- copy as necessary)

Head Coach (1-2 girls)

These will be the one or two girls completely in charge of this program. You will need to commit to attend every practice and game, and have the time to plan and organize the team outside of practice. If there are many applicants, we will go through a selection process to choose the head coach(es).

Duties:

1. Advertise and recruit participants
2. Organize participants
3. Organize schedule
4. Communicate with parents & participants about expectations/schedule/etc
5. Organize, plan and lead practices
6. Choreograph cheers & routines as needed
7. Choose & teach material
8. Be the liaison between the sponsors and the team
9. Ensure all equipment is ready and taken out to the field/gym. Make sure all is brought back and stored in its place before you leave.
10. Get squad stretched and warmed up for events. Make sure everyone is ready on time.
11. Make sure all equipment is taken care of for events* (mats, poms, megaphones, music).

Assistant Coach (5-10 girls)

These will be the few girls helping the head coach(es) run the program. You will need to commit to attend almost every practice and game, and have the time to plan and organize the team outside of practice. If there are many applicants, we will go through a selection process to choose the assistant coaches.

Duties:

1. Help advertise and recruit participants
2. Help organize & plan practices
3. Help teach material

Helper/Leader (no number limit)

These will be the girls that would like to help, but can't commit to being at every single event, nor have the time/desire to have a leadership position. There will be no limit to the number of girls that want to help.

Duties:

1. Help teach material
2. Help at practices and games

All Coaches/Leaders

1. Make sure the participants are safe, having fun, and learning
2. Make sure the squad is staying on task. This includes keeping everyone quiet, attentive, productive, and focused.

RRHS Special Needs Cheer Team Coaching/Leadership Application

Cheerleader Name: _____ Current Grade: 8th 9th 10th 11th

Varsity: Please RANK ALL positions you would be willing to serve in. (ex: 1= 1st choice, etc).

I'm trying out for the position(s) indicated:

____ Head Coach

____ Assistant Coach

____ Helper/Leader

Please respond, IN DEPTH, to the following questions. You may type your answers on a separate page if needed.

1. Why you want this position?
2. Why you would be the best choice for the position(s) applied for?
3. What ideas or goals do you have for the season?
4. Explain your "leadership" philosophy.
5. What two qualities do you believe are the most important in a leader of a special needs team? Why?
6. What do you think your biggest challenge will be in this position? How would you overcome it?
7. Please list any and all prior experience you have working with special needs kids.

RRHS Special Needs Cheer Team Coaching/Leadership Signature Page

I, _____, am applying for a coaching and/or leadership position for the RRHS Special Needs Cheer Team. I understand and respect the requirements, expectations and appointment process. I understand that the sponsor(s) have complete discretion in choosing the coaches/leaders.

I am fully aware of the extra time and effort that being a Coach/Leader entails. I agree to fulfill the position to the best of my abilities.

I am aware that this position is a privilege and that not fulfilling the role to the sponsors' and squads' expectations (as outlined in the Coaching/Leadership Packet) will result in a re-assignment or removal from the position. I will conduct myself with dignity, style and grace at all times and be an exemplary role model for this program.

Candidate Signature

Date

PARENTS:

_____ has my permission to seek a Coaching/Leadership position for the RRHS Special Needs Cheer Team. I have read and discussed the above statements with my child and I am assured that she/he understands and is capable of fulfilling the requirements and duties. If my child is chosen as a Coach/Leader, I will support them in their additional responsibilities and extra commitment to the team.

Parent Signature

Date

Adult Recommendation Form for Special Needs Cheer Team Coach/Leader Application

Name of Candidate _____ Candidates' Current Grade: 8th 9th 10th 11th

Name of adult filling out recommendation _____ Phone Number _____

Please rank this student on a scale of **1 (lowest)** to **5 (highest)**.

Please return this form by (snail or intercampus) mail or put it in my RRHS school box.

Mailing Address: Stephanie Evans, 2812 Barefoot Ln, Round Rock, TX 78665

FORMS GIVEN TO STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. This is confidential and no one but the cheer coaches will see these responses.

Thanks! Stephanie Evans, RRHS Cheer Coach

Please score this candidates ATTITUDE.

1	2	3	4	5
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Please score this candidates' RESPECTFULNESS OF AUTHORITY.

1	2	3	4	5
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Please score this candidates RESPONSIBILITY.

1	2	3	4	5
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Please score this candidates LEADERSHIP.

1	2	3	4	5
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Please score this candidates CHARACTER.

1	2	3	4	5
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Please score this candidates MATURITY.

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Please score this candidates' KINDNESS TO PEERS.

1	2	3	4	5
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Please leave additional comments that will recommend (or NOT recommend) this student to serve as a COACH or LEADER for our **SPECIAL NEEDS CHEER PROGRAM**. Thank you so much for your time!
