



July 1, 2022

Dear Cheerleading & Dance Coaches,

We would like to extend you an invitation to compete in the **East Texas Cheerleading Championship & Pom Pon / Dance Competition** at the 38th Annual Texas State Forest Festival. The festival will once again be held at the George Henderson Jr. Exposition Center in Lufkin, Texas September 15th – 18th. The East Texas Cheerleading Championship & Pom Pon / Dance Competition will take place **Sunday, September 18th at 1:00pm**. As always, there is NO charge to compete in this competition.

Cheerleading will have three separate divisions based on the size of the school district. All squads including Varsity, Jr. Varsity and Jr. High will compete against schools according to your district size. Please see the attached form on the following page for more details.

Pom Pon/Dance will have 2 age groups (High School & Jr. High/Middle School) and 5 categories of competition per age group, Jazz, Hip Hop, High Kick, Pom-Pon and Officers.

We would look forward to seeing returning teams and meet new competitors this September. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return no later than September 2nd to the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce either by mail at 1615 S. Chestnut, Lufkin Texas 75901, or email ACrocker@LufkinTexas.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the 38th Annual Texas State Forest Festival.

Sincerely,

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Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce



2022 East Texas Cheerleading Championship

Presented by



1. There is no charge to enter the competition. However, completion and return of the enclosed entry form is required. Please make sure that all your Junior High, Junior Varsity and Varsity squads are all aware of the competition. **Deadline for entry is September 2, 2022.** Because of time constraints, competing squads will be limited if necessary. In this case, squads will be accepted in order of entry confirmation.
2. Varsity, Junior Varsity and Junior High schools will each have three divisions of competition based on size of school district:
Division 1: School District 1A and 2A
Division 2: School District 2A and 3A
Division 3: School District 4A and 5A
Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places in each division.
A Best of Show award will also be given in both the Jr. High and High School Divisions.
3. Squads will be given an overall performance time of 2-2.5 minutes. Exceeding this time limit will result in a point deduction. Timing begins with the first organized word, movement, or music note by the team after the team has been introduced.
4. There are two required elements of competition for each division: (1) cheer and (2) music routine to be performed in either order. Squads must provide their own music in advance to ACrocker@LufkinTexas.org, in order to create a playlist in advance of the competition. It is recommended that each team bring an iPod/iPhone as backup. A sound system will be provided. All cheers and routines must adhere to the NCAA Rules and Guidelines (www.aacca.org). Any violation of these rules will result in point deduction or disqualification. These guidelines are being enforced to ensure participant safety.
5. The performance area is a 42' deep x 54' wide carpeted gymnastics floor mat on the arena floor.
6. Check-in for each team will begin **Sunday, September 18, at 11:00am**. Squads are asked to arrive promptly and check in at the registration table near the stage in the Main Arena of the Expo Center. Competition will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. Each squad will be given **3 minutes** to warm up on the performance area after check-in and prior to competition. If for any reason your squad is not ready to warm up at the designated time you will forfeit your time on the performance area.
7. Complimentary tickets to the Forest Festival will be given to the Cheer/Dance sponsor prior to the competition based on the number of students listed on the registration form. **ONE complimentary pass is allowed for TWO cheerleading sponsors.** Additional tickets for staff, family members and friends may be purchased at the entrance gate for \$8.



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CHEER CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING FORMAT

Team: _____

Judge # _____

Division: _____

	MAX VALUE	TEAM SCORE	COMMENTS
MOTION TECHNIQUE <i>Technique, sharpness, and placement</i>	15		
PERFECTION OF SKILLS <i>Uniformity of movement throughout routine</i>	20		
PROPER USE OF SKILLS <i>Choice and timing of skills to lead the crowd</i>	15		
EXECUTION OF SKILLS <i>Technique: stability of stunts, jumps and/or tumbling</i>	20		
VISUAL APPEAL <i>Level changes, ripples, creative movements within groups</i>	15		
OVERALL IMPRESSION Leadership and overall presentation	15		
TOTAL 100 Possible Points			



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East Texas Cheerleading Competition Registration Form

School: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Contact Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Division I -- 1A & 2A

Division II—3A &4A

Division III—5A &6A

____ Varsity

____ Varsity

____ Varsity

____ Junior Varsity

____ Junior Varsity

____ Junior Varsity

____ Junior High

____ Junior High

____ Junior High

Team Members / Grade

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Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____



TEXAS STATE FOREST FESTIVAL POM-PON/DANCE TEAM COMPETITION

Presented by



1. There is no charge to enter the competition. However, completion and return of the enclosed entry form is required. Deadline for entry is end of business, **Friday, September 2, 2022.**
2. There will be 5 categories of competition: Jazz, Hip Hop, Kick, Pom-Pon & Officers.
(must have at least 3 schools entered into the category to have competition)
3. There will be 2 age groups: High School and Jr. High/Middle School. The explanation of the categories of competition is as follows:

Jazz: Classic Jazz Technique; Must contain basic jazz choreography, with appropriate music. No more than 20% hip hop style. Judging will be based on style, appropriate technique, which includes turns, leaps, correct extension, completion of movements and overall choreography.

Hip Hop: A trendy style of current dance form; street style original dance with isolations and abstract movements. Judging will be based on style, appropriate hip hop movements, and **appropriate** music. Please remember this is a family event.

Kick: Precision dance; may be a small or large group. No solos, duet, or trios. Must have no less than 75% kicks. Judging will be based on height of kicks, power of kicks, types of kicks, formations and overall difficulty.

Pom-Pon: Must incorporate pom-pons in dance or gymnastic style routine; should contain precision movements and must incorporate a pom 80% of the time. Judging will be based on pom-pon technique, dance steps, and overall choreography. Must be high energy!

Officers Only: Open to **any of the genres** of dance listed above.

Total performance time should be between (2) two and (2) two and half minutes. Timing will start at the beginning of the music and end when the music has stopped.

4. This year we are urging you to email your music in advance of the competition, so we can create a comprehensive play list prior to the competition. Please email your music to ACrocker@LufkinTexas.org. We also encourage each entry to have their music on an iPod/iPhone and it must be cued to the correct placement. A sound system will be provided.
5. The performance area will be 42' deep x 54' wide carpeted gymnastics floor mat on the arena floor.
6. The use of props is allowed.
7. The basis for judging is as follows:

CHOREOGRAPHY – 20pts

- Composition, Creativity, Difficulty, Appropriateness and Musical Interpretation

VISUAL IMPACT / STAGING – 20pts

- Continuity/Transitions, Use of Area/Stage, Changing of Levels/Floorworks, and Visual Effects

EXECUTION & UNIFORMITY – 20pts

- Upper & Lower Body Precision, Timing, Spacing and Uniformity of Kick Height

MOVEMENT QUALITY – 20pts

- Body Control, Technique, Range of Motion, Dynamics, Turns/Pivots/Flanks, Legwork, Footwork and Flexibility

PERFORMANCE – 20pts

- Facial Expression, Projection, Focus, Confidence in Performance, Musicality, Body Energy, Uniform and Grooming

5 POINT PENALTIES WILL BE ISSUED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Going over the 2.5-minute time allowance
 - Not having music cued up and ready to go
 - Questionable or vulgar dance moves
8. Check-in will begin Sunday, September 18th at 11:00am. Check-in will take place near the main arena of the Angelina County Exposition Center. Competition will begin at 1:00pm. Each squad will be given 3 minutes to warm up all routines on the performance area (without music) and prior to competition. Going over time will result in a 5-point penalty. The floor will be open for this warmup beginning at 11:00pm.
 9. Judges will be provided through management of Academy of Gymnastics and Dance.
 10. Complementary Tickets to the Forest Festival will be given to the Cheer/Dance sponsor prior to the competition based on the number of students listed on the registration form. **ONE complementary pass is allowed for TWO sponsors.** Additional tickets for staff, family members and friends may be purchased at the entrance gate for \$8.
 11. A Best of Show award will also be given in both the Jr. High and High School Divisions.



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POM PON SCORING FORMAT

Team: _____

Judge # _____

Division: _____

	MAX VALUE	TEAM SCORE	COMMENTS
CHOREOGRAPHY <i>Composition, Creativity, Difficulty, Appropriateness, Musical Interpretation</i>	20		
VISUAL IMPACT/STAGING <i>Continuity/Transitions, Use of Area, Changing of Levels/Floorwork, Visual Effects</i>	20		
EXECUTION & UNIFORMITY <i>Upper & Lower Body Percision, Timing, Spacing, Uniformity of Kick Height</i>	20		
MOVEMENT QUALITY <i>Body Control, Technique, Range of Motion, Dynamics, Turns/Pivots/Flanks, Legwork, Footwork, Flexibility</i>	20		
PERFORMANCE <i>Facial Expression, Projection, Focus, Confidence in Performance, Musicality, Body Energy, Uniform, Grooming</i>	20		
TOTAL 100 Possible Points			

Circle Competition Division

Jazz	High School	Junior High / Middle School
Hip Hop	High School	Junior High / Middle School
Kick	High School	Junior High / Middle School
Pom-Pon	High School	Junior High / Middle School
Officers	High School	Junior High / Middle School

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail to: TSFF Pom Pon/Dance Team Competition
The Chamber of Commerce
1615 S Chestnut St
Lufkin, TX 75910

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