



DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY CHEERLEADING

Dear High School Cheer Coach,

We are embarking on rebuilding a program through which many talented cheerleaders have passed. Our season is almost year-round and filled with many fun and exciting events!

In order to make the squad, you will need to possess the following skills:

- Minimum standing back handspring
- Minimum round-off with two connected skills (I.e., 2 handsprings, handspring tuck, etc)
- Ability to all-girl partner stunt with one legged elite level stunts. People who can perform a variety of positions (top, base, back spot) are welcome.

Tryouts for the 2010-2011 season will be held on March 27-28, 2010 in the Auxiliary Gym of A.J. Palumbo Center from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. If any cheerleader cannot physically attend the tryout, we ask that a video be submitted by the actual tryout date. During the tryouts, each cheerleader will be asked to perform the fight song and one sideline, which will be taught that day in addition to the skills listed above.

We will attend camp at the University of Scranton College Camp hosted by Universal Cheerleaders Association at the beginning of August. We will also have a pre-camp the prior week where we will further develop our skills and bond as a team.

Practices will begin again once the school year starts on August 23, 2010. During football season, we will perform at all home football games played on Art Rooney field on the campus of Duquesne University and other events to promote Duquesne University Cheerleading. At the end of football season, the squad is separated into two teams to cheer for the championship Men's and Women's basketball teams in A.J. Palumbo Center. During this time, a separate squad will be chosen for our competition team where more advanced skills will be evaluated.

We will compete at UCA nationals in mid-January and finish up the basketball season with the A-10 championship basketball tournaments in March. These tournaments are a highlight to the season, and the only time the cheerleaders travel.

We are looking for well-rounded scholar athletes who have a great passion for cheerleading, and are committed to a team activity. Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions, or would like to make a recommendation.

Sincerely,

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