

2008-09 Cheerleading Team Tryout Information

Furman University
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Spring Cheerleading Tryouts

2008-09 Furman Spring Cheerleading tryouts will be held April 30th and May 1st, 2008 in the Alley Gym on the Furman campus. Tryouts are a two-day event – a Wednesday evening clinic followed by a Thursday evening tryout. Material to be taught at clinic will include **3 sidelines, a dance (for girls), and a fight song. Tumbling and jumps** will be included as part of material required to be demonstrated at the actual “tryout,” but it will not be taught at the clinic. Individual interviews with participants will also be conducted at the tryout.

Spring tryouts are directed toward current Furman students - Both male and female students are welcome! Incoming freshmen who live in the Greenville area are welcome at the clinic and tryout, but they must contact the head cheerleading coach of their intent to participate in the on-campus tryout by April 15, 2008.

Incoming freshman may also participate in the spring Furman cheerleading tryout process by submitting the following to be reviewed by the Furman cheer coach.

1. **Letter of acceptance** and intent on attending Furman the following fall
2. **Copy of both front and back of current insurance card**
3. **Video** that includes:

Two sidelines of cheerleader's choice

One sideline must have an incorporation (stunt, jump, or tumbling)

Two different stunts (as base or flyer)

Three different jumps

One must be a Toe Touch

One must be a series (2 or more jumps in a row)

***This counts as only one of the required jumps

Tumbling skills

Back Handspring

Round-off back handspring

Optional tumbling skills

4. **Two letters of recommendation**

One from coach for a sports team on which cheerleader has recently participated

One from another individual who can speak to the cheerleader's work ethic and character.

** Neither letter can be from a parent, guardian or relative **

Letters should be submitted directly to cheerleading coach by the author (address below)

5. **Letter, essay or list** of cheerleader's interests. Please include the following:

Sports team participated on

Cheerleading experience and awards

Hobbies and interests

Non-sports related extra curricular activities

*Submittals for incoming freshmen to tryout for the 2008-09 Furman Cheerleading squad must be **received by April 15, 2008**. Submittals will be reviewed by Furman cheer coach. Incoming freshmen that are accepted to the program by video are expected to have all of the skills submitted on the video tape when they report to Furman for pre-camp training in August 2008.*

Any questions and necessary submittals may be directed electronically to cheerleading@furman.edu or via USPS mail at:

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