

# WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CHEER TEAM

## General Information

**Clinic and Tryouts:** A clinic is conducted by the cheer coach in conjunction with tryouts. The clinic/tryout is usually held in April.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for cheering, a student must complete twelve (12) hours each semester and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00.

**Uniforms:** All uniforms and equipment are purchased by the University and, therefore, must be returned at the end of the year. Cheerleaders are required to purchase their own cheer shoes.

**Camp:** The team conducts a one-day clinic for area high school and jr. high school teams. This mini-clinic and summer camp is mandatory for all team members.

**Responsibilities:** The team is responsible for cheering at all home football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball games. Attendance is required at all practice sessions and special events (homecoming, etc.) Additionally, during the spring, the team judges area high school and jr. high school cheer tryouts, which is a mandatory activity.

**Athletics:** The cheerleaders/mascot are governed by the department of intercollegiate athletics. The coach reports to the senior associate athletic director. Therefore, cheerleaders are considered to be athletes and are covered by the University athletic insurance (secondary coverage). Pre-participation physicals are required. Also, two members of the cheer team are selected by the coach to serve on the WTAMU Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

**Scholarships:** As a member of the cheer team, you will receive a scholarship which is awarded during the spring semester. The scholarship is based upon number of years on the squad and is staggered as follows: first year-\$200; second year-\$300; third year-\$400; and the last year-\$500. To receive this scholarship, you must fulfill your obligations as stated above.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Holly Troth, Senior Associate Athletic Director, WTAMU Box 60049, Canyon, TX 79016 or telephone (806) 651-4403. You may also call Scott Taute, Cheerleader Coach, at (806) 433-6996 for specific questions regarding tryouts.