



Lions Youth Cheerleading

2024 Season
Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday April 2, 2024

LIONS YOUTH CHEERLEADING
WEBSITE

Agenda

- ★ Welcome Back - Introduce the Board
- ★ Team Snap
- ★ Registration/Evaluation Process for 2024
- ★ Types of Teams for 2024
- ★ Field Cheer
- ★ Traditional Competition Cheer
- ★ Game Day Competition Cheer
- ★ Attendance Policy
- ★ Coaches Responsibilities /Interviews
- ★ Code of Conduct
- ★ Tentative Summer Practice Schedule
- ★ Choreography/Stunting Clinics
- ★ Tumbling at Divine with Cheryl Sesto
- ★ Varsity Cheerleading Camp
- ★ Uniform
- ★ Fundraising Opportunities

Registration Process 2024

Due to the success of our 2023 season, the Lions Youth Cheerleading program is growing in popularity! Traditional teams will be capped at 28 cheerleaders (with the exception of the 5 year old team, which will be capped at 20 cheerleaders). A decision was made by the Board to open registration to all interested athletes. If a team reaches capacity, the Board will schedule an evaluation for the team. The evaluation will be judged by Board members and an outside, qualified coach. Evaluations will be based on the needs of the team with a strong emphasis on tumbling and stunting ability. If a child is not selected for the team, they will be offered a spot on Field Cheer or Game Day (if spots are available and age eligible) if the child is not interested in the other teams being offered their registration fee will be returned. Any difference in registration fees (traditional vs field cheer) will also be refunded.



INTRODUCING...

WI LIONS GAME DAY!



WHAT IS GAME DAY?

- GAME DAY IS A DIVISION OF OUR LOCAL COMPETITIONS THAT SHOWCASES THE TRADITIONAL ASPECTS OF CHEERLEADING
- TEAMS COMPETE IN CATEGORIES THAT REFLECT WHAT CHEERLEADERS DO ON THE SIDELINES TO ENGAGE CROWD INVOLVEMENT
- SQUADS RESPOND TO OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE GAME SITUATIONS AND PERFORM A SIDELINE BASED OFF OF THE SITUATION AUDIO CUES
- CATEGORIES INCLUDE BAND DANCE, SITUATIONAL SIDELINE, TIME-OUT CHEER, AND FIGHT SONG
- TEAMS INCORPORATE SIGNS, POMS, AND FLAGS TO LEAD THE CROWD
- WITH THE RECENT CHANGES TO COMPETITIVE PARAMETERS, GAME DAY PROVIDES A COMPETITION FORUM FOR TEAMS THAT RETAINS THE ELEMENTS OF TRADITIONAL CHEERLEADING

GAME DAY INFORMATION

SCYCA teams participating in the Competitive Game Day division in 2023:

Connetquot	Deer Park
Rocky Point	Sharks
Brentwood	Sachem (if they can find a coach)
West Islip	Riverhead

Game Day is Competition Cheer in the Game Day division

Compete against other leagues' Game Day teams in our local competitions

Learn traditional sideline cheer

Cheer on sidelines at games for the West Islip Youth Football league

Registration Fee: \$300 includes choreography, music, props, team's registration fees to competitions, bow, socks & t-shirt

[West Islip Varsity Cheerleading - Game Day](#)

FIELD CHEER

Sideline Cheer at WI Youth Football Games

March in Homecoming Parade

Learn basic motions and technique

Registration Fee: \$160

Volunteers welcome! If you're interested in helping us out with this program please let us know!

TRADITIONAL COMPETITION CHEER

- **Competition Team Registration fee: \$300**
- **Practices 2-3 times per week and are mandatory**
- **Professional choreography**
- **Stunt Clinics with professional instructors**
- **Professional music**
- **Compete in 5 competitions**
 - * **Mid October through November 24th***
- **There is a limit of 28 cheerleaders on the 6-11 Year Old Traditional Competition teams and 20 cheerleaders for our 5 Year old Traditional Competition Team**
- **In the event that the enrollments for a particular age group exceed the roster limits, evaluations will be held for that team. After the roster is filled remaining athletes will have the option of joining our Game Day comp team (depending on eligibility and availability) or our Field Cheer program (refunds will be issued for the difference in registration fees for this reason only as an exception to refund policy).**

Registration fees are non-refundable

Please note that a minimum of 12 team members are needed to open a team. If at the close of registration less than 12 roster spots are filled, the team will be closed and refunds will be issued

ATTENDANCE POLICY

ABSENCES:

Every cheerleader must be present at all practices unless it is an excused absence approved by a coach. This applies to ANY cheerleading event (practice, game, competition, fundraisers etc.) All absences should be communicated at least 48 hours prior to the event so each coach is given ample amount of time to choreograph or fill in a substitute for the upcoming event. In the event of an illness, notify your coaches as soon as reasonably possible. Two types of absences exist: excused and unexcused.

Excused absences: funeral or death in the family, **required** school or church activities, religious holidays, sickness, and family vacations.

****After September 1st, vacations will not be an excused absence unless it was planned and booked prior to the start of the season and board approval was granted.***

Unexcused absences: sleepovers, playdates, homework, school events that are not required, birthday parties, being tired, last minute vacations or any absence that was not received and approved by your coaches.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Three unexcused absences, could result in removal from the team which will be reviewed and decided by the Lions Youth Cheerleading Board.
- Excessive absences overall may be subject to removal from a stunt or specific spot in the routine as deemed necessary by a coach or the Board.
- In order for your child's team to perform at their best, every member must be in attendance to all of our events.
- If your child is not prioritizing cheer or willing to commit, it is only fair that after 3 unexcused absences the Board may remove the child from the team and if applicable, may replace the child with someone on the waitlist.

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES/INTERVIEWS

- ★ Maintain a practice schedule of at least 2x a week August-November.
- ★ Ensure that all components of the routine are legal, safely performed and age appropriate
- ★ Must attend Lions coaches meetings
- ★ Competition coaches must attend SCYCA safety clinic
- ★ Behave appropriately in front of the children of the program at all times
- ★ Communicate with the board immediately with any problems that present themselves on your team, or with other teams
- ★ Work together with other coaches on your staff to create a routine that is individual and unique to your team and our program
- ★ Interviews will take place via Google Meet on May 14th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

CODE OF CONDUCT

TENTATIVE SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE at Divine Rhythms Acro Room

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		SUNDAY
4:30-							Times TBD
4:30-5:30	5		GAME DAY				11
5:30-6:30	6	7	6	7	10		
6:30-7:30	8	9	8	9	11		REC
7:30-8:30		10		GAME DAY	REC		
8:30-9:30							
Can not hold practice in divine 8/23 and 8/24							

We will do our best to keep the Fall practice schedule consistent with the schedule above for our competition teams. The Fall schedule is contingent on permits issued by the West Islip School District.

Practices for Field Cheer also require a permit. Practice will be held on field space that will be provided by the school district. As soon as the permit is approved those dates will be released.

SUMMER 2024 CHOREOGRAPHY

Choreography for the Lions Cheerleading traditional competition teams for the 2024 season will occur in July and August at Long Island Cheer. Each traditional team will have 6 hours of Choreography at some point during those two weeks. This year each team will also have stunt clinics at Long Island Cheer throughout the season. The cost of these stunt clinics has been covered by 2023 fundraising efforts and the 2024 registration fee.



TUMBLING WITH CHERYL SESTO AT DIVINE RHYTHMS

September - June Thursday Tumble

With Coach Cheryl

Start date Sept 14th to June 20th

Monthly Payments prices listed below

Call Divine Rhythms to Reister 631.422.3302

4:20 K-1 Beginner Tumble

5:20 Inter/Adv Tumble

September - \$75
14th, 21st, & 28th

October - \$100
5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

November - \$100
2th, 9th, 16th, & 29th

December - \$75
7th, 14th, & 21th

January - \$75
11th, 18th, & 25th

February - \$100
1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th

March - \$75
7th, 14th, & 28th

April - \$50
11th & 18th

May - \$125
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23th, &
30

June - \$100
6th, 13th, & 20th

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CHEERLEADERS
JULY 15-18



*UNIFORMS

- ★ What does it look like
- ★ How much will it cost
 - Full uniform \$270 by check or zelle
 - Top only \$180
 - Skirt only \$90
- ★ Check payable to Lions Youth Cheerleading
- ★ Zelle: wilionscheerleading@gmail.com
- ★ We are placing the order on June 15th to ensure we have them by September 1st.
- ★ Two fitting sessions will take place at The West Islip Public Library
- ★ Tuesday May 28th 5:30 - 7:30
- ★ Wednesday May 29th 5:30 - 7:30
- ★ Parents are responsible for the cost of the uniform and sneakers
- ★ Lions tee shirt, socks, bows, signs and poms were all included in the registration fee.
- ★ A Facebook page was created by the community where members list used uniforms for sale. The Lions Board does not run or facilitate this page. You may check there to purchase a used uniform at a discounted price if you prefer and if you can find the right size. The group name is "WI Lions Cheer Exchange"



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To Whom It May Concern:

Lions Youth Cheerleading is a cheerleading organization for young athletes in the West Islip community between the ages of 5 and 12. In an attempt to raise funds to support this program we are coming to the community to ask local businesses to sponsor the children of our cheerleading program.

The sponsorships are tiered and are tax-deductible. Our Tax ID# is 87-3991036. Along with supporting your youth cheerleaders, every sponsor will have their business name advertised on the back of their programs' competition tee shirt that each athlete will wear to all of their local competitions and your business will be recognized on the team banner that they will hang in the stands each weekend at their competitions. Additional advertisement is available through our website which is frequently visited by community members (links to your business' websites, menus, coupons etc.)

Please fill out the form below; checks can be made payable to **Lions Youth Cheerleading**. Our mailing address is below. Please attach a business card for advertisement purposes. Thank you in advance for your support! We will be sure to stop in your business throughout the year to show our support for your support! If you have any questions you can email the Lions Cheerleading Board at www.wlionscheerleading@gmail.com.

___ Blue Level Sponsorship: Name on tee shirt and competition banner.....\$100

___ Gold Level Sponsorship*: Name on tee shirt and competition banner along with advertisement on our website (www.westislipcheer.com)\$250

Name of Business _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Contact person _____

Donation amount _____ cash/check check # _____

Please attach a copy of your business card or coupon you would like published on our website