

Season Overview



Season 7 Comp Team Informational Packet

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Season Overview

Teams:

Nightmares (ages TBD)

Daydreams (ages TBD)

Teams are determined by the age and skill level requirements, set forth at tryouts, of the athlete set for by Youth Cheer and Dance Association (YCADA) and Travel Cheer and Dance (TCAD). All decisions on team divisions are final. Each team must have a minimum of 5 athletes to be eligible for competition. If we do not reach the minimum for a team, we may need to combine teams where capable to provide a program for the season.

Athlete team placements are final. However, all athletes can increase their skills throughout the season and be re-evaluated for potential crossover opportunities (if applicable).

Estimated Season Dates:

Starts: Aug 1, 2026

Ends: May 22, 2027

Camp: MANDATORY

JAMZ Youth Camp

Aug 2, 2026 (1-day camp)

Del Oro High School, Bakersfield, CA

Choreography: MANDATORY

September 14 - 18, 2026

Community Events:

Varies throughout the year. Information will be released ahead of time for families to prepare accordingly.

Estimated Competitions:

Approx. 5 - 7 ranging from November - May (varies based on team performance)

Schedule of Events

Practice Schedule

Nightmares:

Tuesday/Thursday: 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Wednesday: *Tumbling (5:30PM - 6:30PM) - **NEW!***

Daydreams:

Monday/Friday: 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Wednesday: *Tumbling (4:30PM - 5:30PM) - **NEW!***

Each team will be given 2 set practice days and a mandatory tumbling practice per week. The additional tumbling practice ensures all athletes have an opportunity to grow in their individual skills to contribute to their team, as well as progress throughout the season. All athletes are expected to show up on time. No cell phone usage is allowed during practice. Athletes must (1)wear appropriate shoes; (2)have hair up in a ponytail and out of their face; (3)wear appropriate practice attire; (3)use the restroom prior to practice; and (4)bring water. For team and individual athlete safety, ALL jewelry must be removed for practices, no exceptions. During the season, additional mandatory practices may be required, this includes and is not limited to occurrences on the weekends, run late, and/or start early. Changes to the practice schedule will be announced at least two weeks in advance, where eligible.

Competition

Competitions are meant to be fun and allow each athlete to grow and bond with athletes alike, including those outside of the SPS program. We encourage all families to attend competitions and show their support wearing spirit apparel, make signs, and crowd participation!

Competitions are all-day events sometimes occurring over multiple days. They can start early in the morning and continue throughout the night. Athletes are required to stay with the team, and follow any guidelines set forth by the coaching staff and/or Program Director. This includes but is not limited to arrival time/location, dress out attire, hair/makeup requirements, free time breaks, etc. Team members are required to attend all competitions for their entirety. They cannot leave early or come late. Arriving late or leaving early will only be foreign the first time. After that, a \$25.00 fine will be applied to your account.

The following dates are tentative and subject to change at any moment, and do not reflect any necessary travel days if applicable:

- Nov. 22, 2026 - Anaheim, CA
- Dec. 12, 2026 - Anaheim, CA
- Jan. 10, 2026 - Anaheim, CA
- Feb. 21-22, 2026 - Las Vegas, NV
- March 20, 2026 - San Diego, CA
- Apr. 10, 2026 - Anaheim, CA
- May 7-9, 2026 - Las Vegas, NV

Tentative competition day itineraries will be released the Monday before an event. Final competition day schedules will be released the Thursday before an event. If information can be provided at an earlier date, SPS coaches and staff will do so.

Bid Events

Bid events are one of a kind, invite only events. These competitions give our athletes the opportunity to win larger prizes, higher titles, & a new experience. If athletes are awarded bids, they are expected to attend the event. Bid Events are not included in the season costs due to unpredictability in awarding and pricing set forth by the competition hosts. Typical bid events range from \$200-\$600 per event and *may* include travel amenities and/or theme park tickets, etc.

Other Events

During the season other events may include community events, showcases, team bonding, and end of season banquet.

Community Events: Spirit Preparatory may decide to participate in local community events as an opportunity to showcase the talent and classes offered within the program. These events will be communicated to families as they develop. Some events may allow the team to perform for the local community. In such cases attendance is mandatory.

Showcases: Each team will perform two (2) showcases. The first at the beginning of the season to prepare for competition, and the second at the end of the season. This gives athletes a chance to perform in front of friends and family to show what they have worked on! This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends that may have otherwise not been able to attend competitions in person! All showcases are considered “dress rehearsal” and will require athletes to come “competition ready.”

Team Bonding: All team bonding events are held at the facility and may be planned by coaches and/or team parents. If a team parent would like to plan a team bonding activity, please communicate with your coaches for approval prior to planning the activity.

Banquet: SPS hosts a banquet at the end of each season to celebrate your athletes and their accomplishments. We encourage parents and families to help prepare for this event. More details will be provided at the end of season. Athletes' fees for the banquet are included in program costs.

Program Costs & Tuition

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Registration & Membership

Each athlete must be registered with SPS, and Travel Cheer and Dance to participate in the competition season. All registration and SPS memberships will be due after the announcement of the competition team, no later than August 1, 2026. This includes a \$1,000 deposit that will be deducted from the overall costs of the program and any applicable facility fees. If you are already registered and enrolled in SPS classes, please see the front desk to ensure your account balance is current. Anyone with an outstanding balance will be in-eligible for tryouts.

Tuition

Monthly tuition is \$250.00 and is incorporated into your choice of installment plan.

Program Costs

Program costs are the fees SPS must pay to third party vendors for athlete participation in the season. Items may not be omitted to reduce the cost regardless of athlete participation. All elements are team-based pricing and therefore can not be altered.

- Camp: \$100
- Routine Composition: \$300
- Competition Fees: \$800
- Uniform: \$625
- Practice/Specialty Wear: \$300
- Music: \$200
- Fundraising: \$200

Fundraising

Fundraising options will be provided throughout the season and will go towards each athlete's team bondings, community events, and banquet costs first. All athletes are required to fundraise a minimum of \$200, or buy out \$200 for the season. Athletes will be responsible for the full \$200. If it is not fundraised, it will be added to the athlete's account balance. Any additional fundraised monies can be applied as payment to the athlete's program costs. Fundraised monies may not be redeemed for cash.

Payment Options

To assist families in the costs associated with competition season, SPS offers various payment plans. All accounts will be enrolled in automatic payments. If payment is returned with insufficient funds, SPS insufficient funds policy will apply. If a payment is late, SPS Late Fee Policy will apply. Fees are cumulative. (See *Insufficient Funds and Late Fee Policy at front desk*)

Pay in Full Option:

\$1,000.00 deposit due at registration (no later than Aug 1, 2026)

\$4,025.00 balance due no later than August 15, 2026

5-Month Installment Plan: Reflects buy-out option for required \$200 fundraising

Payment_Schedule ▾					
Month ▾	Due Date ▾		Amount Due ▾	Payment Type	▾
Aug	Aug 01, 2026		\$1,000.00	Registration Deposit	
	Aug 15, 2026		\$447.22	1st Combined Installment	
Sep	Sep 01, 2026		\$447.22	Combined Installment	
	Sep 15, 2026		\$447.22	Combined Installment	
Oct	Oct 01, 2026		\$447.22	Combined Installment	
	Oct 15, 2026		\$447.22	Combined Installment	
Nov	Nov 01, 2026		\$447.22	Combined Installment	
	Nov 15, 2026		\$447.22	Combined Installment	
Dec	Dec 01, 2026		\$447.22	Combined Installment	
	Dec 15, 2026		\$447.24	Final Combined Installment	

7-Month Installment Plan: Reflects buy-out option for required \$200 fundraising

Payment_Schedule ▾				
Month ▾	Due Date ▾	Amount Due ▾	Payment Type ▾	
Aug	Aug 01, 2026	\$1,000.00	Registration Deposit	
	Aug 15, 2026	\$309.61	1st Combined Installment	
Sep	Sep 01, 2026	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
	Sep 15, 2026	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
Oct	Oct 01, 2026	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
	Oct 15, 2026	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
Nov	Nov 01, 2026	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
	Nov 15, 2026	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
Dec	Dec 01, 2026	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
	Dec 15, 2026	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
Jan	Jan 01, 2027	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
	Jan 15, 2027	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
Feb	Feb 01, 2027	\$309.61	Combined Installment	
	Feb 15, 2027	\$309.68	Final Combined Installment	

10-Month Installment Plan: Reflects buy-out option for required \$200 fundraising

Payment_Schedule ▾						
Month ▾	Due Date ▾	Amount Due ▾	Payment Type ▾			
Aug	Aug 01, 2026	\$1,000.00	Registration Deposit			
	Aug 15, 2026	\$211.84	1st Combined Installment			
Sep	Sep 01, 2026	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
	Sep 15, 2026	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
Oct	Oct 01, 2026	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
	Oct 15, 2026	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
Nov	Nov 01, 2026	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
	Nov 15, 2026	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
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Jan	Jan 01, 2027	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
	Jan 15, 2027	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
Feb	Feb 01, 2027	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
	Feb 15, 2027	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
Mar	Mar 01, 2027	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
	Mar 15, 2027	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
Apr	Apr 01, 2027	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
	Apr 15, 2027	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
May	May 01, 2027	\$211.84	Combined Installment			
	May 15, 2027	\$211.88	Final Combined Installment			

Policy & Procedures

Attendance Policy

Due to the nature of the season, athletes will be held to a higher standard and commitment level. Attendance is crucial to the success of any team and must attend practices, team events, competitions, showcases, and any other Spirit Preparatory sponsored events.

Absence Policy

Each athlete is allowed two (2) unexcused absences for the entire season. If an athlete misses more than two (2) practices, they will be moved from their position within the routine, and will be at risk to forfeit their position on the team entirely. Additionally, the athlete will be charged \$50 per unexcused absence. SPS has the right to determine if an athlete needs to forfeit their position, resulting in enforcement of the withdrawal policy (*stated below*).

Excused Absences

- Contagious Illness (requires doctors note)
- Family Death
- School function (academically related)

If your athlete will be running late to practice, please call the facility phone number listed, and the receptionist will let your coach know.

Injury Policy

If your athlete is injured during the season, a doctor's note is required (noting diagnosis, performance limitations, and a return to play date). To participate in practice, or competition, the athlete's doctor must fully release the athlete without limitations. Unless otherwise ordered by their doctor, injured athletes must attend practices and competitions. Makeup tokens will be given for excused injuries that result in missed tumbling practices ONLY, and must be redeemed within ninety (90) days of the date the doctor medically releases the athlete from performance limitations. Makeup tokens cannot be combined for private lessons or Spirit Locker merchandise. If an athlete is injured, all tuition and assessment costs payments will continue as contracted.

If an athlete is injured to the point of being unable to return to the team for the rest of the season (per doctors note) the withdrawal fee will be waived. However, program costs associated directly reserved for your athlete (*uniform, competition registration fees ineligible for withdrawal, etc.*) will still be required to be paid to completion. The total due will be calculated on individual needs by the Program Director should this occur.

Withdrawal Policy

If for any reason, your athlete decides to withdraw prior to the end of the season, a \$300.00 fee will be due immediately along with any apparel, competition fees, or other expenses that have been incurred directly in correlation with your athlete leading up to the date of withdrawal. If these fees are not paid immediately, your account will be turned over to collections. Any fees incurred by SPS trying to collect the debt will be added to your account balance. If an athlete forfeits their position on the team due to excessive absences (as noted above), behavior, or rule violations, the withdrawal policy will apply.

Vacation Policy

If you know that you will be going on vacation at the start of the season, please fill out a "Vacation Request Form" found at the front reception desk. Otherwise, please plan your vacation(s) during the facility closures. SPS follows the Riverside Unified School District calendar for all major holidays.

Blackout Dates

"Blackout dates" refers to the two (2) weeks directly preceding a competition. Unexcused absences are not allowed during these dates. If your child has an unexcused absence during this time period, they can be moved and/or removed from the routine at the discretion of SPS coaching staff and Program Director.

Carpooling

SPS does not arrange carpools or accept liability for any carpooling arrangements. SPS staff cannot transport your athlete.

Social Media

All athlete's social media accounts must reflect a positive image and represent themselves in a respectable manner. If at any time your athlete's social media accounts depicts a negative image of themselves, another team member, SPS staff/coaches, or SPS program, the post and/or story will be expected to be removed. Continuous negative depictions may result in disciplinary actions and/or removal from the program.

Bullying Policy

Bullying is defined as, "ongoing and deliberate use of repeated verbal, physical, and/or social behavior that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm." This includes as an individual or group. Spirit Preparatory School has a zero tolerance policy for bullying. Any bullying as SPS's physical location, sponsored event, or competitions should be reported to the Program Director immediately.

Disciplinary Policy

To ensure the safety, growth, and positive experience of all participants, SPS coaches and staff have sole discretion of the use of the Disciplinary Policy. The following rubric will be enforced for any conduct violations not amounting to expectation violations.

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: Conditioning

Third Offense: Meeting with parents and Program Director

If behavior continues, SPS staff may enforce any steps necessary, including but not limited to those set forth in the "Athlete Expectations."

Parent Expectations

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Parents are a direct representation of our athletes, teams and programs. We encourage all parents and families to attend our events in support of their athletes. We encourage parents and families to make signs, wear spirit wear, etc to show their support.

To ensure all athletes, surrounding parents, coaches, and SPS staff have an enjoyable experience, all parents will be held to following expectations:

1. No bullying/gossiping/"booing" of any kind. This includes but is not limited to harassment, threats, negative language directed towards another parent, staff members, athletes, event staff, judges, outside teams/athletes and coaches.
2. No inappropriate or foul language
3. No public intoxication or use of drugs while at events in attendance or sponsored by SPS
4. Respect all coaching staff and employees of Spirit Preparatory school. Our coaches are trained and certified within numerous cheerleading affiliations, and maintain continued education in today's safety standards. If there is something you do not agree with, come speak to us directly (using the 24 hour approach) and we can discuss it.
5. No misuse of the internet/social media platforms to degrade/put down any parent, staff, athlete or program participant including SPS.
6. Communicate with your coach and/or facility. If your child will be missing practice (excused or unexcused) communicate this as soon as possible to avoid team disruptions.
7. Respect and honor the Spirit Preparatory Disciplinary Policy
8. Be respectful and patient when waiting for season info - Sometimes getting the correct information out can take time. To avoid unnecessary confusion, staff at Spirit Prep will take the time to ensure that any information given to athletes and families is accurate before dispersing said information.
9. Support your athlete. Ask them to perform for you, show you what they have learned, help them reach their goals, be engaged, & encourage the extra work to be put in outside of practice, ec.
10. Set a positive example for them to follow
11. Hold your child accountable to their expectations (next page)

If any of the expectations above are violated, the Program Director, team coach, athlete and parent will be required to address the following steps to be taken in a formal meeting. If the problem continues to occur prior to completion of the meeting, then you as a parent forfeit your child's right to participate on the team and a part of the SPS program. There will be no refunds given for any reason.

Athlete Expectations

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Each athlete must conduct themselves in a manner that will have a positive reflection of our program, athletes, coaches, and SPS staff. Athletes are to perform in a manner that promotes team spirit, supports their fellow teammates, and encourages growth and accountability amongst all participants.

To ensure the best experience for everyone, the following expectations will not be enforced:

1. No bullying/gossiping/"booing" of any kind. This includes but is not limited to harassment, threats, negative language directed towards another parent, staff members, athletes, event staff, judges, outside teams/athletes and coaches.
2. No inappropriate or foul language
3. Respect all coaching staff and employees of Spirit Preparatory school.
4. No misuse of the internet/social media platforms to degrade/put down any parent, staff, athlete or program participant including SPS.
5. Come prepared to all season events as instructed
6. Give 110% at all times
7. Never say "I can't"
8. Set a positive example

If any of the above expectations are violated, an athlete forfeits their position on the team and SPS membership, No refunds will be given for any reason.

Please sign and date below showing that you acknowledge and understand the expectations set forth by Spirit Preparatory School.

Parent(print): _____ Signature: _____

Child(print): _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Next Steps

Tryouts & Next Steps

Register for tryouts by scanning the QR Code:

Registration Deadline: July 22, 2026



Season tryouts:

July 25, 2026

Group Ages & Times: Released on Thursday, July 23rd

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Riverside, CA

Team announcements will be made **Jul 28, 2026**! Make sure to follow us on social media to catch the announcements.

After those who have made the team are announced, you may call or stop by the facility to register and set up your payment plan option. After completing the registration process, you will receive further instructions for the season as well as information regarding a team parent meeting to be held **August 1, 2026**.

If you can not make it into the facility prior to August 1, 2026 to register, you will have the opportunity to do so before the parent meeting!

We look forward to seeing you at tryouts!

-Spirit Preparatory Staff