

# THE ELITE CHEER COMPANY



2013-14

ALL-STAR CHEER TEAM  
INFORMATION PACKET

# **NOTES FOR TEAM TRY-OUT MONTH**

## **- THE MONTH OF APRIL IS TEAM TRY-OUT MONTH!!**

- Following TECC's last competition of the 2012 season on April 7th, we will be opening up team practices for friends and potential new members to begin working out with the team, the coaches and their future teammates in preparation for Team Placement Evaluations.

- Contact TECC's Main Office to find out which practice times your athlete should attend.

- Returning Team Members should remain in their current team practice groups from the 2012-13 season for their "*Team Placement Evaluation Work-Outs*" unless instructed by the staff to attend a different session.

- Athletes will be assigned to a Practice Time based on the skills they can execute 100% by themselves (meaning with no spotter) at that time; NOT the skills they are working on or hoping to get by team placement. The practice time each athlete is assigned to will not determine their final team placement.

## **- REQUIRED PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS - MAKE SURE TO ATTEND.**

- Every athlete looking to be placed on a TECC Cheer Team must have a parent or guardian attend one of the Parent Info Meetings scheduled for the week of April 15th. Refer to schedule below.

## **- TRY-OUT FEES:**

- NEW, INCOMING MEMBERS: 1st Session is Free to Check Out

- \$200 non-refundable deposit is paid upon registering for try-outs to be placed on a team.

- \$75 of this is for try-out practice attendance and team placement fees

- \$125 of this will be forwarded and applied to May's Tuition.

- RETURNING, TUITION PAYING MEMBERS:

- A \$50 non-refundable deposit is paid upon registering for try-outs to be placed on a team.

- This is in addition to your current monthly tuition.

- This \$50 will be forwarded and applied to May's Tuition.

## **- TRY-OUT MONTH SCHEDULE:**

- Week of April 8th: Teams have off - No Practices. Open Gym Tues & Thurs, 7:30-8:30pm.

- Week of April 15th: Open Team Work-Outs for All Levels, MON & THURS, 6:30-8:30pm

- Monday, April 15th: Parent Info Meeting for Levels 2 thru 5 @ 6:30pm

- Tuesday, April 16th: Parent Info Meeting for Sizzlers Show Team ONLY @ 5:30pm

- Thursday, April 18th: Parent Info Meeting for Levels 2 thru 5 @ 6:30pm

- Weeks of April 22nd and April 29th: Team Placement Evaluations

- Show Team: Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00pm

- Level 2: Thursdays, 5:30-7:00pm

- Level 2 Elite: Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30-7:00pm

- Level 3/4: Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

- Level 5: Attend Level 3/4 Sessions & Stay till 9:30pm

## **- FINAL TEAM ROSTERS WILL BE POSTED ON FRIDAY, MAY 3rd.**

- Team Rosters and the List of Alternates for each team will be sent out by email and posted on the gym lobby window by 7:30pm on Friday, May 3rd. Billing statements will be sent out over that following weekend with May tuition payments being due the week of May 6th.



# WHAT'S NEW FOR NEXT SEASON !!!2013-14

## - ALL-INCLUSIVE TUITION MEANS JUST THAT ! ALL-INCLUSIVE !!

You won't make any additional payments to TECC for the entire season. Absolutely everything is included in your monthly tuition.

## - TIME TO UPDATE OUR LOOK !! ALL TEAMS ARE GETTING NEW UNIFORMS !!!

We will be retiring all current uniforms after 4 seasons of service and moving to the newer, highly popular *Rhinestone Bling Styles* which are much lighter and more flexible.

For the first time at TECC, we will be using Competition Shorts instead of Skirts.

Also for the first time, your uniform will be included in your Monthly Tuition.

## - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, WE'RE MOVING BACK TO NFINITY.

Included in your tuition, you'll receive a brand new pair of *Nfinity Vengeance Shoes* !

All shoes come with a pair of *Flame Style Cheer Socks*<sup>®</sup> Wearable Shoe Covers !!

## - NO TEAMS WILL BE ATTENDING A SUMMER TEAM CAMP.

This decision was made to help offset the cost of new uniforms for everyone and keep monthly tuition as low as possible for our team families during a time that most host companies are raising competition registration fees next season.

## - IMPROVED, MORE EFFICIENT COMPETITION SCHEDULE.

All 1-Day Competitions are before Nationals which is better preparation for our teams.

More time to prepare between each competition; No "Back-to-Back" Competitions.

The 2013-14 season will culminate with TECC's first trip back to NCA Nationals in 4 years!!

## - ALL SELECT TEAMS WILL HAVE AN EXTREMELY FIRM SKILL CUT.

There will be specific minimum skill requirements to make each of TECC's Select Teams.

This is to ensure that our select teams have "Squad Skills," which is crucial to achieving higher scores in competition. We haven't had this the last few seasons and it has adversely effected our ability to produce highly competitive routines. No exceptions will be made.

Alternates will be named for & train with each team from the level below to ensure full practices by having substitutes for absent or injured athletes. This will also provide these alternates an avenue to work higher level skills and increase their chance of moving up.

This applies to Blaze Level 2, Firestorm Level 3/4 and Hellcats Level 5. (Not Sizzlers or FireFox)

## - WE WILL BE STARTING ROUTINES FOR NEXT SEASON IN MAY.

Another positive of changing our plans for Summer Camp is that it allows us to start on our routines for next season in May instead of waiting until August, giving us a great head start.

# 2013-14 ALL-INCLUSIVE TEAM TUITION

For 2013-14, "All-Inclusive" absolutely means "All-Inclusive." In previous seasons, purchases such as competition uniforms, bows, cheer shoes, make-up, and team t-shirts were made in addition to your monthly tuition. This resulted in several months with \$300 or more in additional dues. Now, members will have the option to have everything distributed equally into their monthly tuition. Absolutely everything is included.

This way, you will not make a single additional payment to TECC for the entire season!!

The fee schedules below list both the "All-Inclusive" tuition rates as well as the rates for those members that choose to pre-pay for their Uniform & Shoes. This allows you to lower your monthly tuition by making this purchase up front.

SIZZLERS						If You Pre-Pay Uniform & Shoes (\$300)
All-Star Show Team						
If you join in:	May	you pay:	\$180	/month	for 10 months	\$150 /month
If you join in:	June	you pay:	\$190	/month	for 9 months	\$160 /month
If you join in:	July	you pay:	\$205	/month	for 8 months	\$170 /month
If you join in:	Aug	you pay:	\$220	/month	for 7 months	\$180 /month
If you join in:	Sept	you pay:	\$240	/month	for 6 months	\$190 /month
If you join in:	Oct	you pay:	\$275	/month	for 5 months	\$215 /month
If you join in:	Nov	you pay:	\$320	/month	for 4 months	\$245 /month
If you join in:	Dec	you pay:	\$395	/month	for 3 months	\$295 /month

FIREFOXES						If You Pre-Pay Uniform & Shoes (\$350)
All-Star Prep Level 2						
If you join in:	May	you pay:	\$235	/month	for 10 months	\$200 /month
If you join in:	June	you pay:	\$250	/month	for 9 months	\$215 /month
If you join in:	July	you pay:	\$265	/month	for 8 months	\$225 /month
If you join in:	Aug	you pay:	\$285	/month	for 7 months	\$235 /month
If you join in:	Sept	you pay:	\$315	/month	for 6 months	\$260 /month
If you join in:	Oct	you pay:	\$350	/month	for 5 months	\$280 /month
If you join in:	Nov	you pay:	\$410	/month	for 4 months	\$325 /month
If you join in:	Dec	you pay:	\$505	/month	for 3 months	\$390 /month

BLAZE, FIRESTORM, HELLCATS						If You Pre-Pay Uniform & Shoes (\$550)
All-Star Select Teams - Level 2, 3/4 & 5						
If you join in:	May	you pay:	\$310	/month	for 10 months	\$260 /month
If you join in:	June	you pay:	\$330	/month	for 9 months	\$275 /month
If you join in:	July	you pay:	\$350	/month	for 8 months	\$290 /month
If you join in:	Aug	you pay:	\$380	/month	for 7 months	\$310 /month
If you join in:	Sept	you pay:	\$420	/month	for 6 months	\$340 /month
If you join in:	Oct	you pay:	\$470	/month	for 5 months	\$370 /month
If you join in:	Nov	you pay:	\$550	/month	for 4 months	\$425 /month
If you join in:	Dec	you pay:	\$690	/month	for 3 months	\$525 /month



## All-Inclusive Team Tuition Includes:

One Official 2012-13 Team Sponsor T-Shirt

Registration Fee for One Year of Gym Membership

Monthly Tuition for All Weekly & Extra Team Practices

Registration Entry Fees for All Pre-Scheduled Competitions & Events

Two Official Team Practice Wear Sets (Rhinestone Bling Tops, Shorts & Bows)

All Coaching Costs, Staff Travel, Routine Choreography and Music Fees

Unlimited Use of TECC's Training Facility & Equipment for Athletes

60% Off Classes - That's Only \$25 a Month for Power Tumbling

Also Included in Monthly Tuition for the 2013-14 Season.....

**ALL TECC ATHLETES WILL GET A BRAND NEW, RHINESTONE BLING  
COMPETITION UNIFORM & NFINITY VENGEANCE CHEER SHOES !!**

Every uniform also comes with **Flame Style Cheer Socks®** Shoe Covers !!

# 2013-14 TECC TEAM COMPETITION SCHEDULE

<i>TECC Teams Participating</i>				<i><u>THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE</u></i>				
<u>Sizz</u>	<u>Fox</u>	<u>Blaze</u>	<u>Storm</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Comp. Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
		√	√	November 10th	Sun	Cheer America	Regionals	San Marcos
√	√	√	√	November 23rd	Sat	Cheer America	Regionals	Austin
√	√	√	√	December 8th	Sun	Redline	Nationals	San Marcos
√	√	√	√	January 12th	Sun	Cheer America	Regionals	San Antonio
√	√	√	√	Jan 31st-Feb1st	Sat/Sun	Cheer America	Nationals	Houston
		√	√	March 1st-2nd	Sat/Sun	NCA	Nationals	Dallas

## Notes for Competitions & Travel

- This competition schedule is subject to change at any time for any number of reasons.
- Hotels & Travel costs are not included in your tuition as none of these payments are made to TECC directly or indirectly. Hotel reservations will be made directly with the assigned hotels.
- Absolutely all team members will be required to stay in the assigned team hotel for Cheer America Nationals in Houston and NCA Nationals in Dallas. Absolutely no exceptions will be made to this for any reason. This includes potentially better hotel deals you may have access to or to stay with family living in the area. Team members will also be required to stay in the hotel both Friday and Saturday nights; we will not be allowing Saturday arrivals to Nationals. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## PROPOSED PRELIMINARY TEAM PRACTICE SCHEDULE

<u>TIME SLOT</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	
4:30-5:00	FireStorm						
5:00-5:30	FireStorm						
5:30-6:00	FireStorm	Blaze	FireFoxes	Sizzlers		FireFoxes	Blaze
6:00-6:30	FireStorm	Blaze	FireFoxes	Sizzlers		FireFoxes	Blaze
6:30-7:00	Hellcats	Blaze	Fuze	Sizzlers	FireStorm	FireFoxes	Blaze
7:00-7:30	Hellcats	Blaze	Fuze		FireStorm		Blaze
7:30-8:00		Hellcats	Sol		FireStorm		
8:00-8:30		Hellcats	Sol		FireStorm		
8:30-9:00			Sol		Hellcats		
9:00-9:30			Sol		Hellcats		

- At this point, the above practice schedule is an estimate/guess. We will finalize it by May.

# **Select Team Skill Requirements**

## - **BLAZE** - **Senior Elite Level 2**

1. Power Hurdle Round-Off Back-Handspring
2. Level Toe-Touch Step Backhandspring
3. Mastery of 1/2 Up Stunts as a Base, Side, Back or Flyer.

## - **FIRESTORM** - **Large Senior Coed Elite Level 3/4**

1. Step Hurdle Round-Off Back-Handspring Tuck or Step Hurdle Round-Off Tuck
2. Level Triple Toe-Touch Double Backhandspring (No Step)
3. Two-Step Punch Front
4. Mastery of Full-Up Stunts as a Base, Side, Back or Flyer

## - **HELLCATS** - **Small Senior Coed Elite Level 5**

1. Round-Off Back-Handspring Full (with or without a spot)
2. Triple Toe Touch Back-Tuck
3. Toe Touch Punch Front
4. Mastery of Full-Up Stunts as a Base, Side, Back or Flyer

## **Notes for the Sizzlers Show Team**

- Sizzlers members pay for and will receive only ONE set of Official Team Practice Wear, not two, since they only practice once a week. The second set will be available to buy.
- To keep costs down, Sizzlers will receive a pair of Chasse Cheer Shoes instead of the more expensive Nfinity shoes. You can elect to get the Nfinity's for an additional \$50.
- Sizzlers only perform on the Saturday of Cheer America Nationals, so they are not required to stay for Sunday. They will still be required to be at the hotel Friday night.
- The Sizzlers team will have a more stringent Practice Attendance Policy for the 2013-14 season; one that is more in line with all of TECC's other teams. The last few seasons we have tried a more relaxed attendance policy for the Show Team that has resulted in far too many absences, especially for a team that only practices once per week.

## **Notes for the FireFox Team**

- FireFoxes will practice 2 days a week next season instead of just one. (Refer to Practice Schedule)
- In response to requests from the team, FireFoxes will wear a uniform more similar to the other competitive teams instead of a prep dress. It will have a slightly simpler design to keep the cost down, but will essentially be the same uniform as the other teams.

## **Notes for the FireStorm Level 3/4 Team**

- The requirements to make the FireStorm team in May will be a firm Level 3 Skills Cut (as listed in the “Skill Requirements” section of this packet.) The requirement to compete with the team in November may be moved up to Level 4 Skills based on the team’s overall progress.
- FireStorm will be an extremely elite group made up of our strongest Level 3 & 4 athletes on a combined team with TECC’s Hellcat Level 5 athletes. The goal here is to make a “Super Team” that can easily handle the routine requirements for Level 3 (and then 4). For this reason, no exceptions to the stated skill requirements will be made.
- Any athletes trying out for FireStorm that do not make the skills cut will be placed on the Senior Elite Level 2 for competitions while being given the option to serve as an alternate for the Level 3/4 team until such a time that they can make the skills cut and there is a spot available to move up permanently.

This will provide these athletes an opportunity to train with the higher level team while using their current skills to compete with and improve the Elite Level 2 team\*.

(\*Level 2 requirements must be met to take advantage of this opportunity.)

## **Notes for the Hellcats Level 5 Team**

- The following is the plan laid out for our Level 5 team and its athletes in the Parent Meeting held in March. The majority of this plan was proposed by the parents as an “Out-of-the-Box” way to improve both the moral & training regiment for our Level 5 program. We are extremely confident this plan will help us achieve our Level 5 goals.
- All athletes named to the Hellcats Level 5 roster will be competing on the Level 3/4 FireStorm team as well as training for the Hellcat Level 5 routine. Hellcat skill practices will continue exactly as they are now until we have a minimum of 15 athletes hitting the specified Level 5 Team Skill Requirements (listed in this packet), at which time a Level 5 routine will be created to begin attending competitions with the rest of our teams.
- Athletes named to the Hellcats roster will not pay any additional Monthly Tuition to receive their Level 5 Training, which is supplemental to their Level 3/4 routine practices.
- Under this combined team plan, Level 5 athletes are not being required to come to the gym any more than they already were for Hellcats during the 2012-13 season. We are achieving this by restructuring practices times on existing days to accommodate both groups.