



Dear Cheerleading and/or Dance Coach,

My name is Rebecca Cathey and I am the Philanthropic Coordinator for the Student Government Association at MTSU. I am working hand-in-hand with our Spirit Coordinator, Doug Daigle, to put on Cheer for Humanity. Cheer for Humanity is a cheerleading and dance competition that raises money for Habitat for Humanity. The MTSU Spirit Program and the Student Government Association are sponsoring this year's competition.

Habitat for Humanity is an organization that raises money to build homes and change the lives of those less fortunate. The Cheer and Dance for Humanity spirit competition began in 2006, and has raised over \$20,000 dollars for Habitat for Humanity. We hope to make this year's competition an even greater success and have set a goal to raise \$15,000. The only way that can happen is if you will accept our invitation to participate.

The competition will be Saturday, January 23, 2010 in the Alumni Memorial Gym on MTSU's campus. The entry fee for each participant will be \$25. Pre-registration will be until January 15, 2010. After the 15th, the cost for each participant will increase to \$30. Registration and Medical Release Forms can be found at www.mtsu.edu/mtcheer/.

Registration time starts at 8:00AM and we will begin competition at 10:00AM, but this is subject to change. The concluding time is TBA. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. There is a \$5 admission fee at the door upon entrance to event. All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

In years past, we have been able to raise thousands of dollars for families in need of a home. Just by attending this competition, you, your cheerleaders, dancers and fans are helping build a home. I hope you consider this a fun and worthy cause. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Doug or myself.

Go Blue Raiders,

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**2010 Cheer & Dance for Humanity
Cheerleading and Dance Competition
January 23, 2010
Middle Tennessee State University**

IMPORTANT DATES

NOW TO January 15, 2010 *Pre-Registration*

All squads must complete paper work no later than January 15, 2010. At this time we will confirm your participants and collect registration fees. The registration fee is \$25.00 per participant. Registration fees must be received in one check for the entire squad. Registrations submitted after January 15, 2010 will be \$30.00 per participant.

Checks must be made payable to: Cheer & Dance for Humanity.

January 23, 2010

Competition Schedule

8:00-9:30 AM	Participants arrive and register at MTSU
9:30 AM	Coaches Meeting
9:45 AM	Warm-up Begins
10:00 AM	Competition Begins
Awards Ceremony	Immediately following the competition

***** IMPORTANT PAPERWORK *****

**Completed participant roster
Sign all paperwork where indicated
Have parents sign "Release Form"**

**Mail Registration and checks to:
Cheer & Dance for Humanity
Middle Tennessee State University
KUC P.O. Box 17
Murfreesboro, TN 37132**

Competition information and applications are also available online at www.mtsu.edu/mtcheer

ALL-STAR CHEER COMPETITION AND DIVISION PRIZES

Note: Levels 1-6 will be offered in each division

SENIOR DIVISION AWARDS

Trophies

DIVISION	1 st PLACE	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE
Large Coed (5 or more males)			
Small Coed (4 males or less)			
All-Girl			

JUNIOR DIVISION AWARDS

Trophies

DIVISION	1 st PLACE	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE
Coed			
All-Girl			

YOUTH DIVISION AWARDS

Trophies

DIVISION	1 st PLACE	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE
Small (20 or less members)			
Large (21 or more members)			

PEE WEE DIVISION AWARDS

Trophies

DIVISION	1 st PLACE	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE

SCHOOL CHEER COMPETITION AND DIVISION PRIZES

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION AWARDS (VARSITY/JV)

Trophies

DIVISION	1st PLACE	2nd PLACE	3rd PLACE
Coed			
Large Varsity – All-Girl (21 or more members)			
Small Varsity – All-Girl (20 members or less)			

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION AWARDS

Trophies

DIVISION	1st PLACE	2nd PLACE	3rd PLACE
Coed			
Large All-Girl (21 or more members)			
Small All-Girl (20 members or less)			

DANCE COMPETITION AND DIVISION PRIZES

JAZZ DIVISION AWARDS (Middle / High Schools) Trophies

DIVISION	1 st PLACE	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE
Jazz			

HIP-HOP DIVISION AWARDS (Middle / High Schools) Trophies

DIVISION	1 st PLACE	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE
Hip-Hop			

POM DIVISION AWARDS (Middle / High Schools) Trophies

DIVISION	1 st PLACE	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE
Pom			

HIGH KICK DIVISION AWARDS DIVISION AWARDS (Middle / High Schools) Trophies

DIVISION	1 st PLACE	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE
High Kick			

GENERAL INFORMATION

COST

Squads must complete pre-registration paperwork with Doug Daigle or Rebecca Cathey no later than January 15, 2010 in order for the \$25.00 pre-registration fee to apply. After January 7, 2010 the registration cost will be \$30.00 per cheerleader.

**** All-Star teams bringing at least 4 teams (including combination of dance and cheerleading teams), will receive a 20% discount on registration fees. Cheerleaders and dancers competing in more than one All-Star performance will have to pay a crossover fee of \$10.00**

DAY OF COMPETITION

All Cheer & Dance Sponsors must check-in their group from 8:00 - 9:30 AM at the registration area, located in the Alumni Memorial Gym. Signs will be posted directing you to the registration area.

Squads will stay together as a group with their sponsor throughout the competition.

ETTIQUETTE

All warm-ups will be in a designated practice area. Any participating squads or individuals practicing or jumping anywhere other than in designated areas will be disqualified by the Competition Director.

All participating squads will remain in the designated holding area prior to their scheduled competition time. Only the squads performing and on-deck will be allowed in the performance area.

Any squad that uses profanity or inappropriate gestures will be disqualified. This includes music.

All judges' decisions are final.

ADMISSION

Seating is limited so spectators should arrive early. Admission to the event is \$5.00. No outside food or drink will be allowed in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

VIDEOTAPING

Videotaping will be allowed.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Doug Daigle at: 615-494-8907

GENERAL PERFORMANCE RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. **TIME** – Performance time limit is two and one half (2 ½) minutes. Timing begins with your squads' first motion or sound. Points will be deducted for routines that last longer than (2 1/2) minutes or less than two (2) minutes.
2. **BEGINNING OF ROUTINE** – Routine will begin from a stationary position on the floor. You will be allowed to set up pom-poms and small flash signs prior to your performance. You may not begin your routine in a pyramid or a stunt. You may not bring banners or signs to be hung. No chants or stunts are allowed during entrance or exit from the stage. No points will be based on spirit.
3. **MUSIC AND DANCE** – Music and dance time will follow TSSAA and USASF rules. Bring your own music system for warm ups. A DJ will have equipment to play music during the routine. Please make sure you have a representative to stand with him to start and stop the music. Make plans to bring a CD of your music. Please let us know prior to the competition if you will be using a cassette tape.
4. **PERFORMANCE AREA** – You are not allowed to step outside the 42' X 54'(9 strips) performance area after you begin your routine.
5. **PROPS** – Flash card signs and pom-poms are the only props that are allowed. Mini-tramps are not allowed.
6. **MASCOTS** – In the interest of fairness to all squads', mascots are not allowed on the floor. We do, however, encourage all mascots to attend the competition to support and assist competing cheerleaders.
7. **ENDING OF ROUTINE** – Timing will stop when your squad comes to a standstill or stationary position.
8. **EXIT FROM PERFORMANCE AREA** - Plan to exit from the opposite side that you enter the competition area. No activities are allowed during your entrance or exit, i.e. chants, stunts, etc.... as we must adhere to a strict time schedule. Squads will return to the stage area immediately following the final squad for the awards ceremonies.
9. **USASF GUIDELINES** – All cheer squads will follow USASF Guidelines.

POINT DEDUCTIONS

Any interference or distractions caused by one squad to another squad will result in the interfering squad's disqualification. A penalty will be deducted from a squad's total score for each rule infraction. The amount of the penalty depends on the severity of the infraction. A competition director will be in charge of squads in holding areas, and to and from the performance are. Any misbehavior or rule infraction will result in point deductions. Competition Director's decisions are final.