Overview: Being a member of any athletic team can be a valuable learning experience. It teaches responsibility, dedication, teamwork, and allows athletes to have fun while sharing common interests. At Kenner Discovery, the cheerleaders are dedicated to their team, committed to their school, and are responsible for exhibiting Swamp Owl spirit throughout the entire Kenner Discovery community. Cheerleaders will develop a strong fundamental cheer background to include sharp motion technique, dance, crowd appeal, good jump technique and tumbling skills. Safety is the number one priority and cheerleaders must adhere to the safety guidelines set forth by the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators (AACCA). The coaches will continually evaluate the readiness of each team member to participate, encourage a competitive spirit in each athlete, and provide the opportunity for continued growth of the individual cheerleader. All team members must be willing to work together to achieve goals and must recognize that what they do (or do not do) affects the entire team. Student-athletes are expected to deal with conflicts in a mature manner. They must maintain self-discipline with regards to their academics, attendance, and dedication in order to be successful. Team members must promote and uphold the positive image of Kenner Discovery at all times.

Purpose: The purpose of this team is to provide the spirit support for Kenner Discovery athletics and to exhibit Swamp Owl Spirit throughout the school community. This is a very rigorous schedule which requires your 100% commitment, both emotionally and physically, to Kenner Discovery. Students may find it difficult to uphold commitments to Kenner Discovery Cheerleading and outside cheer or dance programs. While we do not intend to compete this year, we look forward to building an elite program that will eventually compete locally and nationally.

Tryouts: Tryouts are open to any student entering grades 5th - 8th (2019-20). Students should wear comfortable clothing, socks, and gym shoes to practice. Hair should be up and out of the face. No gum or jewelry, and nails must be at safety regulation length. A tryout clinic will be hosted on Tuesday, April 2 from 3:45pm - 5:30pm at school. A video of the tryout dance and cheer will be shared via email with students so they can practice at home on Wednesday, April 3. Students will return for tryouts on Thursday, April 4 from 3:45pm - 5:30pm at school. Parents are not allowed to attend tryouts or the clinic. We expect to notify members on Friday, April 5 by email.

2019-20 Cheerleading Fees: These costs are approximations based on projected costs. There will be a mandatory parent meeting & uniform fitting on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00pm (cafeteria) for selected members. It is imperative parents attend this meeting so they are up-to-date with expected costs and commitments.

- It is important to note that a $100.00 uniform deposit will be due Wednesday, April 10. The balance will be due before the items are distributed in July.
**Uniforms**

Uniform: $190.00  
Accessories: $160.00  
  - Mockneck bodyliner  
  - Uniform Bow  
  - Shoes  
  - Briefs  
  - Poms  
  - Bag  
Warm Up Jacket: $72.00

**Practices**

Practice times are subject to change due to weather and conflicts. We will try to communicate all information as early as possible, but ask everyone to remain flexible. Practices are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:45pm - 5:30pm.

**Camps**

Cost: $100.00  
Camp/Practice Wear: $46.00 (2 outfits)  
  - Camp will be held at KDHSA the first week of June. More details to come at the parent meeting/uniform fitting.

*Please note that attendance at camp is MANDATORY.*

**Fundraisers**

Fundraisers will be lead by the athletic department. Each member is responsible for $50.00 in corporate or personal sponsorships. Proceeds will go to the Kenner Discovery Cheer program. This will be due at the start of the school year.

The approximate cost for a new member is $570.00. You can pay that amount in full, obtain sponsorships, or pay monthly. There will be a monthly minimum amount of $100 due to cover the costs.

It is important to note that the logos, images, and symbols of Kenner Discovery may not be used on any merchandise without written permission from KDHSA administration. If you have any questions, please email Haley Melancon at haley.melancon@discoveryhsf.org. We appreciate your support and we look forward to a very successful year!

With Swamp Owl Spirit

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2019-20 Cheerleaders
Emergency Information

Your cheerleader CANNOT tryout without this form completed and returned by Tuesday, April 2, 2019. By returning this form signed, you are acknowledging your child is trying out for Kenner Discovery’s cheerleading team and you agree to all policies and procedures stated in this packet and the Kenner Discovery Student Handbook (can be accessed at www.discoveryhsf.org). You understand the financial and time commitment required of you and your child. In addition, we ask you to be respectful of the tryout process and understand that we cannot select everyone who comes to tryout. We appreciate your understanding and support of the Kenner Discovery Cheerleading program.

Parent Signature_______________________________________________________________

Parent name (print)____________________________________________________________

Parent email (print) ____________________________________________________________

Student Name (print)___________________________________________________________

Student email (print) ___________________________________________________________

Address_______________________________________________________________________

Phone #’s Home______________________________ Parents Cell_______________________

Emergency Contact (other than parents)

Name__________________________________ Relation_______________________________

Contact #______________________________

Doctor Name________________________Contact #________________________________

Allergies/Special Needs/Medications

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