

KDHSA 2019-20 Cheerleading Tryouts

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.

Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy

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

Haley Melancon
Coach

Nicole Poissenot
Assistant Coach

Jesse Watson, Ph.D.
Principal

**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
