

# ALL AMERICAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES/CHEER AMERICA PARADE RULES

## \*\*IMPORTANT ~ PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY\*\*

Parade participation is an optional activity. Students who choose to march in a parade will be required to attend a parade clinic and wear appropriate Cheer America parade attire.

Safety is our number one priority, always! Parades can be hectic. Following these rules will help make this parade season safe. Please remember – we never know the exact spot where our unit will be – look for the unit with the Cheer America parade attire.

Order parade merchandise from your instructor early to ensure receipt at class before a parade. This will prevent having to stand in line at a parade to purchase merchandise. Merchandise MAY NOT be paid for at class for pick-up at a parade. A limited quantity of select parade merchandise will be available for purchase at a parade.

Parades are not cancelled due to snow or rain, with the possible exception of lightning. Parents need to use their own discretion during inclement weather.

1. Escort your child to the parade meeting spot and print your child's name in the registration book.
2. You must pick up your child immediately after our group is done marching, NOT when the entire parade is over. You must also sign your child out at the end of a parade.
3. Make sure your child eats before each parade.
4. Make sure your child goes to the bathroom prior to parade line-up time.
5. ONLY designated "parade assistants" are allowed to walk with the children during a parade. We cannot guarantee that parade assistants will walk near their child. Please follow any instructions an assistant may give. They are there to help make sure your child is safe.
6. When our group passes by, do not walk alongside with the marchers. You may follow our group outside of the crowd.
7. Do not attempt to take pictures inside the line of marchers. If you want to take a picture, you must do so from the sidelines.
8. NEVER attempt to take your child during a parade. Parade assistants are instructed to keep all people away from the children until the end of the parade. Please understand this is for safety reasons.
9. The end of a parade can be hectic. Please be patient in working your way to your child.
10. Only the parent/guardian may sign out his or her own child at the end of a parade. Never sign out a friend's child unless that parent gives permission. Make sure your child knows who will be at the end of the parade to pick them up.
11. Students must be signed in AND signed out at a parade to receive credit for marching.

**See other side for dress code.**

# CHEER AMERICA DRESS CODE

Students who are not dressed in the appropriate parade attire and/or have not attended a parade clinic will not be allowed to march in a parade. The parade clinic medal or pin must be worn at all parades.

## COLD-WEATHER PARADES (November thru March)

1. Cheer America uniform (shell top, skirt & briefs) with parade clinic medal or pin. The following items **MUST** be worn under the uniform: Cheer America turtleneck bodysuit or a plain black or white turtleneck **AND** Cheer America sweatpants/plain black sweatpants/plain black stretch pants. Nylons/hosiery/tights/ jeans are not permitted.
2. In place of item #1 a student may wear the Cheer America black parade sweatshirt and Cheer America black sweatpants with parade clinic medal or pin. The Cheer America turtleneck bodysuit or a plain black or white turtleneck **MUST** be worn under the sweatshirt. Plain black sweatpants/plain black stretch pants may be worn in place of the Cheer America sweatpants. Nylons/hosiery/tights/jeans are not permitted.
3. Cheer America socks **OR** white ankle socks.
4. **Clean** white tennis shoes.
5. Cheer America silver or red poms (depending on child's skill level).
6. Hair is to be pulled back away from the face.

**Note:** The Cheer America jacket may be worn over parade attire. Any other jacket must be worn underneath the parade attire and worn in a manner in which it does not show. If it is raining the day of a parade the discontinued Cheer America rain poncho or a clear rain poncho may be worn.

## WARM-WEATHER PARADES (April thru September)

1. Cheer America uniform (shell top, skirt & briefs) with parade clinic medal or pin. No turtleneck or pants of any kind may be worn.
2. Cheer America socks **OR** white ankle socks.
3. **Clean** white tennis shoes.
4. Cheer America poms.
5. Hair is to be pulled back away from the face.

Parents – unless you have volunteered to be a parade assistant, we ask that you proceed to the ending point of the parade so you will be ready to pick up your child when our unit comes through. **Do not ask your child to meet you somewhere.** Children must be signed out by a parent/guardian at the end of a parade.

Please visit our website or contact our office if you have questions. Thank you. |

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This is a sample of our parade clinic medal and pin →→→→→→→→



Medal



Pin