

Grand Oaks HIGH SCHOOL

CHEERLEADER/MASCOT TRYOUT INFORMATION

2018-2019

Attached you will find all of the necessary information for a student interested in trying out for cheerleader and mascot for the GOHS cheer program. Changes may be made to the constitution after the head coach has been selected. Keep this copy of the constitution for your records. All rules and regulations as stated in the constitution, as well as the AACCA, NFHS Spirit, and UIL guidelines, will be followed carefully. You will need to read and to understand every page before making your decision to try out for cheerleader/mascot.

The **Cheerleader/Mascot Application, Constitution Agreement, Medical Release Form, and Varsity Agreement** must be turned into the Front Office at Oak Ridge High School or room B218 (Coach Sarah Ellison) on the senior campus no later than the end of the school day on **March 5, 2018**. Failure to do so may result in a disqualification from tryouts. There will be a **Mandatory Pre-tryout Meeting** before tryouts on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Cafeteria**. **ALL candidates and a parent/guardian** must be in attendance in order for the applicant to tryout. If there is a crisis and you will not be able to attend the meeting, then you must arrange a conference with Coach Ellison **before March 5, 2018**, in order to discuss the information presented at meeting. The Cheerleader/Parent Information will also available on-line: <http://orhs.conroeisd.net/athletics/cheerleading/>

The Tryout Clinic and Tryouts will be held at Oak Ridge High School. The **Tryout Clinic** will be held on **March 5th–March 7th from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** **Tryouts** will be held on **March 8th**. All candidates must attend **all three clinic days and must be counted present in school all days** during the Tryout Clinic week, including the day of tryouts.

The following forms must be turned in with application:

- *Cheerleader/Mascot Application **due March 5th**
- *Constitution Agreement **due March 5th**
- *Signed tryout medical release form for tryouts only: **due March 5th**
- *Copy of birth certificate if not on file at GOHS (8th grader/new) **due March 5th**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Grand Oaks Cheerleader or Mascot.

Head Coach at Oak Ridge- Sarah Ellison

DUE DATE for all forms: MARCH 5, 2018

***Must be submitted on the date designated even if the student is absent from school on this date.**

****The entire packet was revised on February 14th, 2018**

Grand Oaks CHEERLEADER/MASCOT APPLICATION

Which team(s) for which you wish to be considered: **(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

_____ FRESHMAN (9th only) _____ Junior Varsity (10th only) _____ MASCOT (9th-12th)

**The grade levels for each team may change as the program grows. Varsity level teams will not be available until the 2020-2021 school year.*

Grade Next Year (circle 1) **FRESHMAN** **SOPHOMORE**

Name _____ School currently attending _____

Parent's Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Home Phone# () _____ Cell # () _____

Work # () _____ Age _____ Birth date _____

My child, _____, has my permission to be a cheerleader/mascot at ORHS. I understand and give permission for my child to participate in tryouts at GOHS in the school gym. By giving my child permission to try-out for the GOHS cheerleading program, I am aware of the steps that follow if he/she makes one of the teams. I understand all forms are due in the front office or to Coach Ellison by the end of the school day on **March 5th, 2018**, or my child may not be allowed to try out.

I understand that my daughter/son will be evaluated by qualified judges, and we agree to abide by the decision of the judges. I understand that the selection of the teams will be based off of the natural breaks in the scores of the participants. Scores are based on 70% from the judges and 30% from the coaches.

I understand by the very nature of the activity, cheerleading carries a risk of physical injury or death. No matter how careful the participant and coach are, how many spotters are used, or what landing surface is used, the risk cannot be eliminated. The risk of injuries includes minor injuries such as muscle pulls, dislocation, and broken bones. The risk also includes catastrophic injuries, such as permanent paralysis or even death from landing or falls on the back, neck, or head. I understand these risks and will not hold ORHS or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident or injury at any time.

Parent's signature

DATE

Candidate's signature

DATE

Constitution Agreement

Cheerleader/Mascot's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

I have received, read, and understand the Cheerleader/Mascot guidelines and procedures. My signature below indicates my agreement to adhere to all the guidelines and procedures outlined. I also understand that the guidelines are not all inclusive and that the coach and/or administration may impose additional guidelines and procedures. Each cheerleader/mascot will receive an addendum to the guidelines and procedures as they are made. I am also aware that in the event of a safety issue, the cheer coach may implement a guideline or procedure so the cheerleaders/mascots are safe.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I am aware that the expenses involved in cheerleading can surpass \$1000.00 at the high school level (including camp wear, uniforms, shoes, camp cost, fundraisers, etc.). I further understand that all expenses (camp and clothes) must be paid prior to camp, according to the dates set by the coaches. I agree to pay the expenses involved in this sport by the due dates, unless other arrangements have been made. If the coach has allowed a payment plan for the expenses, I agree to follow the plan or the cheerleader/mascot will be suspended until the accounts have been cleared. If the account is not cleared by the next tryout, the cheerleader/mascot will not be able to try out for the following season and can even be removed from the team if the debt is not taken care of in a timely manner. If the cheerleader/mascot is a senior, she/he will not be able to graduate until the fines are cleared. I am also aware that the freshman and junior varsity teams must maintain enrollment in a tumbling class at Woodlands Elite on his/her own.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I understand that cheerleading is a time-consuming activity, and that if my son/daughter makes the squad, cheerleading activities must take priority. I understand that in order for a non-cheerleading, school-related, or non-school related event to be excused, the coach must be notified **no less than two weeks** in advanced. **Permission to miss a non-school or cheer related event will not be guaranteed.**

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I understand that after **three** benches have been received, a meeting will be held in order to determine the corrective action. I also understand that a cheerleader/mascot may be removed after the **fourth** bench is received. I understand that if I miss an event, i.e. football game, I will receive a bench and will be required to sit out during the next event. If I am benched, I understand that I have to abide by the same rules as the cheerleaders who are not benched.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I understand that all rules are the same for every cheerleader/mascot in the program, and no exceptions will be made. I understand that as a cheerleader/mascot, I am a representative of Grand Oaks High School and must follow all school rules and regulations, as well as the CISD student code of conduct.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I have read and understand the Expectations for the 2018-2019 season. I am also aware of the consequences that may occur if a violation is made.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I understand that if a cheerleader decides to quit after fees from the Booster Club funds have covered the cost of an upcoming event, the cheerleader will be held responsible for reimbursing the Booster Club for the fees already paid.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

***All candidates trying out must turn in this agreement.
Sign and return by MARCH 5th, 2018**