



Texas State Forest Festival 2024 East Texas Cheerleading Championship

Presented by



1. There is no charge to enter the competition. However, completion and return of the enclosed entry form is required. Please make sure that all your Junior High, Junior Varsity and Varsity squads are aware of the competition. **Deadline for entry is September 2, 2024.** Because of time constraints, competing squads will be limited if necessary. In this case, squads will be accepted in order of entry confirmation.
2. Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Junior High schools will each have three divisions of competition based on size of school district:
Division 1: School District 1A and 2A
Division 2: School District 3A and 4A
Division 3: School District 5A and 6A

Awards will be awarded to first, second, and third place in each division. A Best of Show award will also be given in both the Jr. High and High School Divisions.

3. Squads will be given an overall performance time of 2-2.5 minutes. Exceeding this time limit will result in a point deduction. Timing begins with the first organized word, movement, or music note by the team after the team has been introduced. **Routines should encompass the following- Cheer or Chant, Standing Tumbling, Running Tumbling, Pyramid, Stunts, and Dance.**
4. There are two required elements of competition for each division: (1) cheer and (2) music routine to be performed in either order. **In advance of the competition, squads must provide their own music by either mailing it or dropping it off to Colleen Murray, Lufkin Chamber of Commerce, 1615 S Chestnut Street, Lufkin, TX 75901.** We also encourage each entry to have their music on an iPod /iPhone as a backup and it must be cued to the correct placement. A sound system will be provided.
5. All cheers and routines must adhere to the NCA Rules and Guidelines (www.aacca.org). Any violation of these rules will result in point deduction or disqualification. These guidelines are being enforced to ensure participant safety.
6. The performance area is a 42' deep x 54' wide carpeted gymnastics floor mat on the arena floor.
7. Check-in for each team will be from **10:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.**, Sunday September 22. Teams are asked to arrive in full uniform/costume and check in at the upper-level east gate at the Angelina County Exposition Center. The gate will be locked at 11:15 a.m. Only team members in full uniform/costume and 3 additional (coaches and/or managers only) will be allowed to check in as a team at the upper-level east gate. All others wishing to attend (parents, family, friends, non-participating team members, trainers and extra

coaches/managers) must enter the main festival entrance and purchase a ticket for \$8. The competition will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.

8. Teams are encouraged to eat before checking in. No outside food or drink, apart from water, will be allowed. The Food Court at the Expo Center will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.
9. Each squad will be given 3 minutes to warm up on the designated practice mat after check-in and prior to competition. If for any reason your squad is not ready to warm up at the designated time you will forfeit your time on the performance area.
10. All changing of costumes/uniforms must be made in the upper-level restroom. Cheer and Pom participants will not have access to the special events room inside the Angelina County Exposition Center.



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CHEER CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING FORMAT

Team: _____

Judge # _____

Division: _____

	MAX VALUE	TEAM SCORE	COMMENTS
MOTION TECHNIQUE <i>Technique, sharpness, and placement</i>	15		
PERFECTION OF SKILLS <i>Uniformity of movement throughout routine</i>	20		
PROPER USE OF SKILLS <i>Choice and timing of skills to lead the crowd</i>	15		
EXECUTION OF SKILLS <i>Technique: stability of stunts, jumps and/or tumbling</i>	20		
VISUAL APPEAL <i>Level changes, ripples, creative movements within groups</i>	15		
OVERALL IMPRESSION Leadership and overall presentation	15		
TOTAL 100 Possible Points			



**Texas State Forest Festival
2024 East Texas Cheerleading Competition Registration Form**

School: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Sponsor's Contact Phone: _____

Division I -- 1A & 2A

Division II—3A & 4A

Division III—5A & 6A

____ Varsity

____ Varsity

____ Varsity

____ Junior Varsity

____ Junior Varsity

____ Junior Varsity

____ Junior High

____ Junior High

____ Junior High

Team Members / Grade

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail to: TSFF Pom/Dance Team Competition
Lufkin Chamber of Commerce
1615 S Chestnut St, Lufkin, TX 75901

E-mail to: CMurray@lufkintexas.org



Texas State Forest Festival 2024 Pom/Dance Team Competition

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1. There is no charge to enter the competition. However, completion and return of the enclosed entry form is required. **Deadline for entry is September 2, 2024.**
2. There will be 5 categories of competition: Jazz, Hip Hop, Kick, Pom & Officers. (must have at least 3 schools entered into the category to have competition)
3. There will be 2 age groups: High School and Jr. High/Middle School. The explanation of the categories of competition is as follows:

Jazz: Classic Jazz Technique; Must contain basic jazz choreography, with appropriate music. No more than 20% hip-hop style. Judging will be based on style, appropriate technique, which includes turns, leaps, correct extension, completion of movements and overall choreography.

Hip Hop: A trendy style of current dance form; street style original dance with isolations and abstract movements. Judging will be based on style, appropriate hip-hop movements, and **appropriate** music. Please remember this is a family event.

Kick: Precision dance; may be a small or large group. No solos, duet, or tríos. Must have no less than 75% kicks. Judging will be based on the height of kicks, power of kicks, types of kicks, formations, and overall difficulty.

Pom: Must incorporate pom-pons in dance or gymnastic style routine; should contain precision movements and must incorporate a pom 80% of the time. Judging will be based on pom technique, dance steps, and overall choreography. Must be high energy!

Officers Only: Open to **any of the genres** of dance listed above.

Total performance time should be between 2-2.5 minutes. Timing will start at the beginning of the music and end when the music has stopped.

4. **In advance of the competition, squads must provide their own music by either mailing it or dropping it off to Colleen Murray, Lufkin Chamber of Commerce, 1615 S Chestnut Street, Lufkin, TX 75901.** We also

encourage each entry to have their music on an iPod/iPhone as a backup and it must be cued to the correct placement. A sound system will be provided.

5. The performance area will be 42' deep x 54' wide carpeted gymnastics floor mat on the arena floor.
6. The use of props is allowed.
7. The basis for judging is as follows:

CHOREOGRAPHY – 20 pts

- Composition, Creativity, Difficulty, Appropriateness and Musical Interpretation

VISUAL IMPACT / STAGING – 20 pts

- Continuity/Transitions, Use of Area/Stage, Changing of Levels/Floorworks, and Visual Effects

EXECUTION & UNIFORMITY – 20 pts

- Upper & Lower Body Precision, Timing, Spacing and Uniformity of Kick Height

MOVEMENT QUALITY – 20 pts

- Body Control, Technique, Range of Motion, Dynamics, Turns/Pivots/Flanks, Legwork, Footwork and Flexibility

PERFORMANCE – 20 pts

- Facial Expression, Projection, Focus, Confidence in Performance, Musicality, Body Energy, Uniform and Grooming

5 POINT PENALTIES WILL BE ISSUED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Going over the 2.5-minute time allowance
 - Not having music cued up and ready to go
 - Questionable or vulgar dance moves
8. A Best of Show award will also be given in both the Jr. High and High School Divisions.
 9. Judges will be provided through the management of the Academy of Gymnastics and Dance.
 10. Check-in for each team will be from 10:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.m., Sunday, September 22. Teams are asked to arrive in full uniform/costume and check in at the upper-level east gate at the Angelina County Exposition Center. The gate will be locked at 11:15 a.m. Only team members in full uniform/costume and 3 additional (coaches and/or managers only) will be allowed to check in as a team at the upper-level east gate. All others wishing to attend (parents, family, friends, non-participating team members, trainers, and extra coaches/managers) must enter at the main festival entrance and purchase a ticket for \$8. The competition will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.
 11. Each squad will be given 3 minutes to warm up all routines on a designated practice mat (without music) prior to competition. Going over time will result in a 5-point penalty. The floor will be open for this warmup beginning at 11:00 am.

12. Teams are encouraged to eat before checking in. No outside food or drink, apart from water, will be allowed. The Food Court at the Expo Center will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.
13. All changing of costumes/uniform must be made in the upper-level restroom. Cheer and Pom participants will not have access to the special events room inside the Angelina County Exposition Center.



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POM PON SCORING FORMAT

Team: _____

Judge # _____

Division: _____

	MAX VALUE	TEAM SCORE	COMMENTS
CHOREOGRAPHY <i>Composition, Creativity, Difficulty, Appropriateness, Musical Interpretation</i>	20		
VISUAL IMPACT/STAGING <i>Continuity/Transitions, Use of Area, Changing of Levels/Floorwork, Visual Effects</i>	20		
EXECUTION & UNIFORMITY <i>Upper & Lower Body Percision, Timing, Spacing, Uniformity of Kick Height</i>	20		
MOVEMENT QUALITY <i>Body Control, Technique, Range of Motion, Dynamics, Turns/Pivots/Flanks, Legwork, Footwork, Flexibility</i>	20		
PERFORMANCE <i>Facial Expression, Projection, Focus, Confidence in Performance, Musicality, Body Energy, Uniform, Grooming</i>	20		
TOTAL 100 Possible Points			

Circle Competition Division

Jazz	High School	Junior High / Middle School
Hip Hop	High School	Junior High / Middle School
Kick	High School	Junior High / Middle School
Pom	High School	Junior High / Middle School
Officers	High School	Junior High / Middle School

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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