



## **Rocket Cheerleading 2019**

Hello and thank you for your interest in rocket cheerleading!

We are very excited to announce that Rocket Cheer will be returning for Summer 2019. This is a community based sideline cheer program that provides young people with the opportunity to participate in athletics that aren't offered as school sports until high school (football, and sideline cheerleading). Rocket Cheerleaders will have the opportunity to cheer on our Rocket Football team at their Saturday home games.

The main goal of this program is to prepare girls for competitive cheerleading at the middle school level, much like high school sideline does for their competitive season. We will spend a lot of time learning new skills and have a lot of fun while doing it! If they decide to participate, you can expect that your young athlete will have opportunities to gain leadership experience, make new friends, and get some exercise in the sunshine!

Sincerely,

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### SIGN UP!

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### DETAILS:

All Gull Lake/Ryan Intermediate students enrolled in 5th-8th grade for the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to join the team.

There will be two sessions of Rocket Cheer, the first taking place from May 20th- July 19th, the second from July 22nd-October 11th. For both sessions, practices will take place every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5-7pm at the Gull Lake High School track. We have decided to



break the season up into two sessions to provide a longer duration season for those that are interested, while also providing a shorter season for multisport families.

Football games will begin in August and run through late September. Unfortunately I won't know the specific schedule until a few weeks prior to the first game, but I will send along that information as soon as it becomes available to me. All games are on Saturday mornings, and we will only be cheering at home games.

Parents are invited to attend the first practice for introductions and a brief explanation of what the season will entail, though you should not hesitate to email me with any questions or concerns that you might have.

#### Time Commitment

Your athlete's experience on this team will be what they make of it. The more practices and games they attend, the more valuable it will be to them. There are no consequences to missing practices or games, other than missing out on skill building and practice time. I will ask that you communicate with me about your athlete's attendance so that I know when to expect them.

Note: Competitive Cheer will be 4 days a week this fall, and absences *will* carry consequences. Rocket might be a useful practice run before the expectations are higher.

#### Camp

We are planning a Rocket Camp this year! Please stay tuned for more information. The camp will essentially function as 3 longer-practice days in August, taking place at the GL track.



Financial Commitment:

All items will be ordered by the coaching staff, please make checks payable to  
Gull Lake Rocket Cheer

Please go to the following link and note your athlete's sizes

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXMabKzd6-J25FqmnMG1J\\_mXyDPjdOkSo60MuXyMcrfKA9Kg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXMabKzd6-J25FqmnMG1J_mXyDPjdOkSo60MuXyMcrfKA9Kg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Participation fee & all orders are due by May 27th for Session 1, and by July 29th for Session 2

Participation Fee: includes bow, uniform top & bottom (Session 2 only)

Session 1	<b>\$30</b>
Session 2	<b>\$50</b>
Session 1 & 2	<b>\$75</b>

Cheer shoes **\$30**

-We will make a group order for cheer shoes, but feel free to buy them on your own.

*\*We will discount participation fees for families with more than one athlete, please contact coach Felicia Diaz, [felicia.a.diaz@wmich.edu](mailto:felicia.a.diaz@wmich.edu) if this applies to you*

*\*You can pay session by session if you choose, but you will not receive the discounted price. Please contact coach Felicia if you decide to register your children for Session 2 after registering for session 1 only.*