

PRODIGY ALL-STARS

PREP & TOTS INFORMATION PACKET 2019-2020



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Dear Prospective Prodigy All-Stars Athlete and Parent,

We would like to thank you for your interest in Prodigy All-Stars. We are a family owned and operated facility. Since we began our all-star cheerleading program, we have enjoyed increasing success with each passing year. In May 2010, Prodigy expanded its' roots. Merging with another program, CheerNation, we vastly expanded our staff and talent. Collectively we boast over 20 NCA national titles and hundreds and hundreds of national titles.

Prodigy All-Stars has a first class facility located in Cypress, Texas. The Cypress location is a 20,000 sq. ft. cheerleading and tumbling facility. This location has three full size cheer floors, two in-ground trampolines, resi pits and an in-ground rod floor. We are dedicated to offering a professional staff and a well-structured organization. Our goal is to provide the best training environment for our athletes while teaching them ideals such as teamwork, integrity, work ethic, commitment and sportsmanship.

The Prodigy staff understands that we are using the tool of all-star cheerleading to shape and develop our athletes into leaders of their peer groups and leaders of tomorrow. A "prodigy" is defined by Webster's Dictionary as an individual with exceptional talents. We believe all our athletes have exceptional talents and it is our responsibility to cultivate that talent with our compassion, dedication and knowledge. As coaches we take true PRIDE in the growth of our athletes' both inside and outside the gym. Although the coaching staff and training involved is clearly a factor in the success of each team, the PASSION, love and desire to excel is critical for each cheerleader to achieve their goals. We pride ourselves in offering the environment to ensure this happens.

This packet is designed to give each family the information necessary to decide if they are ready for the commitment that is required by all-star cheerleading and Prodigy All-Stars. Please take the time to thoroughly read the information, and if you have any questions, please give us a call. Good luck to everyone, and we look forward to another fantastic and successful year!

Thank you,

Renee' & Aaron Basham



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→ OVERVIEW, TEAM INFORMATION

Prodigy All-Stars wants to ensure that each family and athlete fully understands the level of team and financial commitment involved in being a Prodigy All-Stars cheerleader.

All-star cheerleading is an exciting sport suitable for the earliest beginner all the way through the most accomplished elite level athlete. Our Prep & Tots program is the perfect introductory stepping stone to the sport of all star cheer and is great for any age and level. As this sport has grown, the all-star cheerleading industry has created standard divisions and levels to determine and regulate the manner in which competitive teams are to be divided, as well as the rules in which each team must abide and are governed. Teams are formed according to age, total athletes/males, and skill level.

Division Name	Athlete's Age	Division Name	Athlete's Age
Tots	Age 3 – 6	Youth	Age 5 – 11
Tiny	Age 5 & 6	Junior	Age 5 – 14
Mini	Age 5 – 8	Senior	Age 11 – 18

The season will run from May 13th through April 2020. Prep teams are divided into 6 different age divisions to make sure all the athletes are in the best environment and peer group to succeed. Our Tots team practices one time a week for 1 hour, with occasional extra practices. Our Tiny team practices two times a week for 2 hours, with 2 extra Friday/Saturday practices per month starting in August. Our Mini – Senior Prep teams practices are one time a week for 2 hours, with 2 extra Friday/Saturday practices per month starting in August.

Team Name	Age Division	Practice Day/Time
Denim	Tots (3 – 6 yrs. old)	Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30pm
Teal	Tiny (5 & 6 yrs. old)	Monday & Thursday 5:30 – 7:30pm
Mystique	Mini (5 – 8 yrs. old)	Wednesday 5:30 – 7:30pm
Rain	Youth (5 – 11 yrs. old)	Tuesday 5:30 – 7:30pm
Azul	Junior (5 – 14 yrs. old)	Tuesday 7:30 – 9:30pm
Marine	Senior (10 – 17 yrs. old)	Thursday 7:30 – 9:30pm

USE OF PRODIGY ALL-STARS NAME & LOGO: In an effort to maintain a consistent professional image of Prodigy All-Stars, the use of the Prodigy All-Stars name, all logos and icons is limited to Prodigy All-Stars. Anyone within the Prodigy All-Stars family that wishes to order products, custom items or apparel for themselves or their team that will exhibit the program name, logos or icons, must do so through the PA Pro-Shop. We will not allow shirts to be designed with our name/team names and/or logos for any reason.

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→ REGISTRATION & EXPENSES

NOTICE TO PARENTS: Please read through this entire information packet and ask any questions you may have **PRIOR TO submitting the online registration form.** There is an annual Prodigy All-Stars registration fee of \$35.00. This includes two Prodigy All-Stars t-shirts for the athlete, and one car decal. Registration shirts will be worn at competitions, if lost you will be required to purchase a new one. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$20.00 and car decals for \$10.00 through the cheer office.

*(If you have more than one athlete):

- Second Child: \$25.00 and includes two Prodigy All-Stars t-shirts.
- Third Child: \$15.00 and includes two Prodigy All-Stars t-shirts.

To complete a Prep/Tots registration, you will need:

-A completed online registration form for Prep & Tots.
-Registration fee
-Monthly tuition
-All athletes will need to also pay the \$35.00 USASF membership fee.
-Birth Certificate: An athlete's competition age is determined by their age on August 31, 2019. All competitions require a copy of each athlete's birth certificate to verify age. We ask for this at the beginning of the year to avoid any last minute problems.
-Credit Card: At registration, **every family** will be required to place a card on file. This is **MANDATORY** at registration.

EXPENSE INFORMATION

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Prodigy All-Stars offers two separate options for payment. You may choose to enroll in the Auto Pay Plan or you may pay your tuition and balanced billing payments manually with a check (made payable to Prodigy All Stars), cash, or Visa/MasterCard/Discover credit card.

If you sign up for the Auto Pay Plan, your monthly tuition will be charged to the card on file on the 2nd of each month and you will receive a \$15.00 discount. Your other expenses will be charged on the 15th of the month in which they are due. You may however continue to pay your monthly tuition as it is due with cash, check or credit card. If your tuition/balance billing payments are not paid by the 5th/15th, your credit card on file will be charged on the 6th/16th with a \$25.00 late fee per payment. Tuition does not change based on number of practices in any particular month.

Tuition Discounts: 20% discount for 2nd child in Prodigy All-Stars: 50% discount for 3rd child in Prodigy All-Stars.

- **Tuition pays for training; it does not pay for the right to compete or to be a member of any particular team or competition level. Prodigy All-Stars athletes earn the right to compete through their hard work.**

Division	Hours per Week	Tuition	Auto Pay Tuition	PA Tumbling Class
Tots	1 Hour	\$95.00 / month	*\$85.00 / month	\$45.00
Tiny	4 Hours	\$200.00 / month	*\$185.00 / month	\$45.00
Mini – Senior Prep	2 Hours	\$130.00 / month	*\$115.00 / month	\$45.00
*This tuition applies for those accounts set-up on Prodigy All-Star's Auto Pay Plan.				

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→ EXPENSES - BALANCE BILLING

In addition to the monthly tuition, Prodigy All-Stars has created a balance billing program for ALL of the additional expenses that are associated with competitive cheerleading. The cost for ESTIMATED competition fees, music/choreography fees, spirit gifts, uniform, practice wear, and bow have been added together so that payments may be broken out into 6 installments. The balance billing payment is due and payable on the 15th of each month beginning with July 15, 2019, with the final payment being due on December 15, 2019. **PLEASE NOTE: tuition, annual expenses, additional expenses and sponsorship money are NOT refundable for any reason (including, but not limited to dropping from the program, removal from the program, injury etc.).**

Expenses	Tots	Teal	Mini-Senior Prep
Competition Fees	\$540.00	\$629.00	\$540.00
Music/ Choreography Fee	\$205.00	\$205.00	\$205.00
Spirit Gifts	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Bow	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Uniform	\$175.00	\$225.00	\$175.00
Practice Wear	\$85.00	\$180.00	\$85.00
<u>Annual Balance Billing Total</u>	\$1,110.00	\$1,344.00	\$1,110.00

Monthly Breakdown	Tots	Teal	Mini-Senior Prep
July	\$185.00	\$224.00	\$185.00
August	\$185.00	\$224.00	\$185.00
September	\$185.00	\$224.00	\$185.00
October	\$185.00	\$224.00	\$185.00
November	\$185.00	\$224.00	\$185.00
December	\$185.00	\$224.00	\$185.00

SPIRIT GIFTS: Athletes will receive spirit gifts for 3-4 competitions. These gifts will be Prodigy All-Stars designed t-shirts. All athletes will receive the same gifts/shirts. NO ADDITIONAL SPIRIT GIFTS ALLOWED.

BOW: Prodigy All-Stars provides a bow for competitions. This fee is collected via the balance billing program.

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→ EXPENSES AND COMPETITION INFO

COMPETITION FEES: All Prep & Tot teams will be participating in a show-off, plus 3-4 additional competitions. The competition schedule for all teams will be published by July 15, 2019. We try to set this schedule as early as possible however; it may change due to circumstances outside our control. If any changes are made you will be notified through the Team App. Please note competition fees are non-refundable even if your athlete leaves their team prior to the competition or otherwise does not attend the competition for any reason.

CHOREOGRAPHY: Choreography Camp is where your athletes will learn their routine for the season. During this camp we will put together stunts, motions, and tumbling. Cheerleading is a unique sport and requires all team members present to be as effective as possible. Please make arrangements for your athlete to be at camp so they can learn their routine.

Team	Dates	Daily Times
Teal	August 7 th – 9 th	9:00am – 12:00pm
Mystique	September 14 th & 15 th	9:00am – 12:00pm
Rain	September 21 st & 22 nd	9:00am – 12:00pm
Marine	September 14 th & 15 th	12:00pm – 3:00pm
Azul	September 21 st & 22 nd	12:00pm – 3:00pm

Choreography allows us to work on squad unity and skill building, because of this Choreography is MANDATORY.

UNIFORMS: Prodigy All-Stars will provide two separate fitting dates for those athletes needing to purchase a new uniform. Uniforms are a custom design/order; therefore, parents and athletes should expect an 8-12 week turn time for delivery. If your athlete already has a uniform, the balance billing will be adjusted at the END of the season.

Competition uniforms for all teams/levels are custom designed for Prodigy All-Stars; however, they are not custom-tailored uniforms. Alterations to ensure a proper fit may be required. Typical alterations can range from \$10.00 - \$45.00.

Fitting #	Dates	Times
1	July 15 th – 18 th	5:30 – 8:30pm
2	August 26 th – 29 th	5:30 – 8:30pm

PRACTICE WEAR: Practice wear is the athletes' work out attire and is required at every practice. Tots and Mini – Senior Prep will have 1 set of practice wear and Teal will have 2 sets of practice wear. This expense is *INCLUDED* in your balance billing payment.

SHOES: Athletes will practice and compete in an all-white CHEER shoe. The Prodigy All-Stars staff would like all our athletes to wear either Nfinity shoes or the Rebel Cheer Shoe. Shoes are not included in your balance billing fees.

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PA PROSHOP: All spirit wear, accessories and Prodigy attire can be purchased online at www.prodigyallstars.com through the Pro-Shop link. This is where you will purchase additional practice wear, warm ups, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: Your account must be current in order to receive spirit wear, bows, uniforms, practice wear, and spirit gifts. These items will not be handed out if there is a balance on your account. Any funds paid in can/will also be reallocated to first cover tuition then balance billing in the event of an account balance.

COMPETITION INFORMATION: Prep & Tot teams will participate in 3-4 competitions during the season. All competitions are held within Houston and the surrounding area. Teal will be attending NCA Nationals which is held in Dallas. This will require travel out of town and a two-night stay in a hotel. The competition schedule and fees will be finalized by July 15th. Last minute changes may occur, and competitions can either be added or pulled from the schedule. (Team Teal) **PLEASE NOTE:** NCA Nationals will include a Friday competition time. This will require a parent to miss work and the athlete to miss school.

Date	Competition	Location
12/15/19	Showoff	Gym
01/11/20	WSA Houston	Pasadena, TX
02/01/20 or 02/02/20	Cheer America – Cheer Bowl	Houston, TX
02/28/20 – 03/01/20	NCA Nationals (Teal Only)	Dallas, TX
03/28/20 or 03/29/20	American Spectacular	Houston, TX

Competitions are an exciting time for all our athletes. Expect competitions to last about 4 hours. We will not receive exact times of competition until the week of the competition. As soon as we receive times, we will post the details in the event on the Team App with arrival and competition times. Awards will usually follow about an hour after they compete.

Please make sure your athlete arrives on competition day in their PA t-shirt with their uniform underneath. Their hair should be in a slicked back pony-tail with their competition bow. They should wear red lipstick and pink blush.

SPECTATOR/PARKING COST: Most competition venues require spectators to pay for admission ranging from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per person/per day. Additional parking fees usually apply ranging from \$10.00 - \$15.00 per day.

ATHLETE ATTIRE AT COMPETITIONS: Please remind your athlete that while at the competition he/she is representing Prodigy All-Stars and they need to respect the Prodigy rules. When arriving at competition athletes MUST arrive in full competition style hair and make-up if worn. Athletes may wear any of the following options: FULL PA warm up (please note Prodigy warm-ups are the ONLY warm-ups allowed), FULL uniform, Prodigy t-shirt or sweat suit. NO random clothes, pj pants or competition spirit attire will be allowed.

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→ COMPETITION & GENERAL INFO

STAY to PLAY/ HOTELS: Teal will be going to NCA Nationals in Dallas which will require a 2 night hotel stay. Prodigy All-Stars will reserve a block of hotel rooms for all athletes and families through a housing company. It is **MANDATORY** for all athletes to stay within the Prodigy All-Stars hotel block for **ALL** out of town competitions. We will be required to submit a listing of all our athletes and where they are staying in order to be compliant for those specific competitions. This is a competition requirement and PA does not receive any financial benefit from this program. If an athlete is not registered through the required housing company, they will NOT be eligible to compete. All families will have till August 30th to make their housing reservations. Most if not all hotel properties will fill up months in advance, so please plan accordingly.

Parents will be emailed information regarding the block in order to call and book a reservation. Hotels are booked individually by all parents via a credit card. Look for an email towards the beginning of the summer to book your families reservation.

Team App: Team App allows you to have direct access to the Owner, Office Staff, Coaches and Parents that are on the same team as your athlete. Please download the app using the directions below.

- Visit the App Store
- Search for Team App & Install
- Search in Team App for Prodigy All-Stars
- Send a request to be a member
- In the comment section add your athlete's 1st name, last name and team name.
- We will then accept your request

*Please make sure that your "notifications" are on to ensure you are up to speed on what is going on at Prodigy All-Stars. If you need any assistance installing Team App or have any questions, please stop by the Cheer office during your athlete's upcoming practice.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Once placed on a Prodigy All-Stars team, it is your responsibility to attend ALL practices. All practices are mandatory. Athletes will be allotted 4 TOTAL absences from the month of August through the end of season. Any cheerleader not at practice the full week before a regional or national competition (August – April), may be removed from that competition. These weeks will be referred to as Blackout Zones in the Team App. Athletes that participate in school cheerleading will be allowed 2 absences due to school cheer. However, this does NOT apply to a competition week/Blackout Zone. We ask that you plan your demerits accordingly. All other school activities will count towards the 4/6 absence rule. Be aware we have an additional Blackout Zone the the week before your athlete's choreography camp. In order for it to be effective we need ALL of our athletes at practice. We understand extenuating circumstances and those will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

EXTRA/EXTENDED PRACTICES: It is normal for teams to be scheduled for extra and/or extended practices throughout the year. You will receive extra and/or extended practice notifications through the Team App. The majority of the extra and/or extended practices will be called during competition season (September through February). As the season progresses teams can often add an additional practice day and/or extended hours. Extra and/or extended practices are MANDATORY.

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→ VACATION INFORMATION

VACATIONS: Please plan any summer vacation(s) so they do not conflict with the camp dates posted in this packet. All vacation dates are to be submitted to your team coaches ASAP so they can plan practices accordingly. Tuition holds your athletes spot on their team and therefore cannot be prorated due to vacation, no matter the length.

Holiday Schedule	
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 12 th
Memorial Day	Friday, May 24 th & Monday, May 27 th
Father's Day	Sunday, June 16 th
July 4 th Holiday	Sunday, June 30 th - Saturday, July 6 th
Labor Day	Sunday, September 1 st & Monday, September 2 nd
Halloween	Thursday, October 31 st
Thanksgiving	Monday, November 25 th - Saturday, November 30 th
Winter Break	Sunday, December 22 nd - Saturday, January 4 th
Spring Break	Monday, March 9 th – Saturday, March 13 th

