

PRODIGY ALL-STARS

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



→ OVERVIEW, TRYOUT 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. 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
Tiny	Age 5 & 6	Junior	Age 5 – 14 (Level 1 – 3) Age 8 – 14 (Level 4) Age 9 – 14 (Level 5)
Mini	Age 5 - 8	Senior	Age 11 - 18
Youth	Age 5 – 11 (Level 1-3) Age 8 – 11 (Level 4) Age 9 – 11 (Level 5 Rest)	Worlds	Age 13 - 18

TRYOUT INFORMATION

RELAX. This will be an enjoyable process. Prodigy All-Stars will ask all athletes to perform:

- Level 1 athletes: 1-2 standing tumbling passes and 1-2 running tumbling passes. Jumps or a jump combination.
- Level 2-5 athletes: 2 standing tumbling passes, 2 running tumbling passes, and double or triple jump combination with a standing BHS or standing tuck following. The athletes will learn the mini routine flow and counts during the workouts leading up to tryouts.

Based on our past experiences, spectators at try-outs place unnecessary pressure on the athletes. Therefore, tryouts will be held in closed sessions, and only athletes trying out will be allowed in the Prodigy All-Stars facility during try-out times. This will ensure the most comfortable and safe atmosphere for your athlete(s). There will be two separate tryout dates to choose from.

Date	Time	Age as of August 31st, 2019
Friday, April 12 th	Level 1-2 5:30 – 7:00pm Level 3-5 7:00 – 8:30pm	5 – 18 years old
Saturday, April 13 th	Level 1-2 10:00 – 11:30am Level 3–5 11:30 – 1:00pm	5 – 18 years old
Sunday, May 19 th	World Teams Try-Out 10:00 – 1:00pm	13 and Up

ATTIRE: Athletes trying out should wear black shorts, a black or royal t-shirt or sports bra and tennis shoes. Hair should be pulled back in a high ponytail with a bow.

TRY-OUT APPLICATION: To sign up for try-outs, print an application online from the Prodigy All-Stars website and turn it into the cheer office.

TRY-OUT RESULTS: The results of try-outs will be available by 3:00pm on Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 on our website. Each athlete will be assigned a number at try-outs. **Please be certain to remember your assigned number as the online results will be posted accordingly.**

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→ TEAM INFORMATION

TEAM FORMATIONS: Athletes will be placed into TRAINING GROUPS according to their appropriate age and skill level. For example, an athlete might be placed into a Junior 4 Training Group following tryouts. This particular athlete would be junior aged (8-14 years old) and would have successfully showcased the required level 4 tumbling and jump skills necessary at tryouts.

Following tryouts, we will utilize the next few weeks to assess the athletes' stunting abilities and test their consistency overall with the skills required in that particular level. During this time athletes and parents should expect some shifting through levels in order for our staff to best place the athletes in a group that best fits their strengths and consistency overall. Our goal is to create the most competitive and cohesive teams possible; therefore, we want to allow training time to assess the athletes in a team like setting before we ever finalize teams. Once teams are finalized, the Training Groups per age/level will then be considered established teams (example: Junior 4 Training Group would be finalized as team Steel). We will FINALIZE TEAMS by Monday, June 3rd.

Within the year, an athlete/team's competition skill level may change. As with the movement of any athlete, there are occasions in which Prodigy All-Stars must reassess skill levels and/or competition levels of any given team. Prodigy All-Stars reserves the right to change an athlete/team's skill level and will make this decision as needed throughout the competition year. Changes to an athlete or competition team's level may result in changes to team membership and practice schedules and may be temporary or permanent. We ask parents and athletes to understand that if and when we move an athlete/team, we are doing so in the best interest of the athlete and the teams involved. **PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO REFUNDS WHEN THIS OCCURS.**

TEAM PRACTICES: Team Practices will begin as of May 13th, 2019.

***Please Note: All Sunday teams WILL start Sunday practices immediately. Their first Sunday practice will be May 19th, 2019.

- Please note that during certain parts of the season the parent viewing area may close to spectators. We apologize for any inconvenience however; our goal is to provide our athletes the most focused atmosphere possible. The final determination and practice schedules will be made after try-outs.
- Please note that ALL Sunday practices are closed beginning with the first Sunday practice of the season, May 19th, 2019.
- Please note that all level 3-5 teams will have closed practices for National season beginning January 2020.

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 an All-Star registration, you will need:

- A completed online registration form.
- Registration fee
- Monthly tuition
- 1st installment of Balance Billing Payment (due as of May 15th for all level 1- Moonlight athletes) (due as of June 15th for all Worlds athletes).
- 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
Level 1	5 Hours	\$200.00/ month	*\$185.00/ month	*\$45.00
Level 2 – 5	6 Hours	\$205.00/ month	*\$190.00/ month	*\$45.00
*This tuition applies for those accounts set-up on Prodigy All-Star's Auto Pay Plan.				*Mandatory for all Levels

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→ EXPENSES - BALANCE BILLING

In addition to the monthly tuition, Prodigy All-Stars has created a balance billing program for ALL the additional expenses that are associated with competitive cheerleading. The cost for ESTIMATED competition fees, camp/music/choreography fees, spirit gifts, uniform, practice wear, make-up kit, and bow have been added together so that payments may be broken out into 9 installments. The balance billing payment for all level 1 - Moonlight is due and payable on the 15th of each month beginning with May 15, 2019, with the final payment being due on January 15, 2020. The balance billing payment for all world teams is due and payable on the 15th of each month beginning with June 15, 2019, with the final payment being due on February 15, 2020. **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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 & 4	Moonlight	Worlds Teams
Competition Fees	\$1,156.00	\$1353.00	\$1,412.00	\$1,471.00	\$1,471.00
Camp/Music/Choreography Fee	\$560.00	\$560.00	\$600.00	\$625.00	\$625.00
Spirit Gifts	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Bow & Make-Up	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
Uniform	\$325.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$485.00	\$485.00
Practice Wear	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
Annual Balance Billing Total	\$2,376.00	\$2,673.00	\$2,772.00	\$3,006.00	\$3,006.00

Monthly Breakdown	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 & 4	Moonlight	Worlds Teams
May	\$264.00	\$297.00	\$308.00	\$334.00	-----
June	\$264.00	\$297.00	\$308.00	\$334.00	\$334.00
July	\$264.00	\$297.00	\$308.00	\$334.00	\$334.00
August	\$264.00	\$297.00	\$308.00	\$334.00	\$334.00
September	\$264.00	\$297.00	\$308.00	\$334.00	\$334.00
October	\$264.00	\$297.00	\$308.00	\$334.00	\$334.00
November	\$264.00	\$297.00	\$308.00	\$334.00	\$334.00
December	\$264.00	\$297.00	\$308.00	\$334.00	\$334.00
January	\$264.00	\$297.00	\$308.00	\$334.00	\$334.00
February	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$334.00

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→ EXPENSES (BAL BILLING; CAMP; UNIFORMS ETC.)

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.

MAKEUP & BOW: Prodigy All-Stars provides a new make-up design/make-up kit and bow for competitions. This fee is collected via the balance billing program.

COMPETITION FEES: All competitive teams will be participating in the Prodigy All-Stars annual show-off, plus 6-8 additional competitions. Worlds Teams will be participating in the Prodigy All-Stars annual show-off, plus 7-8 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 email.

Competition Fees are non-refundable: A lot of effort is put into competition routines. If your athlete decides to quit, or otherwise miss a competition for any reason, we must find a replacement and prepare them for the competition. As a result, competition fees will not be refunded even if your athlete leaves their team prior to the competition or otherwise does not attend the competition for any reason.

Each Prodigy All-Stars competitive team will be scheduled for three "In House camps". The evaluation results will indicate which camps each team/group will attend.

Camp #	Dates	Daily Times	Teams/Days
1	June 3 rd - June 5 th	Level 1-2 9:00-12:00pm Level 3-4 12:00-3:00pm Level 5 3:00-6:00pm	All Teams (Mandatory for all Teams)
2	June 24 th – June 30 th	TBA	All Level 1-4 Teams/Days TBA
3	June 28 th – June 29 th	Nations Best Camp TBA	Level 1-3
4	June 30 th – July 2 nd	Nations Best Camp TBA	Level 4 - 5 (Mandatory for all Level 4-5)
5	July 22 nd – August 1 st	TBA	All Teams (Except Worlds Teams) (Days TBA)
6	August 2 nd – August 5 th	TBA	Worlds Teams

Camp allows us to work on squad unity and skill building, because of this camp is MANDATORY. We ask that any summer vacations be scheduled accordingly.

UNIFORMS: Prodigy All-Stars will provide two separate fitting dates for those athletes needing to purchase new uniforms, warm ups. Uniforms and warm-ups are a custom design/order; therefore, parents and athletes should expect an 8-12 week turn time for delivery.

Prodigy All-Stars utilizes several different uniform designs for different teams/levels. Payment for the uniform will be included in the balance billing program. Please note if your child does not make it to one of the regularly scheduled fittings their uniform may not be in by the first competition. A custom uniform takes 8 to 12 weeks to come in and cannot be ordered until it is sized. If your athlete already has a uniform, the balance billing will be adjusted at the END of the season.

****Please note that Prodigy All-Stars reserves the right to buy back any uniform before it's delivered.**

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→ EXPENSES AND COMPETITION INFO

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	June 10 th – 13 th	5:30 – 8:30pm
2	July 15 th – 18 th	5:30 – 8:30pm

PRACTICE WEAR: Practice wear is the athletes' work out attire and is required at every practice. All competitive squads Levels 1 through Level 4 will have 2 sets of practice wear and Level 5 athletes will have 3 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.

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, make-up kits, 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: We participate in 3-4 regional competitions and 3-4 national competitions. Most regional competitions are held within Houston and the surrounding area. National competitions are typically in Dallas, New Orleans, and San Antonio. These will require travel out of town and a one or 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Most national competition schedules include a Friday and / or Monday competition time. This will require a parent to miss work and the athlete to miss school.

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.

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→ COMPETITION INFORMATION

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. 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. If you have won a NCA jacket you may wear it but no other National jackets are allowed. NO random clothes, pj pants or competition spirit attire will be allowed.

STAY to PLAY/ HOTELS: There will be 2-4 out of town competitions that will require a 1-3 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.



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→ ATTENDANCE

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 on your “Year at a Glance”. 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 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. At the time of registration, you will be given our Prodigy All-Stars “Year at a Glance”. This handout will have extra practice weekends blocked off for you to reserve. You will also receive extra and/or extended practice notifications through e-mail and 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.

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