

Parents with Children those are NEW To the HAYAA Cheer/Pom Program:

Welcome to the HAYAA (Hartland Area Youth Athletic Association) Cheer/Pom Program. We hope that this will be a beneficial experience for both you and your daughter!

The Cheer/Pom program is an INTENSE program, as it takes much work to become a TEAM in 13 short weeks! We hope that this memo will give you a better idea of what to expect.

Teams will be finalized after May 18th. You should expect to hear from your daughter's coach at some point between the end of May and early-mid June. Many, although not all, coaches hold a team parent's meeting. Your daughter's coach will let you know the date, time, and location details of any such meeting.

Optional practice packs (practice shorts, t-shirt) may be ordered though tonight's meeting. All HAYAA merchandise is OPTIONAL. If you desire to purchase it, you may order it through Kristie Perry, the merchandising coordinator.

HAYAA will provide your daughter with a uniform (vest (shell), skirt, and wind pants) at uniform pick up on at Uniform Pick up (check the Check the website www.hayaasports.com for updated, dates & times).

You will need to purchase a white cheer bodysuit, navy lollies (to cover the girl's underwear), and cheer shoes (Powers) at MC Sports in Brighton at some point during the month of June 2010. MC Sports will honor a discounted priced during this month only for all HAYAA Cheer/Pom participants. HAYAA offers both an Cheer and Pom clinic during the summer. Each clinic is organized and run by the Hartland High School Cheer/Pom coaches and team members.

These clinics, but may give your daughter an opportunity to learn from the best for a few hours!

Practices start the week of the 1st week in August. Teams are allowed to practice up to 6hours/week for Instructional levels, and up to 10 hours/week for Freshman, 12 hours for JV, and 15 hours at Varsity levels, up until the start of school. After school starts, all teams are limited to no more than 6 hours/week of practice (this does not include game time). Practice days and times are at the discretion of your daughter's coaches. Practices are typically held outside at one of the local schools. Your daughter's coach should relay the practice schedule and locations to you. HAYAA purchases two hours of indoor practice time per team during the week prior to Festival/Invitational (see explanation below). The

team may opt to purchase more indoor practice time, for \$10/hour. HAYAA will hold a team and individual photo day on the football field at the old Hartland High School. Your daughter's coach will give you times that your daughter should arrive, closer to Photo Day. All girls need to be in full uniform.

Games are every Saturday, starting the last Saturday in August. There is a game on **Labor Day weekend**, and all teams are expected to cheer. The costs for game entrance is

typically ~\$3-5 for each adult, students ~\$2 (football players and cheerleaders are free; children under age 5 are usually free). Your daughter's coach will distribute game schedule/locations. Maps for all locations can be found at www.lcajfl.com and also on our www.hayaasports.com. A responsible adult must be present the entire warm-up and game, in case your daughter is injured or becomes ill. The coach cannot be responsible for taking care of an ill child.

Hartland High School hosts 'HAYAA night' during one of their first high school Varsity football games. This game is held in August before school starts. Girls will have an opportunity to perform two sideline chants with their team, in uniform, on the track at the new high school, during the first quarter of the game. For those girls that opt to attend the optional Pom clinic during the summer, they also get an opportunity to perform the pregame pom routine, along side the high school pom team. Girls at the Varsity level who participate in the pom clinic will perform during the half time routine, again, alongside the high school varsity pom team. It is not mandatory that all girls attend this. However, many girls find it very exciting and fun to get to perform at a high school game and it is a great opportunity to see both the wonderfully talented Hartland High School Cheer and Pom Teams showcase their skills. There is a fee for any non-HAYAA participants to enter the field (i.e., cheerleaders and football players that arrive to the field in uniform are free).

Each Cheer/Pom team will compete at the league Cheer/Pom Invitational. Your daughter will likely perform a sideline chant, a longer cheer, and a pom routine, along with her teammates. This is a chance to both show all of the neighboring communities what the teams have worked hard on all season, and is also a competitive event for girls at the Freshman, JV, and Varsity levels. It is typically an all day event, and the enthusiasm and energy is awesome!

The HAYAA programs are 100% parent-managed volunteer programs. We cannot operate the program without relying on our parent volunteers! This year, you will be assigned to work FOUR (4) hours (and no more than EIGHT (8) hours) of 'volunteer' time. That time may be assigned just prior to or after your daughter's game, or sometimes, for an hour during the game. Volunteer slots this year will include selling 50:50 raffle tickets, setting up, selling, and/or taking down the merchandise table, picking up visitor side trash (will probably take less than one hour to do), assisting with the last game of the day trash clean up, and/or assisting with uniform distribution, and/or uniform turn-in. Your daughter's coach will give you your volunteer work schedule once it becomes finalized. *If you have constraints on specific dates, please let your daughter's color commissioner know as soon as possible.* We will attempt to work around specific dates that absolutely will not work for you, when making up the schedule. It is much more difficult for us to change the schedule, once it has been finalized and distributed to parents. At that point, it will become your responsibility to trade with another parent to cover any assigned shift that you are unable to do. Please review the

parent-meeting handout that was distributed to all parents for further details.

Uniforms need to be returned in late October, at the old Hartland High School. Please wash and dry your daughter's uniform PRIOR to bringing it to turn-in.

We hope that your daughter has fun this season. Cheer/pom is an intense program that requires a lot of hard work, as well. There is so much to learn! However, it is very rewarding, for the girls to bond and form a true team over the season, and we hope that this is the start of a wonderful relationship! If you have questions over the course of the season, please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's coach, or the color commissioner assigned to your daughter's team.

Thank you for your interest, and again, welcome to the program