STARS VIPERS KATY
2023-2024 ELITE TEAM
TRYOUT PACKET

WELCOME TO STARS VIPERS KATY

VIPER STATE OF MIND!

Welcome to Stars Vipers Katy! 2023-2024 is the 6th season of SVK and we are honored that you have chosen to be a part of the VIPER Family! To our returning athletes, WELCOME BACK, and thank you for your loyalty and dedication to SVK! To our new athletes, WELCOME to the Viper Family! We are excited you have joined us and we can't wait to meet you!

Known for our success, Stars Vipers Katy has worked hard on creating strong teams with strong-minded athletes. SVK thrives on building confident athletes in a positive environment. Teamwork and sportsmanship are just a few life lessons SVK strives to have its athletes embody. From high fives to positive circles at the end of every practice, we are dedicated to building up every athlete.

As SVK begins the process of forming teams, know that we want to make sure our teams are competitive AND nurtured. The Stars Vipers Katy staff provides a disciplined training environment with the understanding that all individuals cannot be trained the same and must be trained to their own personal abilities. We focus on training and coaching that is adapted to the individual athlete and their abilities. Our main focus is to educate, develop, and influence athletes to strive to be the best version of themselves through lessons learned in a structured, team environment. Thank you for choosing Stars Vipers Katy! We look forward to another fun and successful season!

Why Choose Stars Vipers Katy?

* Stars Vipers Katy hires the best choreographers in the nation. Each Elite team is given a uniquely choreographed routine taught with care and passion. This process leads to a truly incredible experience for the athletes.

* Stars Vipers Katy Elite Teams attend the exclusive Action Spirit Camp. Ray Jasper, with his staff of incredible instructors and choreographers, spend two days with our Elite athletes working on level appropriate skills to ensure each team is prepared to have a successful season.

* Our athletes are supplied two T-shirts throughout the season. One at the beginning of the year and one for Nationals season. Our athletes receive a car decal as well.

* We break our payments up in Escrow Fees (see packet). Escrow Fees begin in June and end in March. May and April are tuition only.

* At SVK, end of season events that require bids to attend are expected. We do not ask for these additional funds at the end of the season. Those fees are already included in the Escrow Fees, in order to make it easier on our families.

* The Stars Vipers Katy coaching staff is made up of a variety of backgrounds and expertise. All staff were prior athletes and many were athletes under Owen & Denise's coaching. Because of this, the love, passion and success they have achieved as athletes, is what they now pass on to today's Stars Vipers cheerleaders.

Elite Team Tryouts

NEW THIS YEAR!

RETURNING ELITE ATHLETES & FLYERS STAYING ON THE SAME LEVEL

Evaluations will begin May 9th - 12th. RETURNING ATHLETES wishing to stay on the same ELITE level as the previous year DO NOT need to go through the May 9th - 12th evaluations. In lieu of attending level evaluations, you may attend Open Gym May 9th - 11th from 7:00pm-9:00pm.

Tryout registration still applies.
Athletes must register online before attending open gyms.

RETURNING FLYERS wishing to stay on the same ELITE level as the previous year, DO NOT need to go through the flyers evaluations on May 8th. Athletes must still be registered for tryouts.

See next page for registration process.

RETURNING ELITE ATHLETES & FLYERS TRYING OUT FOR A NEW ELITE LEVEL.
RETURNING PREP ATHLETES & FLYERS TRYING OUT FOR ELITE.
RETURNING NOVICE ATHLETES & FLYERS TRYING OUT FOR PREP OR ELITE.

RETURNING ATHLETES OR ATHLETES ON PREP / NOVICE DURING THE PREVIOUS SEASON who are wishing to tryout for a new ELITE level MUST go through one day of evaluations during the week of May 9th - 12th, between the hours of 5:30pm - 8:30pm. You may pick the day and time during that week that best fits in your schedule.
Evaluations are expected to last between 30 and 60 minutes.

RETURNING FLYERS OR FLYERS ON PREP / NOVICE DURING THE PREVIOUS SEASON who are wishing to tryout for a new ELITE level MUST go through evaluations on May 8th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Flyers are required to attend the entire two hour evaluation. Flyers must also attend one day of evaluations between May 9th - 12th, during the hours of 5:30pm - 8:30pm. See above.
See next page for registration process.

Athletes must register online before their evaluations.

NEW ATHLETES

NEW ATHLETES are required to attend one day of evaluations during the week of May 9th - 12th between the hours of 5:30pm - 8:30pm. You may pick the day and time during that week that best fits in your schedule.
Evaluations are expected to last between 30 and 60 minutes.

NEW FLYERS are required to attend flyer evaluations on May 8th. Flyers are required to attend the entire evaluation from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Flyers must also attend one day of evaluations May 9th - 12th during the hours of 5:30pm - 8:30pm. See above.
See next page for registration process.

Athletes must register online before evaluations.

ELITE TEAM TRYOUTS

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVALUATIONS / TRYOUTS.

Part 1

Current athletes who are NOT trying out for another level or position may move to part 2.

Elite Flyer Evaluations

New athletes or SVK Flyers trying out for a new level or postition.

In order to progress to flying on a stunt group during evaluations, flyers must show flexibility and stability on the ground. See prior page for details.

May 8, 2023	7:00pm-9:00pm

Flyers must attend the entire two hour evaluation.

Elite Team Evaluations

New athletes or SVK athletes trying out for a new level or position.

Choose a day from below.
Athletes may arrive at any time between 5:30pm - 8:30pm.
Evaluations are expected to last between 30 to 60 minutes. Athletes will know after the evaluation which group level tryout to attend. Athletes need only to attend one of these days. See prior page for details.

May 9, 2023	5:30-8:30
May 10, 2023	5:30-8:30
May 11, 2023	5:30-8:30
May 12, 2023	5:30-8:30

Part 2

Elite Team TRYOUTS

All Athletes

MAY 15, 2023 - JUNE 1, 2023

All athletes will attend tryout groups. These groups will focus on the stunting portion of tryouts as well as focusing on TEAM tumbling. The staff will be continuously evaluating athletes on different groups and levels to ensure proper placement of all athletes and teams.

MONDAY 6:45-8:45	SUNDAY 3:00-5:00	LEVEL 1 PREP / ELITE
TUESDAY 7:00-9:00	SUNDAY 1:00-3:00	LEVEL 2
WEDNESDAY 7:00-9:00	SUNDAY 7:00-9:00	LEVEL 4/5/6
THURSDAY 7:00-9:00	SUNDAY 5:00-7:00	LEVEL 3

Times are subject to change.

TEAM PLACEMENT

Communication about team placements will begin June 3rd. Please know that team placement changes up and down levels can happen throughout the season.

Team Practices will begin Sunday, June 4, 2023

• TEAM REGISTRATION
• ATTENDANCE POLICY
• COMPETITION INFO.

Registering to tryout for an ELITE team

Registration is now open for team tryouts and is a 2 step process.
Go to www.starsviperskaty.com. Click "Cheerleading."
Step 1: Complete Code of Conduct.
Step 2: Register for Elite Team Tryouts.

During tryouts coaches will look at all aspects of the team: basing, backspotting, flying, tumbling, jumps, ability to learn and adapt to choreography. Placing competitive teams is a process and we want to make sure we are building the most successful, competitive teams. Tumbling requirements, per level, are listed on the following page. In order for teams to score in the high range at competitions, athletes must be placed on teams where they have mastered each tumbling skill with refined execution. Team movement of athletes, up or down a level, can happen ALL SEASON to ensure the team is competitive and successful.

Practices / Attendance Policy

Elite Team Practices

Elite teams will practice 4 hours a week. Athletes are expected to attend all practices.

Extra Practices

EXTRA practices are sometimes necessary throughout the season. We typically schedule extra practices well in advance, and attendance is mandatory.

Stunt Group Extra Practices

Once teams learn their Elite stunt section, each stunt group will be required to come into the gym on their own time for extra stunt practices. It will be up to the parents and athletes to find a time that works with their schedules. This extra time has proven to have a positive impact on Stars Vipers Katy's stunting scores. Each stunt group will have a form to fill out when coming into the gym to work on their stunt section. The form will be turned in to the front desk once completed.

Absence Policy

Athletes are expected to attend ALL practices. We encourage participation in school cheer and will do our best to schedule team practices that do not conflict with school cheer. Missing practices for other school sports, club sports, birthday parties, school work, etc. is not permitted. Time management is important and commitment to the team during scheduled practice times has to come first. Last minute absences due to illnesses will need to be directly communicated to the coach, who will determine whether or not the athlete can miss practice. Let us know about vacation plans by emailing Denise@starsviperskaty.com. Please do not plan vacations during the competitive season unless there is a gym closure. We value your time and want to make sure all practices are productive. Email absence requests to Denise@starsviperskaty.com

Competition Attendance Policy

There are absolutely no competition absences or absences the week of a competition. Please make sure athletes arrives on time to the competition fully dressed and ready to perform.

Competition Information

The competition schedule will be available in August 2023. At Stars Vipers Katy, we anticipate attending 2 or 3 Regional (single day) events and 2 or 3 National (two day) events. Elite teams will attend out of state competitions for the 2023-2024 Nationals Season. Summit and Worlds are included in the competition schedule. Athletes on Summit and Worlds teams will attend these end of season events. Athletes attending Summit or Worlds will be required to purchase custom designed Summit or Worlds practice wear. Athletes attending Summit or Worlds will be required to arrive in Florida by 5:00pm the day before the team's competition day for practice.

Most out of town competitions are STAY TO PLAY, which means STARS VIPERS will provide a room block with the required booking company. ALL athletes are REQUIRED to stay in the STARS VIPERS room block. TRAVEL DAYS WILL ALWAYS be BEFORE the competition day and NEVER the same day of the competition. Some competitions may require a Friday arrival which means athletes will miss a day of school and parents will miss a day of work. NCA and any out of state national competitions will require a 7:00pm arrival time the day before the team competes for a team practce. Athletes are required to be at all awards ceremonies.
Most competition venues require spectators to pay parking and entry fees into the competitions. These fees vary.

TUMBLING Skills BY Level

LEVEL 1

STANDING TUMBLING:
- Back Walkover Series
- Back Walkover Switch Leg
- Front Walkover
- Valdez

RUNNING TUMBLING:
- Handstand Forward Roll, Valdez, BWO
- CW - BWO Series
- FWO - CW - BWO
- FWO - CW - BWO Switch Leg

LEVEL 2

STANDING TUMBLING:
- BWO - BHS Step Out - BWO
- BWO Switch Leg - BHS
- BHS Step Out - BWO - BHS
- Valdez - BHS

RUNNING TUMBLING:
- Bounder/Flyspring
- FWO - RO - BHS/BHS Series
- CW - BHS Step Out - BWO - BHS/BHS Series
- RO - BHS Step Out - BWO - BHS/BHS Series

LEVEL 3

STANDING TUMBLING:
- 3 BHS
- Jump - BHS - Jump - BHS
- BHS Step Out - BHS Series
- BWO - BHS - Jump - BHS Series

RUNNING TUMBLING:
- FWO - Aerial
- RO - BHS Step Out - 1/2 Turn - RO - to - Tuck
- FWO - RO - to - Tuck
- Bounder/Flyspring - RO - to - Tuck

LEVEL 4

STANDING TUMBLING:
- BHS/BHS step out - Tuck
- Jump - BHS Series - Tuck
- Jump - BHS - Tuck

RUNNING TUMBLING:
- Round off - BHS - Layout/Layout step out/X-Out
- PF step out - RO - to - Layout
- Round off - to - Whip / Tuck
- Front Handspring - PF step out – RO - to - Tuck/Whip/Layout

LEVEL 5

STANDING TUMBLING:
- BHS - Whip - Tuck
- BHS - Layout
- BHS - Whip/Tuck - to - Layout

RUNNING TUMBLING:
- Front Full
- PF step out - RO - to - Full
- Front Handspring - PF step out - RO - to - Full
- RO - to - Whip - to - Full

LEVEL 6

STANDING TUMBLING:
- BHS - Full
- 2 BHS - Full
- Standing Full
- BHS - Whip - Full
- BHS Series - Double Full

RUNNING TUMBLING:
- Front Handspring - PF - RO - to - Full
- RO - Arabian step-out - to - twisting skill
- RO - to - Double Full

Abbreviations: BWO - Back Walkover, FWO - Front Walkover, BHS - Back Handspring, RO - Round Off

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

EXPLANATION OF FEES ON NEXT PAGE

MONTH	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
MAY	TUITION	$190.00
MAY 21	PRACTICE WEAR ORDERS DUE. ORDER ON ONLINE PROSHOP	PRICE VARIES
JUNE 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
JUNE 1ST	ACTION SPIRIT CAMP DEPOSIT / MUSIC DEPOSIT	$300.00
JUNE 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
JULY 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
JULY 9TH	UNIFORM PAYMENT – NEW ATHLETES	$590.00
JULY 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
AUGUST 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
AUGUST 1ST	CHOREOGRAPHY DEPOSIT / MUSIC DEPOSIT	$300.00
AUGUST 1ST	USASF FEE – PAID THROUGH USASF.NET	$49.00
AUGUST 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
SEPTEMBER 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
SEPTEMBER 1ST	UNIFORM WARM UP JACKET (REQUIRED)	$140.00
	UNIFORM WARM UP PANTS (OPTIONAL)	$79.00
SEPTEMBER 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
OCTOBER 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
OCTOBER 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
NOVEMBER 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
NOVEMBER 1ST	COMPETITION FEE DEPOSIT	$300.00
NOVEMBER 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
DECEMBER 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
DECEMBER 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
JANUARY 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
JANUARY 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
FEBRUARY 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
FEBRUARY 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
MARCH 1ST	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
MARCH 15TH	ESCROW PAYMENT	$185.00
APRIL 1ST	TUITION	$190.00
END OF SEASON EVENT IS ADDED INTO THE ESCROW.		

EXPLANATION OF FEES

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE ESCROW FEE

MONTHLY TUITION	REMAINDER OF ACTION SPIRIT CAMP	REMAINDER OF RAY JASPER AND STAFF TEAM CHOREOGRAPHY
REMAINDER OF TEAM MUSIC	REMAINDER OF COMPETITION AND END OF SEASON FEES	COACHES FEES
PROGRAM T-SHIRT NATIONALS T-SHIRT	BOW	FUNDRAISING FEE

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN ESCROW

PRACTICE WEAR

PRACTICE WEAR SIZERS ARE AT THE FRONT DESK. PLEASE SIZE AND ORDER PRACTICE WEAR ONLINE AT WWW.STARSVIPERSKATY.COM / PROSHOP BY MAY 21, 2023

LEVELS 1-5 PRACTICE WEAR

RED AND BLACK PRACTICE WEAR SET #1

$110.00

If you have already purchased this set from the previous season, you do not need to purchase it again.

LEVELS 1-6 PRACTICE WEAR

PINK PRACTICE WEAR SET #2

$153.60

If you have already purchased this set for Summit 2023, you do not need to purchase it again.

COBRA KAI PRACTICE WEAR

COBRA KAI WILL NOT GET PRACTICE WEAR SET #1

$121.00

If you have already purchased this set from the previous season, you do not need to purchase it again.

EXPLANATION OF FEES

UNIFORMS

UNIFORM FITTING: JUNE 11TH
PAYMENT DUE: JULY 9TH

JUNIOR / SENIOR UNIFORM:
$590.00
LADY LACE SOCKS: $28.00

COBRA KAI UNIFORM: $525.00
COBRA KAI SOCKS: $28.00

WARM UP JACKET: REQUIRED
$140.00
You may have already purchased the Windbreaker Jacket in 2021.

WARM UP LEGGINGS: OPTIONAL
$79.00

Athletes will only be allowed to wear their uniform and warm-ups to competitions. No other attire will be allowed. Competition uniforms are custom designed and can take up to 12 weeks for delivery. These uniforms are custom made, not custom fit. Athletes may need alterations to ensure their uniform fits properly.

USASF Fee - $49.00 paid through USASF.NET on August 1st.

FUNDRAISING

We pride ourselves in having one of the strongest fundraising programs around. We will run 4 fundraisers for the 2023-2024 season to help offset the cost of competitive cheer. 100% of what your athlete raises goes to your athlete's cost during the season. We have coordinated fundraising events for the following months.

Sponsorship Program: If you know a business that would like to sponsor an athlete, please see the front desk for the business sponsorship form.

STARS VIPERS DOES NOT ALLOW PERSONAL / INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS. WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS, BUT WE WILL ONLY ALLOW APPROVED FUNDRAISERS TO BE USED TO OFFSET COSTS FOR OUR PROGRAM.

June - Raffle Fundraiser
September - Tamale Fundraiser
January - Superbowl Squares
March - Summit / World Donation

Months are subject to change.

IMPORTANT DATES

GYM CLOSURE FOR TEAMS

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH THRU MONDAY, MAY 29TH	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
SATURDAY, JULY 1ST THRU SATURDAY, JULY 8TH	SUMMER BREAK. TEAMS HAVE A MANDATORY PRACTICE JULY 9TH.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND THRU MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH	LABOR DAY WEEKEND
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH THRU SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH	THANKSGIVING THERE WILL BE REGULAR SCHEDULED SV CLASSES (NOT TEAMS) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST. TEAMS WILL HAVE PRACTICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH THRU MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST	CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS TEAMS WILL START BACK TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND
MONDAY, MARCH 11TH THRU FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH	SPRING BREAK WE MAY HAVE A COMPETITION MARCH 9TH - 10TH. IF WE DO, MARCH 8TH WILL BE A TRAVEL DAY TO THE EVENT. IF WE DO NOT, WE WILL NOT HAVE PRACTICE SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH
FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH THRU SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST	EASTER HOLIDAY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DATE		LOCATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH	VIPER STUNT CAMP ELITE TEAMS	STARS VIPERS KATY
SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH 1:00-7:00 PAYMENT DUE ON JULY 9TH.	UNIFORM FITTING. PLEASE SEE UNIFORM REP BEFORE OR AFTER PRACTICE.	STARS VIPERS KATY
TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH	ACTION SPIRIT CAMP ELITE TEAMS. MANDATORY FOR ELITE TEAMS.	STARS VIPERS KATY
JULY 11TH - 15TH	RAY JASPER CHOREOGRAPHY (RAY)(TEAMS TBD) ELITE TEAMS	STARS VIPERS KATY
JULY 12TH - 16TH	RAY JASPER CHOREOGRAPHY (TED)(TEAMS TBD) ELITE TEAMS	STARS VIPERS KATY
JULY 28TH - 29TH	CHOREOGRAPHY - TBA	STARS VIPERS KATY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH 1:00-7:00 PAYMENT DUE SEPT. 1ST	WARM-UP JACKET (REQUIRED) AND PANTS (OPTIONAL) FITTING. PLEASE SIZE BEFORE OR AFTER PRACTICE.	STARS VIPERS KATY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH	STARS VIPERS SHOW OFF	LILA COCKRELL THEATRE SAN ANTONIO
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH	CENTERSTAGE PHOTOS - MANDATORY FOR ALL TEAMS. ELITE, PREP, NOVICE AND SHOWTEAM	STARS VIPERS KATY

Dates are subject to change.
Extra practices will be added to the calendar at a later date.

VIPER STUNT CAMP
ACTION SPIRIT CAMP

Our Elite teams are required to attend the exclusive Action Spirit Camp with Ray Jasper and his team of incredible instructors from around the world! This camp sets STARS VIPERS apart from the rest! At Action Spirit Camp, our athletes perfect stunting, learn their team's one-of-a-kind elite stunt section, are drilled on the perfection of performance and learn the importance of teamwork. Most of all, they create memories that last a lifetime!

SV Stunt Camp June 24-25
Action Spirit Camp June 27-28

STARS VIPERS LOGO USAGE AND GUIDELINES

Guidelines for the usage of Stars Vipers logo(s) have been established to help achieve the consistent visual branding identity. It is only through consistent and correct usage of our logos that we can strengthen and protect our trademarks.

Stars Vipers Name and Logo Usage

All Stars Vipers logos (s) name, team names, music lyrics and brands are protected and trademarked. All spirit wear items are to be purchased through our approved vendor. Bows, T-shirts, bags, blankets etc. with an identifiable Stars Vipers icon or any form of the gym name (abbreviations included) not purchased through our vendor is not permitted. Anyone who attempts to independently sell or give away items with the Stars Vipers logos or imitation logos will be in violation of our policy. If you have any questions please contact Denise Cox at Denise@starsviperskaty.com

Spirit Gifts

All Spirit gifts must be purchased from an approved vendor. Parents are not to be solicited for money by others to purchase gifts. If a parent or group of parents willingly offer to donate the gift to all members of the team, they will be financially responsible and must go through an approved vendor. Please see Denise Cox for a list of approved vendors to purchase spirit gifts from. Stars Vipers has worked hard to establish a unique brand. Please respect this rule before using the logo, name or team names on any spirit item.