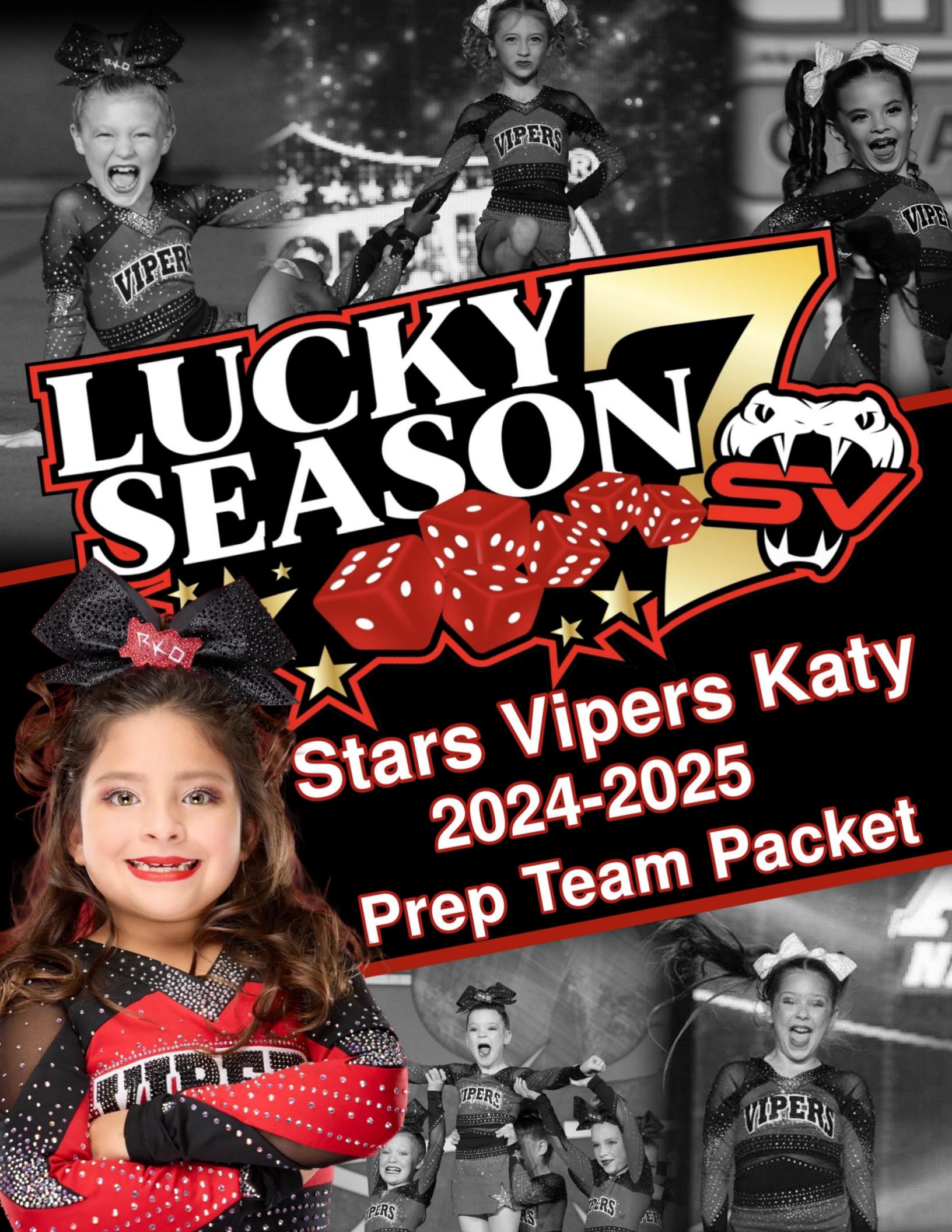


LUCKY SEASON 7

Stars Vipers Katy
2024-2025
Prep Team Packet





WELCOME TO STARS VIPERS KATY

Season #7

Welcome to Stars Vipers Katy! As we embark on our 7th season at SVK for 2024-2025, we extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to be a part of our family. To our returning athletes, THANK YOU for your continued loyalty and dedication. To our new athletes, WELCOME to the Viper family! We're delighted to have you on board and look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Stars Vipers Katy is known for its achievements, attained through hard work in creating strong teams with dedicated athletes. SVK excels at fostering confident athletes in a supportive environment. Teamwork and sportsmanship are among the life lessons that SVK aims to instill in its athletes. From high-fives to positive circles at the conclusion of each practice, we are committed to uplifting every athlete.

At Stars Vipers Katy, our priority is to create competitive teams while also providing a nurturing environment. Our dedicated staff offers structured training tailored to individual abilities, recognizing that not all athletes can be trained the same way. We aim to educate, nurture, and empower athletes to reach their full potential through the values instilled in our team environment. Thank you for choosing Stars Vipers Katy! We are excited for another season filled with growth, success, and fun!

Why Choose Stars Vipers Katy?

*At Stars Vipers Katy, we prioritize top-tier choreography for our Prep teams, working with renowned choreographers to create exceptional routines that enhance the athlete's experience. *

*SVK brings in choreographers throughout the season for routine upgrades, ensuring that our teams are constantly evolving and improving.

*Our athlete's are supplied with 2 shirts throughout the season. Each athlete receives a T-shirt or Tank at the beginning of the year and another for Nationals season. These personalized touches demonstrate our commitment to our athlete's experience and success throughout the season.

* Our payment process involves breaking down fees into bi-monthly installments known as Escrow Fees. These payments are spread out over 12 months to assist with managing costs effectively. Please refer to the information packet for details regarding Escrow Fees and the payment schedule. If you have any further questions or need more assistance, feel free to ask.

*US Finals - At SVK, end of season events that require bids to attend are expected. .

We do not ask for these additional fees at the end of the season. These fees are already included in the Escrow.

*The Stars Vipers Katy coaching staff is composed of individuals with various backgrounds and expertise. All staff members were former athletes, and many of them were athletes who were coached by Owen and Denise. As a result of their experiences as athletes, they are able to pass on their love, passion, and success to the current Stars Vipers cheerleaders.



PREP Team Tryouts

See next page for dates and details.

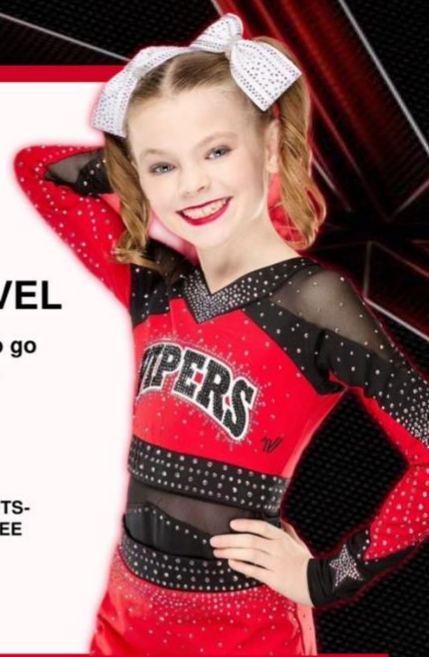
CURRENT SVK ATHLETES REMAINING ON SAME ELITE LEVEL

CURRENT SVK ATHLETES wishing to remain on the same PREP level as the current year DO NOT need to go through TUMBLING evaluations. Athletes will attend tryout groups to determine final team placement.

Follow these steps!

- 1** *REGISTER YOUR ATHLETE ONLINE FOR "ALL-STAR COMPETITIVE TEAMS".
- 2** *ATTEND OPEN GYMS MAY 7TH AND / OR MAY 8TH 6:30-8:30 (OPTIONAL) MUST REGISTER BEFORE ATTENDING.
- 3** *ATTEND PART 2 OF TRYOUTS-LEVEL TRYOUT GROUPS. (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS)

Athletes must register online before attending open gyms and tryout groups.



CURRENT SVK ATHLETES TRYING OUT FOR NEW LEVEL

CURRENT SVK ATHLETES wishing to level up from novice to prep or prep to elite, must go through one day of tumbling evaluations.

Follow these steps!

- 1** *REGISTER YOUR ATHLETE ONLINE FOR "ALL-STAR COMPETITIVE TEAMS".
- 2** *ATTEND PART 1 OF TRYOUTS - TUMBLING EVALUATIONS. EVALUATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST BETWEEN 30 AND 60 MINUTES. (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS.)
- 3** *ATTEND PART 2 OF TRYOUTS-LEVEL TRYOUT GROUPS. (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS)

Athletes must register online before attending open gyms.

CURRENT SVK FLYERS

CURRENT SVK FLYERS do not need to go through Flyer evaluations. Athletes will attend tryout groups to determine final team placement.

Athletes must register online before attending open gyms and tryout groups.

NEW FLYERS

New athletes to SVK and CURRENT ATHLETES that did not hold a flying position at SVK will need to attend Flyer Evaluations.

Follow these steps!

- 1** *REGISTER YOUR ATHLETE ONLINE FOR "ALL-STAR COMPETITIVE TEAMS".
- 2** *ATTEND FLYER TRYOUTS. (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS)
- 3** *ATTEND PART 1 OF TRYOUT - TUMBLING EVALUATIONS - ONLY IF TRYING OUT FOR A NEW LEVEL. (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS). IF NOT, SKIP TO #4
- 4** *ATTEND PART 2 OF TRYOUTS-LEVEL TRYOUT GROUPS. (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS)

Athletes must register online before attending open gyms and tryout groups.

NEW ATHLETES

NEW ATHLETES to SVK are required to attend part 1 and part 2 of tryouts.

Follow these steps!

- 1** *REGISTER YOUR ATHLETE ONLINE FOR "ALL-STAR COMPETITIVE TEAMS".
- 2** *ATTEND PART 1 OF TRYOUT - TUMBLING EVALUATIONS (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS).
- 3** *ATTEND PART 2 OF TRYOUTS-LEVEL TRYOUT GROUPS. (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS)

Athletes must register online before evaluations.



REGISTERING TO TRYOUT FOR A PREP 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 in this packet. 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.

PREP TEAM TRYOUT

Dates and Details



Part 1

PREP FLYER EVALUATIONS

Current SVK Flyers may move to part 2.

New athletes or SVK athletes that do not currently hold a flying position at Stars Vipers Katy will participate in part 1 and part 2 of tryouts.

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

Choose one day.

May 9, 2024 5:30-7:00

Or

May 13, 2024 5:30-7:00

Flyers must attend the entire 1 1/2 hour evaluation.

PREP TUMBLING EVALUATIONS

NEW ATHLETES

Choose ONE day from below.

Athletes may arrive at any time during the times listed.

Evaluations are expected to last between 30 to 60 minutes. Athletes will know after the evaluation which level group tryout to attend.

Thursday, May 9, 2024 7:00-9:00

Friday, May 10, 2024 5:00-8:00

Monday, May 13, 2024 7:00-9:00

Part 2

PREP TEAM TRYOUTS

ALL ATHLETES

MAY 13, 2024 - MAY 30, 2024

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.

THURSDAY 5:30-7:30	SUNDAY 5:00-7:00	LEVEL 1 PREP
TUESDAY 5:30-7:30	SUNDAY 1:00-3:00	LEVEL 1 ELITE
TUESDAY 7:00-9:00	SUNDAY 5:00-7:00	LEVEL 3
WEDNESDAY 7:00-9:00	SUNDAY 7:00-9:00	LEVEL 4/5/6
THURSDAY 7:00-9:00	SUNDAY 3:00-5:00	LEVEL 2

Times are subject to change.

TEAM PLACEMENT

Communication about team placements will begin June 1st. Please know that team placement changes, up and down levels, can happen throughout the season.

Team Practices will begin
Sunday, June 2, 2024



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PREP TEAM PRACTICES

PREP teams are required to practice for 4 hours per week, with athletes expected to attend all practices. Joining the Stars Vipers PREP program entails a year-long dedication, where athletes are expected to prioritize their participation and fully commit to attending all scheduled practices.

EXTRA PRACTICES

EXTRA practices are sometimes necessary throughout the season. We typically schedule extra practices well in advance, and attendance is mandatory. Please keep schedules flexible in the months of February, March and April due to routine upgrades with choreographers which may require additional / extended practices.

ATTENDANCE 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. 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 absence is approved. Let us know about vacation plans by emailing absences@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 absences@starsviperskaty.com

Missing practices for other school sports, club sports, birthday parties, school work, etc. is not permitted.

COMPETITION ATTENDANCE POLICY

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

COMPETITION INFORMATION

The competition schedule will be available in August 2024.

END OF SEASON EVENTS are included in the competition schedule.

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 Thursday or Friday arrival which means athletes will miss school and parents will miss work. NCA will require a 7:00pm arrival time the day before the team competes for a team practice. Most competition venues require spectators to pay parking and entry fees into the competitions. These fees vary.

Athletes are required to be at all awards ceremonies, dressed in full uniform. Cell phones are not allowed on the awards stage.

TUMBLING Skills BY Level



LEVEL 1

STANDING TUMBLING:

- Back Walkover Series
- Back Walkover Switch Leg
- Valdez
- Back Extension Roll

RUNNING TUMBLING:

- CW - BWO Series
- FWO - CW - BWO
- FWO - CW
- Handstand Forward Roll

LEVEL 2

STANDING TUMBLING:

- BWO - BHS Step Out - BWO
- BHS Step Out - BWO - BHS
- Valdez - BHS
- Back Extension Roll - BHS

RUNNING TUMBLING:

- Bounder/Flyspring
- FWO - RO - BHS/BHS Series
- CW - BHS Step Out - BWO - BHS
- RO - 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 - Tuck
- RO - BHS Step Out - 1/2 Turn - RO to Tuck
- FWO - RO to Tuck
- Bounder/Flyspring - RO to Tuck
- Front Handspring - PF

LEVEL 4

STANDING TUMBLING:

- BHS/BHS step out - Tuck
- Jump - BHS Series - Tuck
- Jump - BHS - Tuck

RUNNING TUMBLING:

- RO - BHS - Layout/Step out
- FWO- RO- to Layout
- PF step out - RO - to Layout
- RO - Whip- Tuck
- RO - to Whip - to Layout
- Front Handspring - PF - to Layout

LEVEL 5

STANDING TUMBLING:

- BHS - Whip - Tuck
- BHS - Layout
- Jump - BHS/Series - Layout
- BHS/Series - Whip/Tuck- to Layout

RUNNING TUMBLING:

- Front Full
- FWO- Ro- to Full
- PF Step out - RO- to Full
- Front Handspring - PF- to Full
- RO - to Whip- to Full
- RO - Arabian- to Layout/Full

LEVEL 6

STANDING TUMBLING:

- BHS - Full
- Standing Full
- BHS - Whip - Full
- BHS Series - Double Full

RUNNING TUMBLING:

- Front Handspring - Front Full
- Front Handspring - PF to Full/Double
- RO - Arabian- to Full/Double
- RO - Full - to Full/Double
- RO - 1 1/2 - to Full/Double
- RO - to Double Full
- RO - Whip - to Double
- PF- to Double

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

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT



The Stars Vipers Katy PREP All-Star Program is a 12-month program. Fees will begin upon tryout sign up of 2024 and continue through April 2025. All families must have a credit card on file that will be charged for their escrow payments. See below for explanation of escrow fees. Escrow fees will be charged twice a month on the 1st and the 15th. In April 2025, only tuition will be charged on the 1st.

Escrow Fees

Escrow fee #1 will be charged upon sign-up.

MAY

1st of Month (upon sign up) \$199.00
15th of Month \$199.00

June-March

1st of Month \$179.00
15th of Month \$179.00

April

1st of Month Only \$210.00
(No April 15th fee)

Escrow Fees Include

- * Monthly Tuition
- * Stunt Skills Camp
- * Music Fee
- * Choreography Fee
- * Choreography upgrades
- * Program T-Shirt
- * Nationals T-Shirt
- * Food catering for Choreography
- * Competition Bow
- * Coaches Fees
- * Competition Fees
- * End of Season Event Fees

Additional Fees

May 19, 2024
June 2024
July 8, 2024
Sept. 8, 2024

Practice Wear
USASF Athlete Membership
Uniform Fitting
Warm up Jacket (New Athletes Only)

\$72.53 - \$154.80 (Varies for Returning & New Athletes)
Approx. \$49.00 (Paid directly to USASF)
Approx. \$600 + tax/shipping (pd. directly to Varsity)
\$140.00

Discounts

Sibling Discount

- \$50 off 2nd athletes tuition portion of Escrow Fees
- \$100 off 3rd athletes tuition portion of Escrow Fees

Email

Owen@starsvipers.com
to set up discount.



Military Discount

- 10% off athletes tuition portion of escrow fees
- As a veteran owned company, SVK proudly honors our veterans by offering this discount to athlete's whose parents or caregivers served in the military.

Email

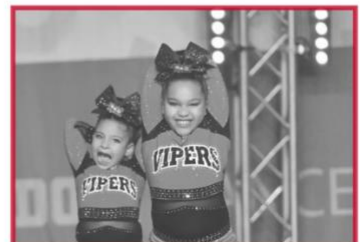
Owen@starsvipers.com
to set up discount.

Full Season Pre-pay Discount

- 10% off all escrow and deposit fees. Must paid by July 1, 2024

Email

Owen@starsvipers.com
to set up discount.





GYM CLOSURE DATES

May 25th - 27th	Memorial Day Weekend
June 29th - July 6th	Independence Day Week (Summer Break) Teams will practice Sunday, July 7th.
Aug. 31st - Sept. 2nd	Labor Day Weekend
Oct. 31st	Halloween
Nov. 24th - 30th	Thanksgiving Break There will be regular scheduled CLASSES, not teams, Monday, Nov. 25th and Tuesday, Nov. 26th. Teams will practice Sunday, December 1st.
Dec. 23rd - Jan. 4th	Christmas and New Years Teams will start back January 5th
March 9th - 15th	Spring Break PREP Teams will practice March 16th
April 18th - 20th	Easter Weekend

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The following events are MANDATORY FOR ALL PREP TEAMS. Dates are subject to change.

UNIFORM FITTING	BEFORE OR AFTER PRACTICE JUNE 16TH 12:00-7:00
VIPER PREP STUNT CAMP	JUNE 21ST
UNIFORM PAYMENT DUE	JULY 8TH ALL ELITE TEAMS
YVETTE CHOREOGRAPHY	JULY 20TH, 21ST AND 22ND JULY 26TH, 27TH AND 28TH
GREGORY CHOREOGRAPHY	JULY 23RD AND 24TH TEAMS WILL BE ASSIGNED AFTER TRYOUTS
WARM-UP FITTING JACKET (REQUIRED) AND PAYMENT	SEPT. 8TH
STARS VIPERS SHOW OFF	TBA
CENTERSTAGE PHOTOS MANDATORY FOR ALL TEAMS. (ELITE, PREP, NOVICE & SHOW)	NOVEMBER 16TH (SATURDAY) MANDATORY PICTURE DAY
BLACKOUT DATES PLEASE BE AVAILABLE FOR EXTRA PRACTICES	2 WEEKENDS BEFORE ANY COMPETITION. PLEASE BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY WEEKEND IN APRIL (EXCLUDING EASTER WEEKEND) FOR END OF SEASON EVENTS.



NEW THIS YEAR! BLACKOUT DATES

WE ARE ASKING ATHLETES TO BE AVAILABLE FOR EXTRA PRACTICES TWO WEEKENDS PRIOR TO ANY SHOW-OFF OR COMPETITION, IF NEEDED.

PLEASE KEEP SCHEDULES FLEXIBLE IN THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL DUE TO ROUTINE UPGRADES WITH CHOREOGRAPHERS.

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 logo(s), name, team names, music lyrics and brands are protected and trademarked. All spirit wear items are to be purchased through the Stars Vipers proshop or approved vendors. Any merchandise with an identifiable Stars Vipers icon, any form of the gym name (abbreviations included), team names and slogans not purchased through the proshop or our vendors 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 acquired from SVK or an authorized vendor, with special pricing available for team gifts. Any wearable item that is given to a team must be approved by SVK. This guideline excludes consumable goods, such as cakes, cookies etc. Any ideas for spirit gifts that aren't apparel, please contact Denise for approval. Parents should not be approached by others for gift-related funds. If parents or a group voluntarily choose to donate a gift to the entire team, they are financially responsible. Stars Vipers has dedicated effort to cultivate its distinct brand; therefore, please seek approval before featuring the logo, team names or team slogans on any spirit item.

