



CARLSBAD
ELITE
CHEER

2026-2027 MID-YEAR TEAM INFORMATION

WELCOME TO MID-YEAR CHEER

A shorter season. A full team experience.

We're so excited you're considering joining Carlsbad Elite Cheer for our mid-year season!

Our mid-year program helps athletes build confidence, improve technique, and create lasting friendships from November through April. Our Novice, Prep, and High School Prep teams provide a supportive and encouraging path to local showcases and competitions.

OUR CORE VALUES



FAMILY

A welcoming community where every athlete belongs.



DISCIPLINE

Building strong habits that lead to growth on and off the mat.



TEAMWORK

We rise together through support, encouragement, and a shared purpose.



CONFIDENCE

Empowering athletes to believe in themselves and take on new challenges.

CHOOSE YOUR PATH



NOVICE

AGES 5-12

- 1 practice per week
- 1 in-house showcase
- 1 local competition



PREP

AGES 8-16

- 2 practices per week
- 1 in-house showcase
- 2 local competitions



HIGH SCHOOL PREP

AGES 12-16

- 2 practices per week
 - 1 in-house showcase
 - 2 local competitions
- For select higher skill levels.*



EVALUATION SIGN-UPS OPEN OCTOBER 1



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

TEAMS & PLACEMENT

Athletes are placed by age, readiness, skills, and roster needs. Every pathway emphasizes safe progression, teamwork, and an enjoyable team experience.



NOVICE

AGES 5-12

- One practice each week on Tuesday or Thursday.
- Includes one in-house showcase.
- Includes one local competition.



PREP

AGES 8-16

- Two practices each week on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Includes one in-house showcase.
- Includes two local competitions.



HS PREP

AGES 12-16

- A separate teen team with two practices each week on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Includes one in-house showcase.
- Includes two local competitions.
- For select higher skill levels.



TUESDAYS + THURSDAYS

All practices fall between 4:30 and 7:30 PM. Exact times and the team's practice day(s) are shared with placement.

COMPARISON	NOVICE	PREP	HS PREP
 AGES	5-12	8-16	12-16
 PRACTICES PER WEEK	1 (Tue or Thu)	2 (Tue & Thu)	2 (Tue & Thu)
 SHOWCASES	1 (in-house)	1 (in-house)	1 (in-house)
 COMPETITIONS	1 (local)	2 (local)	2 (local)
 IDEAL ATHLETE	Newer to all-star cheer	Building skills and experience	Higher-skill teen athletes

Team placements in regards to age groups are based on skill set, team dynamic, and fit. The age ranges are broad, and there may be multiple teams based on age groupings, skill set, and level. Team levels will be determined after evaluations and could include Level 1, 2, 3, 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.2, and more.



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2026-2027 TEAM INFORMATION PACKET

TEAM EVALUATIONS: COST & DATES



ONE-TIME EVALUATION FEE: \$60

Our one-time \$60 evaluation fee covers your selected evaluation time slot. Evaluations are also a chance to explore our gym, meet our staff, and hear more about our Mid-Year Cheer program.



EVALUATIONS SCHEDULE

- **October 1st:**
Evaluation Sign-Ups Open.
- **October 20th:**
Parent Info Meeting / Q&A Open Hour & Meet Your Coaches, 7:00–8:00 PM during Open Gym. Bring your kids to Open Gym while you get your questions answered about our Mid-Year Teams.
- **October 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th:**
Team Evaluations.
- **October 26th:**
Team Announcements.
- **October 30th:**
Team Commitment Contract Due & Athlete Contract Due.
- **November 1st:**
1st Team Payment Due & Uniform Fee Due.
- **November 3rd & 5th:**
First Team Practices.



PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Sign up for a one-hour evaluation slot via our Class registration portal
- ☐ Complete any electronic waivers
- ☐ Wear athletic practice attire
- ☐ Bring water



WHAT TO EXPECT

- ★ Athletes will spend one-on-one and group time with coaches while being evaluated.
- ★ Athletes will be evaluated on tumbling, jumps, stunts, flexibility, motions, overall readiness, and coachability.
- ★ Team placements will be based on age, skill level, readiness, coachability, team dynamic, and fit.
- ★ Evaluations are meant to help determine the best fit for each athlete and let them shine in a supportive environment.

THE EVALUATION FLOW



SELECTED
TIME SLOT



TEAM
EVALUATIONS



TEAMS
ANNOUNCED



CONTRACT &
1ST PAYMENT DUE



SEASON
BEGINS



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COSTS & PAYMENT PARENT PRICING PLAN

Choose the standard monthly plan or the upfront tuition option. Final pricing is based on team placement.

	EVALUATION FEE \$60		STANDARD MONTHLY PLAN Starting at \$225/month		UPFRONT TUITION OPTION Starting at \$750
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	NOVICE TEAM	PREP TEAM	HIGH SCHOOL PREP TEAM
 Evaluation Fee	\$60	\$60	\$60
 Uniform Fee	\$250	\$250	\$250
 Standard Monthly Plan	\$225/month (6 monthly payments • Nov–Apr)	\$332/month (6 monthly payments • Nov–Apr)	\$332/month (6 monthly payments • Nov–Apr)
 Upfront Tuition Option	\$750 upfront + reduced monthly payments \$100/month • Nov–Apr	\$1,000 upfront + reduced monthly payments \$165/month • Nov–Apr	\$1,000 upfront + reduced monthly payments \$165/month • Nov–Apr
 Total Standard Plan	\$1,660	\$2,302	\$2,302



PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1	November 1	—	Uniform Fee + 1st Monthly Payment Due
2	December 1	—	2nd Monthly Payment Due
3	January 1	—	3rd Monthly Payment Due
4	February 1	—	4th Monthly Payment Due
5	March 1	—	5th Monthly Payment Due
6	April 1	—	6th Monthly Payment Due

For families selecting the upfront tuition option, the upfront fee is also due November 1.

The upfront tuition option is not a pay-in-full option. For Prep teams, it reduces the monthly program fee to \$195.

Final pricing is based on team placement.



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SAVE THESE DATES

SEASON CALENDAR

This calendar includes training breaks, key performances, and possible competition weekends. Final competition assignments are shared after team placements.



NOV 3 + 5

First Team Practices

ALL TEAMS



NOV/DEC

Routine Choreography

(Dates TBD based on team placement)

ALL TEAMS



NOV 25-29

Thanksgiving Break

ALL TEAMS



DEC 21 - JAN 3

Winter Break

ALL TEAMS



JAN 30

**In-House Showcase /
Friends & Family Showcase**

ALL TEAMS



FEB 6

Potential San Diego Competition

PLACEMENTS TBD



MAR 20

Potential San Diego Competition

PLACEMENTS TBD



APR 5-9

Spring Break

ALL TEAMS



END OF APRIL

End-of-Season Banquet for Each Team

ALL TEAMS



Novice attends one in-house showcase and one local competition. Prep and High School Prep attend one in-house showcase and two local competitions. Final competition assignments are determined after team placements.



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BEFORE YOU COMMIT

Gear, Policies & Next Steps

REQUIRED GEAR



UNIFORM

Bodysuit, skirt, socks & bow.
Uniform fee is due November 1:
\$250 all teams.



PRACTICE WEAR + SHOES

Practice wear is a separate fee.
Team shoes are mandatory; the gym will announce the style and parents purchase them separately.



ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Mid-Year athletes receive **15% off** other tumbling, stunting, and gym classes outside team practice.

TEAM COMMITMENTS



ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. No exceptions. Mid-year teams only practice once or twice per week, so athletes are required to be there. Attendance is essential for routine training, team progress, and athlete success.



PAYMENT

Gym and team fees are due on the 1st of each month. If a charge is unpaid after the 5th, a **\$25 late fee** is added for each additional day overdue.



WITHDRAWAL

All paid fees are non-refundable upon withdrawal. Outstanding uniform balances must be paid in full; once paid, the athlete may keep the uniform. Written notice is required. Remaining program fees follow the Team Commitment Contract. Customized or ordered items are non-refundable once purchased or produced.

GOOD TO KNOW



Practice wear is a separate fee. Backpacks, warm-ups, extra practice shirts, and parent or athlete merchandise are optional and sold separately. Families review the Team Commitment Contract and Athlete Contract for complete participation, safety, and conduct terms.



SIGN UP OCT 1 • PARENT Q&A OCT 20 • EVALUATIONS OCT 22-25



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WHY MID-YEAR?

A GREAT PATH INTO ALL-STAR CHEER

Our mid-year program is a lower-commitment opportunity designed for athletes who want to build confidence, sharpen fundamentals, gain team experience, and compete locally in a supportive environment.



WHO IT'S FOR

- Ages 5-16 (team-specific age ranges)
- Athletes new to all-star cheer or looking for additional experience
- Athletes building confidence and foundational skills
- Families seeking a fun and affordable competitive cheer option



PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

- Season runs November through April
- 1-2 practices per week depending on team
- Team-specific competition schedule:
 - Novice: 1 in-house showcase + 1 competition
 - Prep & High School Prep: 1 in-house showcase + 2 competitions
- Focus on skill-building, teamwork, performance, and routine learning.

WHY FAMILIES LOVE MID-YEAR



LOWER COMMITMENT

A shorter season that fits busy family schedules.



LOWER COST

A more affordable way to experience all-star cheer.



LOCAL COMPETITIONS

Compete close to home in a fun, supportive environment.



GREAT INTRODUCTION

The perfect next step into all-star cheer or a way to keep cheering during the school year.

WHAT TO EXPECT

1

EVALUATIONS
IN OCTOBER

2

TEAM
PLACEMENTS
IN OCTOBER

3

PRACTICES BEGIN
IN NOVEMBER

4

SHOWCASE &
COMPETITIONS
NOVEMBER
THROUGH APRIL



Team placements are based on age groupings, skill set, level, team dynamic, and fit. Multiple teams may be formed within broad age ranges.



Be the first to access our Team Info Packet and Evaluation Sign-Ups by joining the Mid-Year Interest List at carlsbadelitecheer.com or the link in our bio.

We can't wait to welcome your athlete to the Carlsbad Elite Cheer family.