

Cheer/Mascot Constitution



Bandera High School

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Purpose

The purpose of Bandera High School Cheerleaders and Mascots is to create, promote, and uplift school spirit. Cheerleaders and Mascots promote leadership, sportsmanship, and self-discipline. Cheerleaders and Mascots maintain high academic standards and good citizenship as a model for others. Cheerleaders and Mascots plan and initiate activities which will promote student body and community support through involvement in the promotion of athletic events and other school activities.

Goal

The goal of this document is to develop a set of standard expectations and guidelines for the Bandera High School Cheerleading Organization. These expectations and guidelines focus on admission requirements, membership requirements, consequences for both positive and negative behavior, attendance requirements, performance and practice requirements including tryout procedures and related miscellaneous policies.

Structure of the Teams

The Bandera High School Cheer and Mascot program consists of three (3) squads: Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshmen. There will be one (1) mascot for the Junior Varsity team and one (1) mascot for the Varsity team.

Members of each squad report to their respective coach, including requests for absence from events or practices, and eligibility check sheets.

Varsity

The Varsity Cheer Team consists of no more than ten (10) cheerleaders and one (1) mascot. At tryouts, the ten highest cheerleader scores of **juniors and seniors** will be placed on the **Varsity** Cheer Team. At tryouts, the highest mascot score of a junior or senior will be the **Varsity Mascot**.

Junior Varsity

The Junior Varsity Cheer Team consists of no more than ten (10) cheerleaders and one (1) mascot. At tryouts, after the Varsity Cheerleader positions have been filled, the next ten highest cheerleader scores of **sophomores and juniors** will be placed on the **Junior Varsity** Cheer Team. At tryouts, after the Varsity Mascot position has been filled, the next highest mascot score of a sophomore or junior will be the **Junior Varsity Mascot**.

Freshmen

The Freshmen Cheer Team consists of no more than ten (10) cheerleaders. At tryouts, the highest cheerleader scores of **freshmen only** will be placed on the Freshman Cheer Team.

Squad Vacancies

If a candidate is selected by tryouts but chooses to withdraw, they must notify the cheer coach the day before the day of uniform fitting. That student may **not** tryout next year **if** they have withdrawn **after tryouts unless they are withdrawing to another school district, or have extenuating circumstances as deemed by the coach.**

In the event of a vacancy immediately after tryouts, on the Varsity squad, the coach **may**, but is not required to, move the next highest scoring **junior** from tryouts up from the Junior Varsity squad to the Varsity squad.

If, due to ineligibility or other factors, there are too few cheerleaders on either the Junior Varsity or Freshmen squad, these squads may be combined by the choice of the sponsor to form one squad at cheering events.

In the event of a mascot vacancy, **the coach may choose to move up the Junior Varsity mascot, or have a new set of tryouts to fill the vacancy. A temporary mascot may be appointed at the coach's discretion if either mascot is unable or not willing to mascot at a particular event. It is essential that a mascot be present at each event. The mascot suit must be provided at the sponsor's request.**

Expectations of Bandera High School Cheerleaders and Mascots

1. A Cheerleader is considered a leader of the student body 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Certain responsibilities accompany any position of leadership. Cheerleaders are subject to the jurisdiction of the Bandera ISD Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct in addition to the BHS Cheer/Mascot Constitution.
2. All Cheerleaders/Mascots are required to attend, cheer, and/or support all scheduled events, from May to March.
3. **Cheerleaders or mascots that are absent from events or practice without notifying the coach in writing before the event will accrue demerits. Missing more than 3 events or 6 practices will result in removal from the squad. The cheerleader or mascot must fill out an "absence from leave" form even if ill, or attending another extracurricular or co-curricular event.**
4. Cheerleaders and Mascots are expected to participate for the entire year, with "year" defined as the time between tryouts.
5. Cheerleaders/Mascots are expected to set a good example. They must have and must continue to display the following characteristics:
 - a. Honesty and Truthfulness
 - b. High Moral Standards
 - c. Positive School Spirit
 - d. Good Sportsmanship
 - e. Positive Attitude toward all BISD programs, teams, clubs, and squads, etc.
 - f. Excellence in Academics
 - g. A Willingness to Serve the Community
6. Cheerleaders/Mascots **must** participate in and give freely of their time for all scheduled activities. This includes, but is not limited to all fundraisers, summer camps, summer practices, community service, school practices,

games, and other scheduled events. Any candidate that cannot make this commitment should reconsider trying out for the BHS Cheer Squad.

7. Cheerleaders/Mascots must be cooperative with teachers, administrators, sponsors, coaches, other students, other adults, and fellow cheerleaders/mascots. Cheerleaders/Mascots must promote and maintain good relationships with other school organizations and the student body.
8. Cheerleaders /Mascots should present themselves appropriately when expressing or depicting themselves with text or photographs on the internet, cell phone, or other digital means, especially with regard to the Expectations for Cheerleaders and Mascots. It is highly recommended that all cheerleaders and mascots carefully monitor their postings, or their friends' postings, in any internet or social networking sites.

Academic Expectations of BHS Cheerleaders and Mascots

- a. Weekly pass/fail check sheets may be required. If required by the coach, Check Sheets must be turned into the coach every **grade report period** before 4:00 pm.
 - b. If a cheerleader/mascot has a "fail" on a grade check sheet, they will receive two (2) demerits for each "fail."
 - c. If a cheerleader/mascot has a negative behavioral comment on a grade check sheet, or receives a report by email from a teacher of improper conduct by a cheerleader/mascot, they will receive two (2) demerits for each negative comment (on a per-teacher basis).
 - d. Until a cheerleader/mascot turns in a check sheet, progress report, or report card, they cannot cheer at that week's game or other events.
 - e. Incompletes are considered failing grades until a grade change is recorded by the teacher in the registrar's office. It is the cheerleader/mascot's responsibility to check on incompletes with their teacher(s) to insure that a grade is registered.
2. It is the Cheerleaders'/Mascots' responsibility to show his/her progress report or report card to the coach at the end of each three and six-week grading period.
 3. In accordance with the BISD Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct, a cheerleader/mascot failing a course will be ineligible for the following three weeks (until eligibility is restored by a progress report reflecting all passing grades). During that time, the member will attend and participate in all scheduled practices, but may not participate in any scheduled event, including pep rallies and games.
 4. A cheerleader/mascot must have passed all subjects in the final six-week period of the prior school year to be eligible to cheer during the first six-weeks of the current school year.
 5. If a cheerleader/mascot is ineligible due to failing grades for any two, (but not necessarily consecutive) six weeks grading periods, he/she will be removed from the team.

Attendance Expectations

1. Cheerleaders/Mascots are expected to have at least 95% school attendance. If attendance drops below 95%, the cheerleader/mascot must raise the attendance or they cannot participate in games or scheduled events. For attendance purposes, extracurricular and medical absences will not be counted.
2. Cheerleaders/Mascots may not have any unexcused school absences. Two demerits for each unexcused absence (up to 2 demerits daily) will be awarded. If a cheerleader accumulates more than 5 unexcused absences, they will be dismissed from the team.
3. Cheerleaders/Mascots are expected to be to class on time, every period, and every day.

4. If a cheerleader or mascot is absent for any **part of the day** on the day of an event, including games, they may not participate. The only exceptions will be funerals, documented doctor's appointments, extracurricular activities, or co-curricular activities. Please plan your absences carefully.
5. Cheerleaders/Mascots must notify the coach prior to an absence from any scheduled practice or event, and a parent note must be turned into the coach upon return. A parent note does not necessarily excuse the student from the event; demerits may still be awarded by the coach.
6. Work and school work, are **not** excused absences with respect to scheduled practices and events. All other practice and event absences will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Coach with regard to excused or unexcused.
7. Captains and co-captains are expected to be at all scheduled events, regardless of other extracurricular commitments.
8. One or more unexcused absences from practice **or school** will result in a one game suspension for each absence.

Practice Expectations

1. The practice/event calendar will be distributed after tryouts (for summer) and at the beginning of each 6-week period. Practices and events on the calendar may be subject to change; Cheerleaders are expected to maintain their personal calendar or check the online Cheer calendar for changes.
2. Scheduled practices and events are mandatory, and no cheerleader or mascot may leave practice until the coach calls the session as ended. All practices are closed to the public, including parents.
3. Cheerleaders/Mascots must be appropriately dressed for all practices – Captains and Co-Captains will determine the practice-clothes schedule, **after approval by the Coach**. The schedule for practice-clothes will be on the practice and events calendar.
4. No Jewelry, gum, or food is allowed in practice **or events**.
5. Cheerleaders/Mascots late to practice will receive demerits.
6. All team members are responsible for clean-up after all practices, and no one leaves practice until all supplies are returned to the cheer closet, including brushes and paint.
7. Practice cannot begin until the coach is present. Tumbling and stunting are never allowed without the coach present.
8. The coach will determine the placement of cheerleaders for stunt groups.

Event Expectations

1. Arrival times for events will be posted on the calendar. Cheerleaders/Mascots are expected to arrive on time.
2. Cheerleaders/Mascots must **all** assist to help load and unload equipment, both to and from games.
3. During games, conversations with spectators are not allowed without permission of coaches.
4. Jewelry and gum is not allowed; food is allowed only during half-time. Cheerleaders and mascots may not leave the field or seating area without permission from the coach.
5. **Use of cell phones at any practice or event is not allowed except during half-time or with coach's permission.**
6. Cheerleaders/Mascots must be appropriately dressed for all events – Captains and Co-Captains determine the event clothing schedule. Cheerleaders/Mascots that are not appropriately dressed for an event will not be allowed to participate in the event and it will be considered an unexcused event absence. **This includes all parts of the uniform—hair bows, poms, socks, midriff, warm-ups, or other costume embellishments. Hair must be pulled back from the face for safety reasons.**

7. Cheerleaders/Mascots must travel to and from away games and events on school transportation provided by BISD. While extenuating circumstances may exist, this will be considered a **rare** event, which must be approved by first coach, then principal. A hand-written letter **by the parent** should be presented 1 week in advance explaining the extenuating circumstance.
8. Only Varsity cheerleaders are allowed to cheer **on the field** at Varsity games. Playoff games **or the Mini Cheer Camp 3rd quarter** may include all squads, at the discretion of the coach. Junior Varsity and Freshmen squads cheer at **their** home games only.
9. **Because there must be a mascot at every event, if neither the Varsity or JV Mascot is able to fulfill their duties, the coach may appoint a temporary mascot for that event. The mascots must provide the mascot suit to the coach at the coach's request, or be subject to suspension from the next event.**
- ~~10.~~ Any cheerleader/mascot with an outstanding cheerleading debt or fine will not be allowed to participate in scheduled events or tryouts until the fine or debt is paid.

Uniform Expectations

1. It is the responsibility of the cheerleader to alter their uniform **or purchase a new uniform** to fit appropriately in the event of a change in growth.
2. All personal items (practice clothes, etc) must be labeled with the cheerleader's/mascot's name.
3. The cheerleader/mascot uniform is a privilege – the student earns the right to wear them. No one, other than the cheerleader/mascot, may wear any part of the cheerleader/mascot clothing (including bows, practice clothing, shoes, etc) at any time, **without permission from the sponsor.**
4. The cheerleading uniform or mascot uniform may only be worn at BISD events.
5. Cheerleaders **may be asked to** wear leggings with the uniform skirt while in class, **at the discretion of the coach.**
6. **Mascots may not alter the mascot suit without permission from the coaches.**
7. Camp clothing, uniforms, props, and any other item worn or used as part of the cheer dress code will be chosen by the coach, including personalization, style, or vendor. Uniform skirt length and any other part of the uniform must be appropriate, as determined by the coach or principal.
8. Camp clothing is required for camp, and must be school appropriate.
9. Any clothing items belonging to the school district must be returned in a clean and repaired condition. **Seniors who do not turn in items belonging to the school will not be cleared for graduation ceremonies.**

Captain/Co-Captain Expectations

1. Captains for each of the three squads will be selected by the Coach.
2. Each squad will vote for individual Co-Captains. Majority vote determines the Co-Captain. In the event of a tie, the Coach will determine the Co-Captain.
3. If a Captain or Co-Captain becomes ineligible to cheer, they will be permanently removed from the Captain/Co-Captain position. The Coach will select the **permanent** replacement.
4. Captains/Co-Captains must maintain a positive attitude within the group, **promote unity** and set a good example for other cheerleaders, or they may be replaced by the coach.
5. The Varsity captains and co-captains are expected to communicate and help the Junior Varsity and Freshmen squads learn required cheers and dances. They are expected to include and foster a positive rapport with the other squads.

6. Captains/Co-Captains must be at all practices and events fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled start time to work with the Coach, regardless of other extracurricular activities. If a captain or co-captain cannot make this commitment, they should not accept this position.
7. Captains/Co - Captains are responsible for the practice/event calendar which includes practice times and dates, event times and dates, practice clothing schedule, and event clothing information, with approval from the coach.
8. Captains/Co - Captains run the agenda of practice, **after approval from the coach.**
9. Captains/Co - Captains call cheers/chants/dances at games and events.
10. Captains/Co-Captains must report all conflicts within the squad and between squads to the Coach.
11. **Captains or co-captains that fail to follow coaches' instructions may be removed from their position as captain or co-captain.**
12. Captains/Co - Captains write thank-you notes.
13. Captains/Co - Captains have other duties as determined by the Coach, including meetings to plan, budget, and delegate tasks.

Consequence/Reward System

A Cheerleader/Mascot will receive demerits when he/she fails to satisfactorily complete any responsibility. Demerits accumulate, but can be erased through a merit system. The cheerleader/mascot's merit balance will be calculated each Wednesday, in order to determine whether the cheerleader/mascot is able to participate in that week's game or other events. An accumulation of demerits result in the following consequences:

- **3 Demerits** = Parent/Coach/Cheerleader or Mascot phone call. Cheerleader/Mascot is ineligible to participate for one game; however, the Cheerleader/Mascot will attend the game. Cheerleaders will be required to dress as the rest of the team. The Coach will determine the dress for the Mascot. The Coach will determine seating assignment.
- **6 Demerits** = Parent/Coach/Cheerleader or Mascot conference. Cheerleader/Mascot is ineligible to participate for two games; however, the Cheerleader/Mascot will attend the games. Cheerleaders will be required to dress as the rest of the team. The Coach will determine the dress for the Mascot. Cheerleader will be placed on probation for three (3) weeks. Any additional demerits during probation will result in dismissal from the team.
- **9 Demerits** = Parent/Coach/Cheerleader or Mascot conference. Cheerleader/Mascot is dismissed from the team. Once a cheerleader/mascot accumulates 9 demerits, there is no opportunity to accrue merits. **A student who is removed from the team due to disciplinary reasons may not try out for cheerleader/mascot the following year.**
- **Merits** are issued as a reward for positive behavior that goes above and beyond the expected. Merits are issued on a case by case basis by the Coach. Cheerleaders/Mascots who would like to earn merits should submit their request in writing to the Coach. The following are examples of merits that could be awarded:
 - "A" Honor Roll for a six-week grading period – 2 merits
 - "A/B" Honor Roll for a six-week grading period – 1 merit
 - Individual awards from camp or other school sponsored events – 2 merits
 - Documented school or community service, with prior approval – 1 merit
 - Special assignments requested by the Coach – number of merits vary according to assignment

The following are **some examples** of infractions and their consequences; however, the coach has final determination regarding issuing merits and demerits:

- **1 Demerit**
 - Late to an event or practice
 - Not following the practice clothes schedule
 - Chewing gum
 - Wearing jewelry
 - Not assisting with clean-up, loading or unloading equipment
- **2 Demerits**
 - Public display of affection at school or in public.
 - Failing grade on a grade-check sheet.
 - Negative teacher comment on a grade-check sheet or any teacher complaint.
 - Not following **reasonable** instruction from Captain or Co-Captain.
 - School tardy
 - Not wearing leggings with the uniform skirt while in class, if instructed by the coach.
- **3 Demerits**
 - Not following instruction from the Coach.
 - Missing a practice without prior approval from the Coach.
 - Inappropriate wearing or use of the uniform.
 - Failure to wear any part of the required scheduled uniform.
 - Leaving an event without permission from the Coach.
 - Unexcused absence from a scheduled event , practice, **or school.**
 - Falling below **90%** school attendance.
 - Any discipline referral from a teacher to the Assistant Principals, including dress code violations.
 - Cell phone confiscation.
 - Arguing or disrupting a practice or event.
- **9 Demerits (Dismissal from the Team—effective after tryouts)**
 - Any citation for possession or use of tobacco, alcohol or other illegal substance use.
 - Documented presence at parties where **minors** consuming alcohol or other illegal substances are present.
 - Suspension or In School Suspension (ISS)
 - Placement in the Alternative Education Program (AEP)
 - Truancy from school **or a class period without permission from the teacher or principals.**
 - Failure to attend all days of the Cheerleading Camp held during the summer, **other than situations involving a death in the family, or student illness, at the coach's discretion.**
 - **Documented bullying of another squad member, or another student, as defined by the student code of conduct.**
 - Failure to pay the required funds necessary to begin the cheerleading year after tryouts.
 - Accumulating more than 5 unexcused school absences, **including any part of the school day.**
 - Accumulation of a 9 demerit balance.

Financial Responsibilities

BHS Cheerleaders/Mascots conduct fundraising activities to purchase pep rally materials and general spirit building items. Parents are required to offset any shortfall that may occur toward the uniform, camp clothing, and camp. School and Cheer Booster Club fundraisers are considered mandatory events. All financial obligations must be met prior to the required date set by the sponsor before the end of the school year after tryouts, or the cheerleader/mascot will be dismissed from the team. Cheerleaders/mascots will be given an opportunity to individually fundraise to offset the cost of their cheerleading uniform and camp clothing. In addition, the Cheer Booster Club will also conduct fundraising events throughout the year, and all cheerleaders/mascots are required to participate, as the Cheer Booster Club benefits all BHS Cheerleaders and Mascots. The Cheer Booster Club is open to membership by all cheerleading and mascot parents and guardians.

Letters and Letter Jackets

- Letters and Letter Jackets can only be earned by Varsity Cheerleaders/Mascots.
- A total of 30 points must be earned during the year to qualify for a letter/letter jacket.
- One point is awarded for each scheduled event (not including practices) that the Cheerleader/Mascot successfully completes, as determined by the coach.
- Letters and letter jackets will be ordered in late spring.
- **Cheerleaders or Mascots who do not complete the cheerleading or mascot year are not eligible for lettering in cheerleading or mascoting.**

Conflicting School Related Activities

While Bandera High School encourages students to participate in a myriad of activities in order for students to be well rounded, the reality is that attempting to practice with several squad members missing is detrimental to the team. It is highly recommended that cheerleaders/mascots consider carefully all activities and their ability to participate fully before accepting the position as cheerleader or mascot. If a cheerleader/mascot has a school activity that conflicts with scheduled practice or scheduled events, they need to communicate the conflicts with the Coach.

- If a cheerleader /mascot is participating in a school sport or other extra-curricular school activity, which keeps them from participating in a scheduled event or practice, the cheerleader/mascot will be required to notify their cheer coach a week before a scheduled practice or event so that arrangements can be made to adjust performances. Practice times and dates cannot be changed continually for conflicts, and cheerleaders who miss an event or practice may be required to help the squad in another task, such as painting signs, etc. Cheerleaders or mascots that do not notify their cheer coach in a timely manner may lose cheering privileges for that week.
- These expectations apply to school related functions only. Cheerleaders and mascots may not miss practice or events for personal reasons without permission from the coach.

Coach Expectations

- The Coach is expected to be fair, honest, and impartial.
- The Coach is expected to uphold the BHS Constitution in a fair, honest and impartial manner.
- The Coach is expected to make the Cheerleader/Mascot experience enriching and fun.
- The Coach is expected to attend training annually from a recognized cheerleading organization, and attend cheer camp with the squad.

- The Coach is expected to be present during practice and encourage safe cheering practices.
- The Coach is expected to communicate with Parents via email, phone or in person.
- The Coach is expected to work with the Booster clubs to promote the cheerleading program, and budget for scheduled events.

Parent Expectations

Parents/Guardians of Cheerleaders/Mascots have the privilege of being a support system for our Cheerleaders and Mascots. Without parent support, this group will not be successful. Here are the expectations that make for an excellent year:

- Parents/Guardians are expected to help their son/daughter uphold the BHS Cheerleader/Mascot Constitution, and treat all other cheerleaders/mascots and their parents with respect.
- Parents/Guardians are expected to uphold the financial obligations inherent with Cheerleaders/Mascots – including participating in and supporting fundraisers.
- Parents/Guardians are expected to communicate with the Coach when they have any problems, questions, or concerns, and read carefully all mail outs for changes in the calendar of events.
- Parents are expected to provide the coach with a current mailing address and phone number, and notify the coach of any changes.
- Parents/Guardians give permission for their son/daughter to receive medical attention in the event the parent/guardian can not be present or reached, and make the coach aware of any existing or developing medical conditions that may endanger the safety of their son/daughter or others cheering with their son/daughter. Injured cheerleaders/mascots will be given supportive duties while recovering from their injury. No cheerleader or mascot will be dismissed for injuries alone, and will still be a contributing member of the squad.
- Parents and their students are expected to submit a written request form for dismissal from the squad if their child chooses not to participate any longer.
- Most importantly, Parents/Guardians assist the Coach in making their children’s experiences enriching and fun!

Tryouts

Tryouts are closed to the public. A panel of 3 or more judges, not associated with BISD, will select cheerleaders. Judging criteria is outlined on the judges score sheets included in this packet. Judges scores are final. Individual score sheets may be reviewed in an administrator’s office by appointment and may not be removed from the school. A parent may only view the score sheet of their own student. Appointments to review score sheets will not be accepted until 10 school days after tryouts.

A student or cheerleader/mascot who has committed any of the following infractions during the **previous year** in which tryouts will occur is **not eligible** for tryouts. **“Year” is defined as the time between tryouts.**

- Has received a citation for possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal substance.
- Determined by documented evidence to have been present at any party where minors were using tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal substances . Being present at such party, even if the cheerleader or mascot themselves were not using tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal substances is sufficient for dismissal from the squad.
- Been assigned to In School Suspension (ISS), or have been suspended from school
- Been placed into the Alternative Education Program (AEP)

- Have been academically ineligible for the previous six weeks before tryouts.
- Determined to have been truant from school.
- Does not have 90% attendance, excluding medical and extracurricular absences.
- Has accumulated 5 or more unexcused absences.
- Has been dismissed from a squad the previous year for the accumulation of a 9 demerit balance.
- Has quit from the cheerleading squad, without good cause or extenuating circumstances, as deemed by the coach, after making the squad in a previous year's tryout.
- Has outstanding school fines or debts.
- The parents have not attended the mandatory Cheer/Mascot Tryout Meeting.
- Has not signed the Cheer and Mascot Contract, or if the parent has not signed the Cheer and Mascot Contract.

Important Dates and Scheduled Events

Dates May Be Subject to Change

- **Parent/Cheerleader or Mascot Tryout Meeting – MONDAY, Feb 28, 2010 in BHS LIBRARY** Attendance is mandatory for parent/guardian and potential cheerleader or mascot to be able to try out for Cheerleader or Mascot.
- **Cheerleader/Mascot Tryout Clinic is Friday, Mar 4, and Monday-Tuesday, March 7-8 from 4-5pm in the BHS Gymnasium.** In order to tryout, the students must learn the particular cheer and dance moves.
- **CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS on Wednesday, March 9, at 2pm in the BHS Gymnasium (Students will be released from 8th period for tryouts).**
- **Earliest date to make an appointment to review score sheets – Mon, Mar 21 with Mr. Bitzkie**
- **Uniform Fitting—To Be Announced**
- **NEW Cheerleader/Mascot meeting – Monday, March 21 at 5pm in Mrs. Barnet's Room 5101—THIS IS MANDATORY for parents and cheerleaders/mascots.**
- **Invoices for Camp Clothing and Uniforms go out to parents— _____**
- **Uniform Balance Due: APRIL 13, 2011 (In order to purchase uniforms)**
- ***This balance must be paid by this date or the cheerleader is dropped from the squad.***
- **Camp Clothing Balance Due: May 2, 2011 (in order to purchase camp clothing)**
- **BHS Cheer Booster Club Meeting: _____**
- **Cheerleader/Mascot Boot Camp at BHS – May 31, June 1-4, (Tue-Fri), 3:45– 5:00, meet in Room 5101**
- **Mini Cheer Camp Fundraiser! (Our Biggest Fundraiser Yet!), Saturday, August 13, 8am-12:00 noon**
- **Pre-Camp Practice @ BHS – The three days before camp**
- **NCA Summer Camp – Generally the second to last or last week in July —Date will be set by end of March**
- **Freshmen Orientation Tours—one day the week before School starts**
- **Pre-Season Practice – August 15-19, 2011 @ 4pm-5:00pm at BHS, Mon-Friday, 4-5pm BHS Competition Gymnasium**
- **Football Season runs from Aug 28-Nov 19; Playoff games can extend into December (Freshmen and JV squads cheer at home football games only)—Football schedule available in August**

- **Homecoming Bonfire** (Monday of Homecoming Week)
- **Labor Day Parade:** Sept 3, 2011 (8:00am-1:00pm)
- **Shopper's Jubilee:** First Friday in December, town of Bandera, evening
- **Basketball and Soccer Season (Nov to Feb, we cheer once a week at home games only)**
- **Memorial Day Parade:** Sat, May 28, 2011, town of Bandera, 9am-12:00 noon

During the school year, in general,

- Cheerleader/mascot practice will be 1-3 days a week after school, 4pm-5pm
- Cheerleaders/mascots will be participating in 2 school fundraisers per year.
- Cheerleader/mascot events on average, are usually 1-2 days a week. It is busiest for us in the fall, but we continue cheering until tryouts in March.

