



We are so excited that you are interested in our Competitive Rec Cheerleading Program at Valley Cheer for the 2026-2027 cheer season! Our gym is in Huntington Valley, Pa at the intersection of Pine Road & Philmont Avenue. Our core values at Valley Cheer are **family, integrity, loyalty, growth, and dedication**. Our goal here is to help each member grow as an athlete and a person, both inside and outside of our gym. We strive to be the best at inclusivity! Our coaches are all certified, and trained to nurture the person, as well as the athlete, to be committed, loyal and dedicated to every member of our gym. We take pride in our family atmosphere and have a no tolerance policy for anything less.

Valley Cheer accepts athletes between the ages of 18 months-18 years old. Athletes will be placed according to age/experience at the discretion of Valley Cheer Gym owners, Desiree & Michelle.

*****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS SOME THINGS HAVE CHANGED*****

Half Year Tot Team: “Code Red”

**Ages 18 months-3 years old will be placed on our Half Year Tot Team
(born between 1/1/2023-3/1/2025)**

- The season begins September 2026 & ends November 2026 (Exact Day & Time TBD)
- The team will practice one day a week (weekend day)
- Practices will be 55 minutes.
- The half-year tot team will not travel, making this convenient for you!
- There will be an “End of Season Showcase” in November
- Athletes will receive a T-shirt & bow or headband to wear at the “End of Season” Showcase
- Things to expect: A positive, safe, and fun environment for your toddlers to learn new skills, expend energy, take part in activity with other children, and to be a part of our Valley Cheer Family!

Price for 2026-2027 Season: \$300

- Registration is \$150 & due at time of registration.
- Balance of \$150 is due BY August 15, 2026.

Half Year Tiny Competition Team: “Mini Jags” (traditional cheer) OR “Cadets” (performance cheer)

**Ages 4 years old – 7 years old
(born between 2019-2022)**

- The season begins September 2026 & ends November/December 2026 (depending on the competition date)
- Exact Day & Time TBD
- The team will practice one day a week (could be weeknight or weekend day. This is decided after registration closes)
- Each practice will be 1.5 hours
- The half year competition team will perform as an exhibition routine at ONE competition
- They will perform at our Half Season Showcase in November
- Every athlete will receive a Valley Cheer T-shirt
- Every athlete will receive a uniform & bow to wear to competition.
- Things to expect: A positive, safe, and fun environment for your child to meet new friends, learn cheer & tumbling skills, and to be a part of our Valley Cheer Family!

Price for 2026-2027 Season:

(Price difference is due to the style of competition they will attend.)

Performance (Cadets) - \$430

- Registration is \$215 & due at time of registration.
- Balance of \$215 is due BY August 15, 2026

Traditional (Mini Jags) - \$400

- Registration is \$200 & due at time of registration.
- Balance of \$200 is due BY August 15, 2026

Full Year Youth Traditional Competition Team: "Lil' Jags" (traditional cheer, 8U)

Lil Jags do not attend try outs or evaluations.

(born between 2018-2020)

- This Competition Team requires commitment & dedication. We ask that athletes attend all practices on time.
- The season begins September 2026 and will end in January 2027!
- Exact Days & Times TBD
- The team will practice two days a week (1 weeknight and 1 weekend day/night. This is decided after registration closes)
- Each practice will be 2 hours
- This team will compete in 3-4 competitions (fairly local). All competitions are mandatory to attend.
- This team will not attend Nationals.
- Fees for this team will include: One Competition Uniform, Competition Hair Accessory, Competition Fees, Practice wear, Team's Poms & Signs, Routine Music, Gym Fees, and Cheer Backpack (where applicable) and **NEW THIS YEAR** - Tumbling once a week from April-June! **NO TUMBLING WEEK OF MAY 18-21st.**
Tumbling practice day & time will be sent to you by April 4th.
- Things to expect: A positive, safe, and fun environment for your child to meet new friends, learn cheer & tumbling skills, and to be a part of our Valley Cheer Family!

Price for 2026-2027 Season:

NEW ATHLETES (was NOT on Lil Jags last season): \$1265 (needing a uniform and a backpack)

RETURNING ATHLETES (was on Lil Jags last season): \$830 (does not need a uniform or backpack)

if your child was on Lil Jags last season and is in need of a new uniform, please let us know so we can give you uniform pricing

- **Registration is \$300 & due at time of registration.**
The remainder of tuition will then be split and paid within 6 months.
- New Athletes will pay \$160.83 on or before the due dates listed.
- Returning Athletes will pay \$88.33 on or before the due dates listed.
 - April 15th
 - May 15th
 - June 15th
 - July 15th
 - August 15th
 - September 15

Full Year Performance Rec Competition Team:

(born between 9/1/2008-2021)

(Attending Reach the Beach in OCMD in February and The Quest, in Orlando, FL in March!)

- These Competition Teams require a HIGH level of commitment & dedication, latenesses and missed practice (unexcused) will not be tolerated.
- **NEW THIS YEAR!** Tumbling will begin in April and go through June. It will be once a week for one hour. The class level of tumbling your athlete will be in will be decided upon the tumbling skills you register with. If we feel an athlete

needs to switch levels once we begin practices, we will let you know. **Your tumbling practice day & time will be sent to you by April 4th. NO TUMBLING DURING EVALS WEEK - MAY 18-21st.**

- Evaluations will be held Mid May. ***See Bottom for details***
- Summer practices will begin in August, once a week.
- Choreography **may** begin in June and may not fall on a regular practice day. We will have more information on Choreography in the Spring.
- Beginning September 8th, our regular season will be in full swing, therefore each team will practice 2 days a week for 2.5-3 hours each (weeknights & weekend)
- Please do not schedule vacations during the cheer season as it may result in removing athletes from their routine until they can safely be put back in.
- Later in the season when competitions begin, additional practices will be added! THESE PRACTICES ARE NOT OPTIONAL, PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!
- These teams will attend between 5-7 competitions (This includes Nationals)
- Our regular season begins in September & ends in March.
- We travel to a few National Competitions throughout the season which may require overnight hotel stays. Travel fees are not included in the payments.
- All Competitions are mandatory to attend, including all National Competitions
- Fees for these teams will include: One Competition Uniform (**NEW UNIFORMS FOR 2026-2027 SEASON**), Competition Hair Accessory, Competition Fees (Includes Nationals Fees, except for: Disney and any hotel stays), Nationals t-shirts & gifts, Practice wear, Tumbling Classes, Clinics (skills, clean ups, etc.) Practice and Transportation in Orlando, Florida, Choreography, Routine Music, Gym Fees, and Cheer Backpack (where applicable).
- Things to expect: A fun & safe atmosphere for all athletes to meet new friends & make lifelong bonds! A positive environment where athletes will learn new skills while perfecting existing ones! A big Valley Cheer family and a place to call home!

Price for the 2026-2027 Season:

NEW ATHLETES: \$2300 (needing a uniform and a backpack)

RETURNING ATHLETES: \$2175 (not needing a backpack)

- **Registration is \$300 & due at time of registration.**
The remainder of tuition will then be split and paid within 6 months.
- New Athletes will pay **\$333.33** on or before the due dates listed.
- Returning Athletes will pay **\$312.50** on or before the due dates listed.
 - April 15th
 - May 15th
 - June 15th
 - July 15th
 - August 15th
 - September 15

Full Year Traditional Rec Competition Team:

Sr Jags - (born between 9/1/2008-2014)

Jr Jags - (born between 2012-2017)

(Attending NSSC, in Orlando, FL in Jan/Feb!)

- These Competition Teams require a HIGH level of commitment & dedication, latenesses and missed practice (unexcused) will not be tolerated.
- Try Outs will be in March – ***See Bottom for details***
- **Spring/Summer practices will begin in April and end at the end of June, once a week on Thursdays. (Times TBD). No practice during performance evals week (May 18-21st).**
- **There will be a mandatory one-day clinic scheduled for both Sr. and Jr Jags. Date and Time TBD. This may take place anytime from May-July.**
- Summer practices will resume in the first week of August. Days/Times TBD.
- Beginning September 8th, our regular season will be in full swing, therefore each team will practice 2 days a week for 2.5-3 hours each (weeknight & weekend).
- Weekend practices will be held at Airborne Allstars. Days/Times TBD.

- **NEW THIS YEAR!** Tumbling will begin in **April and go through June**. It will be once a week for one hour. **Your tumbling practice day & time will be sent to you by April 4th. NO TUMBLING WEEK OF MAY 18-21st.**
- Later in the season when competitions begin, additional practices will be added! THESE PRACTICES ARE NOT OPTIONAL! PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!!!
- These teams will attend between 4-6 competitions (This includes Nationals)
- Our regular season ends in Jan/Feb. depending on the dates of NSSC Nationals.
- We will travel to Disney for Nationals in Jan/Feb. **Travel fees are not included in the payments.**
- All Competitions are mandatory to attend.
- Fees for these teams will include: One Competition Uniform (where applicable), Competition Hair Accessory, Competition Fees (excluding nationals fee), UCA Home Camp, 2 Nationals t-shirts and gifts, Practice wear, Tumbling Classes, Clinic (skills, clean ups, etc), Team's Poms & Signs, Gym Rental for Practice and Transportation in Orlando Florida, Routine Music, Gym Fees (home and away with use of full floor weekly), and Cheer Backpack (where applicable).
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At-Home UCA Camp (Mandatory)

Sr. Jags – August 22nd and August 23rd

Jr. Jags – August 29th and August 30th

Times TBD

Price for the 2026-2027 Season:

NEW ATHLETES: \$2165 (needing a uniform and a backpack)

RETURNING ATHLETES: \$1730 (not needing a uniform or backpack)

- **Registration is \$300 & due at time of registration.**
The remainder of tuition will then be split and paid within 6 months.
- New Athletes will pay **\$310.83** on or before the due dates listed.
- Returning Athletes will pay **\$238.33** on or before the due dates listed.
 - April 15th
 - May 15th
 - June 15th
 - July 15th
 - August 15th
 - September 15

TEAM EVALUATIONS/PLACEMENTS:

Please be aware that Valley Cheer will place athletes to our discretion, whether it be level 1,2,3,4 FOR PERFORMANCE OR SENIOR OR JUNIOR FOR TRADITIONAL.

Try Outs for Traditional Rec will be as follows:

Sr Jags – March 23rd AND March 24th. Must be born between 9/1/2008-2014.

Jr Jags – March 25th AND March 26th. Must be born between 2017-2012

If your child is eligible for both the Senior or Junior Jags teams, they may choose to try out for one or both teams. Please note that if they only try out for one team and are not selected, they will not automatically be placed on the other team. Athletes who wish to be considered for both teams must attend all four tryout dates.

Please keep in mind that these are tryouts, not evaluations, and roster spots are not guaranteed. Cuts may be made.

Evaluations for Performance Rec will be as follows:

Birth years 2017-2021

May 18th 5:30-7:00pm

May 20th 5:30-7:00pm

Birth years 2013-2016

May 18th 7:30-9:30pm

May 20th 7:30-9:30pm

Birth years 6/1/2008-2012

May 19th 6:30-9:00pm

May 21st 6:30-9:00pm

There will be PowerPoint sent in March to all parent/guardian email addresses that you register with. This is MANDATORY to read through as it will outline the season. This will take place of the Mandatory parent meetings at the start of the season.

NO ATHLETE WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRYOUTS OR EVALUATIONS WITHOUT A PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNING OFF ON THE REQUIRED FORM THAT THEY HAVE READ THROUGH THE MANDATORY PARENT/GUARDIAN POWERPOINT AND ETIQUETTE FORM.

Fundraising:

Valley Cheer Gym cannot run without YOU! We are a non-profit organization and rely heavily on fundraised money to help keep your tuition costs down. We will be offering MANY fundraising opportunities throughout the entire season (starting ASAP) to help offset costs for the gym & your individual payments. You will choose if you want fundraising to be applied to tuition or directly to your national's cost (if applicable).

(Please Note: Any leftover fundraised money in your athlete's account will be carried over to the 2027-2028 cheer season ONLY. No money will be given or transferred to any other athlete's account.)

*****There will be 3 MANDATORY (gym only) fundraisers throughout the season*****

(Our Annual Dance A Thon, and TWO 50/50s)

Cost of Teams:

ALL MONEY IS 100% NON-REFUNDABLE ONCE PAID (this includes registration fee (with the exception if your child does not MAKE the traditional team, they TRYOUT for)

Fundraisers (including sponsors) are non-refundable once payment is turned in.

Please note, you and your athlete are making a commitment to VALLEY CHEER upon registration)

Once registration opens, payments can be made via Venmo to @ValleyCheer22

- In the "What's it for?" Section in Venmo, please put your child's first and last name.
- PLEASE DO NOT PUT IN VENMO THAT YOU ARE PAYING FOR GOODS AS IT TAKES OUT A FEE. IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY FOR MONEY TAKEN FROM PAYMENT.
- Once you send payment, a screenshot MUST be sent to ValleyCheer11@gmail.com to confirm your athlete's spot. (Without a screenshot, your registration is incomplete and may result in loss of your athlete's spot at Valley Cheer).

If you prefer to pay cash or check, please contact us directly at ValleyCheer11@gmail.com to set up a date and time to drop it off at the gym.

Registration for RETURNING athletes will open February 15th at 12pm!

Registration for NEW athletes will open March 1st at 12pm!

Please note that registrations for NEW athletes before 12pm on March 1st will not be accepted.

ALL REGISTRATION CLOSES ON MARCH 22nd 2026 AT 11:59pm.

SPOTS MAY FILL PRIOR TO THIS DATE. YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT FINAL UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us at ValleyCheer11@gmail.com

We are so excited to have you be a part of our Valley Cheer Family!
#Familyon3

With Love,
Desiree Zolk & Michelle Zul
-Valley Cheer Gym Owners