



Try-Out Informational Packet

Welcome to the 2025/2026 Allstar Season!

Congratulations on taking your first step towards joining the Storm Elite Allstar Family! Try-Out evaluations are a very important component in creating strong, competitive teams for athletes at each skill level.

Tryout Fee: \$25

Individual Evaluations

- **Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025
- **Time Slots (pick one- up to 15 athletes per time slot allowed):**
 - **3:00 - 3:45**
 - **4:00 - 4:45**
 - **5:00 - 5:45**
 - **6:00 - 6:45**
 - **7:00 - 7:45**

During your individual evaluation, our coaching staff will:

1. Introduce a short section of choreography for you to learn on the spot.
2. Assess your dance skill, musicality, and ability to pick up new choreography.
3. Evaluate your standing tumbling, running tumbling, jumps, and motion technique.

Group Evaluations

- **Dates:** Wednesday, May 28 or Thursday, May 29, 2025 (you'll be assigned one date)
- **Format:** You'll receive a follow-up email after individual evaluations on May 27th by 9:00pm to let you know which date and time to attend for your group evaluation. During this session, you will:
 1. Review and perform the choreography section learned on May 27th.
 2. Participate in basic stunting drills and pyramids with your assigned group.
 3. Showcase teamwork and technique in a group setting.

What to Bring:

- Comfortable athletic wear, preferably all black shorts, black tank top or black sports bra (Black creates a uniform appearance across the entire group, making it easier for coaches to see body lines, technique, and synchronization during stunts, jumps, and tumbling), and clean sneakers.
- Water bottle
- Positive attitude and readiness to learn!

Please note: Your athlete is trying out for our Storm Elite *Allstar Cheer Program* as a whole, not for a specific team or level. Team placements are based on where each athlete can contribute most effectively to the overall success of the team.

We take into account a variety of factors—not just one specific skill set such as tumbling, jumps, or stunting. Every athlete brings unique strengths to the mat, and we are committed to placing them where they will thrive and be most valuable.

Each team member plays a vital role, and every athlete will be utilized to their fullest potential. We look forward to seeing each athlete's skills and energy. Good luck, and let's make this tryout season unforgettable!

**If your athlete is unable to attend the evaluation on May 27th, please reach out to Coach Jen at Storm.elite.cheer25@gmail.com to set up a private evaluation.*

**A parent or guardian must attend one of the mandatory informational meetings before signing their athlete up for an evaluation time. If you are unable to attend either one of the informational meetings, please reach out to Coach Jen to set up a call.*

The 2025/2026 Storm Elite Try-Outs will consist of three elements:

1. Try-Out Skills Enhancement Clinics:

These structured clinics will focus on enhancing each athlete's skills at flying, basing, jumping and tumbling. Athletes will work individually and also be arranged in various stunt groups. Advance sign-up is required for these sessions as space will be limited. Attendance at these Skill Enhancement Clinics is optional, but strongly recommended!

The cost is \$15 per athlete for each individual session and is NOT included in try-out fee.

2. Mandatory Parent/Guardian Informational Meeting:

We will be hosting a **mandatory informational meeting** for our upcoming Allstar cheer season on **Wednesday, May 14th at 5:00 pm and Tuesday, May 20th at 5:00 pm**. Parents/guardians are required to attend **one** of these meetings prior to signing their athlete up for an evaluation spot. During the meeting, we will review our parent handbook, season contract, pricing structure, fundraising opportunities, and the level of commitment expected throughout the season. This meeting is essential to ensure all families are fully informed and prepared for the exciting season ahead. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the scheduled sessions.

3. Final Try-Out Evaluations

Team placements will be determined over the course of a 2-day evaluation period. Session one will be May 27th for individual evaluations. Session two will be May 28th **or** May 29th (group evaluations- your athlete will be assigned just one of the two dates). Athletes will be divided into groups based on age and skill level. They will then be asked to perform level appropriate skills in stunting, jumps, dance, standing tumbling, and running tumbling. Athletes should plan to attend **BOTH** evaluation sessions!

During Final Evaluations, our coaching staff will consider each athletes placement based on the following criteria:

- Tumbling difficulty & execution
- Athleticism
- Dance ability and showmanship
- Stunting positions (flyer, base, back spot)
- Jump technique
- Overall attitude, willingness to accept instruction, commitment level and attendance from the past season, if applicable.
- Work ethic, ability to get along with teammates and coaches as well as dedication to the sport of cheerleading and to this team.

Please come prepared to impress the coaches with not only your skills, but with your desire as well!

Athletes will be judged impartially by Storm Elite coaches.

Please note the following:

- Your cheerleader may be able to perform a certain level tumbling or stunting skill, that does not mean they will necessarily be placed on that level team. We look for ALL of the skills when placing teams; i.e. jumps, tumbling, basing ability, flying ability, body positions, performance maturity, attitude, work ethic, and needed positions on the team. *Remember, your athlete is trying out for the Storm Elite Allstar program, not a specific team or level.*
- An athlete may be placed on a team because they possess a skill that a particular team needs, such as flying, basing, or back spotting skills.
- We also consider maturity and age when creating teams. Sometimes it may not be best for the child to move up too quickly. They may need to stay on a certain level/age team to grow in maturity before moving up.

Below is the QR code that will take you directly to our website to sign up for clinics and evaluations.



These charts show the skills indicative of what we are looking for at each level. This will be a good list to go over with your athlete as they work to progress their skills before tryouts. Although we may not require every single one of these skills at the time of tryouts, your athlete needs to be working to have a majority of them!

Storm Elite Level Skills Chart

Elite Teams

Level	Standing Tumbling	Running Tumbling	Stunting	Baskets
Level 1	<u>Advanced Level 1:</u> Back Walkover <u>Elite Level 1:</u> BWO Series BWO Switch Valdez	<u>Advanced Level 1:</u> Roundoff Front Walkover <u>Elite Level 1:</u> CW – BWO Series FWO – CW	<u>Elite Level 1:</u> -Tic Toc Below Prep Level- body to body - ¼ up to prep - ¼ up to prep body pos. -Cradle from Prep	NO BASKETS ALLOWED
Level 2	<u>Advanced Level 2:</u> BWO- BHS BHS SO - BWO <u>Elite Level 2:</u> BWO Switch – BHS BWO-BHS SO- BWO BHS SO – BWO- BHS	<u>Advanced Level 2:</u> CW – BHS SO RO – BHS SO <u>Elite Level 2:</u> Boulder/Flyspring RO – BHS series FWO – RO - BHS	<u>Elite Level 2:</u> -Half-Up Extensions -Tic Toc @ prep level body to body pos. -switch up to prep level body position. -1/4 turn cradle from prep or extension	Straight ride with perfect execution and arm motions.
Level 3	<u>Advanced Level 3:</u> BWO – BHS Series BHS – BHS – BHS <u>Elite Level 3:</u> BHS SO – BHS – BHS BHS SO – BWO – BHS Series BHS – ADV Jump - BHS	<u>Advanced Level 3:</u> Punch Front RO- BHS Series – Tuck <u>Elite Level 3:</u> FWO - Aerial RO – BHS – Tuck FWO – RO – Tuck Flyspring – RO – Tuck	<u>Elite Level 3:</u> -Switch up to body pos. -Full up to extension - ½ twisting transition to extended body pos. -Full twisting baja -Full down cradle from prep or extension	360 full twist basket, Perfect knowledge of when to snap body positions in the air and arch or perform 2nd skill Ball Arch, Lib Arch, Pike Arch, Kick Arch, Ball-X, Toe Touch.
Level 4	<u>Advanced Level 4:</u> Standing Tuck BHS Series – Tuck <u>Elite Level 4:</u> BHS – Tuck Adv Jump – BHS – Tuck Adv Jump – BHS Series - Tuck	<u>Advanced Level 4:</u> RO – BHS series – Layout PF SO – Aerial <u>Elite Level 4:</u> RO – BHS – Layout FWO – RO – Layout PF SO – RO - Layout	<u>Elite Level 4:</u> -Tic toc extended body position to prep level body position (high to low) -Full twisting transition to extended 1 leg stunt -Release from waist level to extended body position -Kick full twisting dismount	Lib Full, Kick Full, Toe Touch Full, Double Full Down, Switch Kick, Pike X, Ball Kick.

(RO=Roundoff, BHS = Back handspring, BWO=Back walkover, FWO=Front walkover)

FLEXIBILITY WILL BE REQUIRED BY ALL FLYERS AT ALL LEVELS.
Flyers will have extra workout & flexibility class requirements.

Storm Elite Level Skills Chart

Novice & Prep Teams

Level	Standing Tumbling	Running Tumbling	Stunting	Baskets
Level 1	<u>Level Appropriate:</u> FWR, BWR, Back Bend <u>Advanced Level 1:</u> Back Walkover <u>Elite Level 1:</u> BWO Series BWO Switch Valdez	<u>Level Appropriate:</u> CW, CW - BWR, HS - FWR <u>Advanced Level 1:</u> Roundoff Front Walkover <u>Elite Level 1:</u> CW - BWO Series FWO - CW	<u>Level Appropriate:</u> - Tic Toc Below Prep Level- lib to lib - ¼ up below prep - prep show n go - Below prep level 1 leg stunt	NO BASKETS ALLOWED
Level 2	<u>Level Appropriate:</u> BHS, BHS SO <u>Advanced Level 2:</u> BWO- BHS BHS SO - BWO <u>Elite Level 2:</u> BWO Switch - BHS BWO-BHS SO- BWO BHS SO - BWO- BHS	<u>Level Appropriate:</u> CW - BHS, RO - BHS <u>Advanced Level 2:</u> CW - BHS SO RO - BHS SO <u>Elite Level 2:</u> Bounder/Flyspring RO - BHS series FWO - RO - BHS	<u>Level Appropriate:</u> - tic toc at prep level lib to lib - ½ twisting transition to prep level - ¼ twisting transition to extended stunt - prep level 1 leg stunt	NO BASKETS ALLOWED AT THE NOVICE OR PREP LEVEL
Level 3	<u>Level Appropriate:</u> ADV Jump - BHS BHS - BHS <u>Advanced Level 3:</u> BWO - BHS Series BHS - BHS - BHS <u>Elite Level 3:</u> BHS SO - BHS - BHS BHS SO - BWO - BHS Series BHS - ADV Jump - BHS	<u>Level Appropriate:</u> RO - Tuck Aerial <u>Advanced Level 3:</u> Punch Front RO- BHS Series - Tuck <u>Elite Level 3:</u> FWO - Aerial RO - BHS - Tuck FWO - RO - Tuck Flyspring - RO - Tuck	<u>Level Appropriate:</u> - Tic toc below prep level to prep level (lib to lib) - Tic toc below prep level to below prep level (lib to lib) - Full twisting transition to prep level - Extended lib	NO BASKETS ALLOWED AT THE NOVICE OR PREP LEVEL

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Commitment for Cheerleaders

Allstar competition cheer is an intense sport with time commitments, extra practices, competition prep and body workouts. At **Storm Elite**, we take our cheerleading teams very seriously and expect our athletes and parents to take it seriously as well. Our practices are mandatory and we expect 100% attendance. Other sports have the luxury of taking someone from the bench and putting them in practice or in the game in place of the missing athlete. Every single person chosen to be in our program plays a vital role and **MUST** be present for the entire team practice to be productive. We understand that our cheerleaders are athletes and may be involved in other extracurricular activities beyond **Storm Elite**. We are committed to planning our practices and competitions as far in advance as possible to allow our athletes to schedule accordingly. **Storm Elite** will work hard to build our practice schedule to avoid conflicts with Jr. High and Sr. High cheerleading, allowing our athletes the opportunity to support their school teams and still be part of the exciting **Storm Elite** family. However, please keep in mind that **Storm Elite** must remain your TOP priority if conflicts do arise. Missing **Storm Elite** Practices for school events (other than graded school functions), dances, practices, family outings, parties, wedding etc. are considered unexcused absences and will be counted as such. If you choose to join any sport other than school cheer, please make sure those practices and games will not conflict with **Storm Elite** events. Speak with the coaching staff about your extracurricular activity and make certain you will have their support and cooperation in making **Storm Elite** functions your priority. **Storm Elite** coaches reserve the right to sit your child out of a competition or remove you from the team for excessive absences. Our attendance policy will be spelled out in detail in our Parents Handbook, to be distributed upon completion of try-outs.

Commitment for Parents

For those parents considering signing up your athlete for a **Storm Elite** team, this is a commitment for you, as well. As with any Allstar or Elite team, there are fees and payments associated with participating on this team. It is the responsibility of you, as the parent, to make your payments on time. There will be hotel costs (depending on the competition), spectator fees, and parking fees associated with each competition. Discounts will be offered for those paying in advance for the season. If payments are not made on or before the due dates, your athlete will sit out and you will incur late fees. You can also assist your athlete by getting them to **Storm Elite** on time (5-10 minutes early), having your child prepared for practices and/or competitions (i.e. making sure they have their inhaler or other medical necessities on hand, proper practice and/or uniform attire, etc.), and communicating your feelings to the coaches in a professional manner. Negativity from any athlete, parent or fan will not be tolerated.

Registration Requirements

Registration Forms and Liability Waivers must be filled out and signed prior to evaluations. We must also have a copy of your athlete's valid birth certificate on file per USASF Guidelines.

Forms can be found in this packet and on our website.

The cost to participate in the 2025/2026 Try-Out Evaluation program is **\$25 per athlete**. This fee covers all evaluation times, coaching and judging fees. Make sure to fill out registration forms completely.

NOTE: Circle EVERY team/level you would be willing to participate on. Athletes will be considered for ONLY the teams that they indicate on registration form.

Try-Out Fee \$25.00

Skill Enhancement Clinics \$15 each

Age as of 12/31/25

Total Amt. Paid _____

Date _____

Storm Elite

2025/2026 Cheerleading Try-Out Registration

Athlete Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

E-Mail _____ **Grade(2025/26)** _____ **School** _____

Parent Cell: _____ **T-Shirt Size:** _____

Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Parent Email** _____

Please Refer to attached S.E. Skills Level Chart and indicate most advanced level in each category.
(This does not decide your team placement. It allows the judges to know what to ask for.)

<u>Standing</u>	<u>Running</u>	<u>Stunting</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
____ Level 1	____ Level 1	____ Level 1	____ Level 1
____ Level 2	____ Level 2	____ Level 2	____ Level 2
____ Level 3	____ Level 3	____ Level 3	____ Level 3
____ Level 4	____ Level 4	____ Level 4	____ Level 4
____ Level 5	____ Level 5	____ Level 5	____ Level 5

Are you interested in possibly competing on 2 teams (additional costs for crossovers):
yes / no / maybe

Previous cheer experience / team: _____

(Listing "none" is OK. We have teams for all levels and our coaches will teach you everything you need.)

If selected, my child would accept a position on any of the following teams (circle all that apply):

	Performance	Novice	Prep	Elite	I don't know
Ages 12-18	Senior 1	Senior 2	Senior 3		
Ages 8-15	Junior 1	Junior 2	Junior 3		
Ages 7-12	Youth 1	Youth 2			
Ages 5-9	Mini 1	Mini 2			
Ages 5-Under	Tiny 1				

Team Placement will be based on try-out evaluations and will be at the sole discretion of our staff.

NEW TO ALLSTAR CHEER? LET'S BREAK IT DOWN!

Not sure where your athlete fits?

Here's the scoop on our three Allstar Cheer divisions:

NOVICE TEAMS – *Just Getting Started!*

Perfect for beginners or younger athletes.



Focus on FUN & fundamentals



No experience required



Shorter routines, simple skills, less competitions



Low-pressure, less time commitment, shorter travel distance for competitions

Think: Big smiles, big encouragement, and the perfect first cheer experience!

PREP TEAMS – *Leveling Up!*

For athletes with some experience who are ready to grow.



More advanced skills than Novice



Perform at regional competitions



Focus on team building, skill building, and confidence



Lower commitment than Elite, but more than Novice

Think: More sparkle, more stunts, and a chance to SHINE on stage!

ELITE TEAMS – *All-In, Allstar Power!*

This is the highest level of Allstar Cheer.



Complex stunts, tumbling, and choreography



Compete nationally with high expectations



Full-year commitment, regular practices



Athletes are driven, disciplined, and DEDICATED

Think: High energy, high skill, and a whole lot of heart!

Storm Surge Performance Cheer Team Info Sheet

Get a Taste of Allstar Cheer — Without the Full Commitment!

Is Allstar Cheer a bit too much right now?

If your child dreams of being a cheerleader, but you're looking for something with **less time, lower cost, and minimal travel**, then **Performance Cheer** is the perfect fit!

What is Performance Cheer?

Performance Cheer is a fun, exciting introduction to Allstar cheer — without the full financial and time commitment! It's ideal for athletes who want to learn cheerleading skills and perform in front of a crowd, but aren't quite ready for the commitment of an Allstar competition team.

Key Details:

- **Practices:** Once a week, 1 hour (Practice days TBA)
- **Season:**
 - Mid-October through January 30th (12 weeks)
- **Age Groups:** All ages welcome, we will divide by age as best we can
- **Minimum:** 10 participants required
- **Skill Areas:** Tumbling, jumps, stunts, and dance
- **Routine:** Learn a full Allstar-style routine
- **Performance Events:**
 - **Local Competition:**
 - January 17th at the Peoria Civic Center
 - **End of Season Showcase:**
 - January 30th at Mackinaw Performance Athletics

Cost & Commitment:

- Lower price point than Allstar cheer
- No travel outside of Peoria
- Perfect for busy families and first-time cheerleaders!

Why Join?

- Build confidence, coordination, and teamwork
- Great introduction to Allstar cheer
- Make new friends and perform in front of a crowd
- Fun, positive, and encouraging environment!

📍 All practices are held at Mackinaw Performance Athletics - 401 Leopold St. Mackinaw, IL 61755

📞 Questions? Contact Coach Jen at Storm.Elite.Cheer25@gmail.com

2025–2026 Important Dates – Storm Elite Allstar Cheer

Season Start

- **Practices for Elite Teams Begin:** Week of June 8, 2025
- **No Practice: Sunday, June 15** – Father’s Day
- **Practices for Prep Teams Begin:** Week of July 7, 2025
- **Practices for Novice Begin:** September 2, 2025
- **Practices for Performance Team begin:** Week of October 20, 2025

Summer Break

- **Gym Closed: July 1–6** – Independence Day Break
- **Practices Resume:** July 7

Mandatory Dates:

- **Mandatory Practices for Prep & Elite Begin:** August 1
- **Choreography Week Prep and Elite Teams Only:** August 8–12 (Exact dates and times TBA)
- **Mandatory Practices for Novice Begin:** Week of September 2nd

Holiday Closures

- **Labor Day Break:** August 29 – September 1
- **Thanksgiving Break:** November 24–28
- **Christmas/New Year’s Break:** December 22 – January 2
- **Spring Break:** March 22–28, 2026
- **Easter Sunday:** April 5, 2026

Competition Schedule

 Dates	 Event	 Location	 Teams Involved
Nov 22–23, 2025	Athletic Championship	St. Charles, MO	Novice, Prep, Elite
Jan 11, 2026	NCA	Milwaukee, WI	Prep, Elite
Jan 17–18, 2026	Royal Events – The Crown	Peoria, IL	Performance, Novice, Prep, Elite
Feb 14, 2026	Jamfest	Peoria, IL	Novice, Prep, Elite
Mar 7, 2026	MCDA – Justice League	Collinsville, IL	Elite
Mar 14–15, 2026	Deep South – The Glow Tour	Schaumburg, IL	Novice, Prep, Elite
Apr 10–12, 2026	Beach Nationals	Orange Beach, AL	Elite

*Performance and Novice teams only compete one day at each competition. Prep teams will only compete one day with the exception of The Glow Tour, they will compete both days. Elite teams will compete both days at all scheduled 2-day events.

Storm Elite Pricing 2025-2026

Annual Registration & Startup Fees

- Annual Registration Fee: \$40.00 per athlete / \$80.00 per family
- Startup Fee: \$100.00 (*\$50 credited back to April 2026 tuition)
 - Due June 1st–4th (Elite Teams)
 - Due by June 15th (Prep & Novice Teams)

Monthly Tuition Includes gym tuition, competition fees & coaches fees:

Team	Duration/Hours per Week	Monthly Tuition
Performance Team	Mid-Oct - Jan 30 th / 1 hour	\$100.00
Novice Teams	Sept - March/ 1.5 hours	\$135.00
Prep Teams	July - March/ 4 hours	\$200.00
Elite Teams	June- April/ 5.5 hours	\$260.00

Extra Fees

Elite Teams:

- \$1200.00 (Includes Uniform, Shoes, Jersey, Program T-Shirt, Bow, Choreography & Music)
- *4 Installments of \$300.00 (June 15, July 15, August 15, September 15)

Prep Teams:

- \$450.00 (Includes Uniform, Shoes, Program T-Shirt, Bow, Choreography & Music)
- *2 Installments of \$225.00 (July 15, August 15)

Novice Teams:

- \$400.00 (Includes Uniform, Shoes, Program T-Shirt, Bow, Choreography & Music)
- *2 Installments of \$200.00 (July 15, August 15)

Optional Add-ons:

- Storm Elite Jersey: \$65.00
- Storm Elite Backpack: \$135.00

Discounts & Registration

- 10% off monthly tuition for 2nd athlete & beyond
- 40% off classes at Mackinaw Performance Athletics
- USASF Athlete Registration Fee: \$49.00 (Submit directly to USASF by July 30)

We offer many fundraising opportunities to offset extra fees all season long!

***Many families cover all extra fees with fundraising. **Fundraising can also be applied to monthly tuition**