IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR CHEER YOU MUST:

Have been accepted to the University of Montana Western OR must have applied and submitted your transcripts and test scores. During the semester you will need to be a full time student in good academic standing.

Bring the following completed information the FIRST DAY of tryouts:

1. Copy of a Sports Physical dated within the last 8 months.
2. Completed and signed Release Form. If you are under 18 your parent/guardian MUST sign the form also.
3. A completed Tryout Application.

General Information

• Tryouts will be closed and only those trying out will be allowed to enter the tryout facility.
• All decisions are final and up to the discretion of the coaching staff who will be evaluating each applicant.

For additional information or questions please contact Cheer Squad Coach Megan Woolley at (406)683-7220 or email megan.woolley@umwestern.edu.
The UMW Cheer Squad is looking for both female and male applicants for the 2016-17 Season. Our goal is to create the most well rounded squad based on talent, potential, academics, and dedication. The 2016-17 squad will most likely be composed of a mix of coed and all-girl talent. Each applicant will be judged on the following requirements.

MATERIAL LEARNED AT TRYOUTS:
Dance, Sideline Cheer, Fight song

STUNTS: New Applicant ALL-GIRL (base or flyer):
Ground-up extension
Extended stunt (one legged stunt preferred)
Cradle dismount

STUNTS: New Applicant COED (both male and female):
Toss Chair
Toss Hands
Toss shoulders

STUNTS: Returner Applicants (both male and female)
Toss Extension
Full down dismount
Toss shoulders
Stretch (heel, scorpion, etc.)

TUMBLING: Male & Female (not required but strongly encouraged if wanting to compete)
Standing back handspring
Round-off back handspring

Each applicant will also be judged on showmanship/enthusiasm, confidence and collegiate appearance.

WHAT ELSE TO EXPECT:
Each applicant will be interviewed by the Coach(s)
For tryouts please wear sports bra/spandex/form fitting t-shirt/cheer shoes, with game hair/makeup.
Video Applications also accepted. Please contact Coach Megan Woolley for details.

Sunday, April 17, 2016
12:00 p.m. meet in Straugh gymnasium- stretch and warm-up
12:30 pm Learn all material/stunt
2:30 pm break
3:00 pm Tryout in Straugh Gymnasium. Keltz arena will be used as warm-up and pre-tryout area.

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS YOU PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION AND RELEASE FORM, AND BRING A COPY OF UPDATED PHYSICAL!
2016-17 UMW Cheer Squad
Cheer Tryout Application

Personal Information:
First Name:___________________________ Last Name:_______________________
Age:___________ Gender:______________   Phone Number:__________________
Mailing Address:__________________________________________________________
Email Address:____________________________________________________________

Academic Information:
Have you been accepted to UMW?_______   Cumulative GPA (if currently enrolled):_______
Major:________________________________________ Minor:__________________________
Year in School for the 2016-17 Season (freshman, sophomore etc.):_______________________
Previous University of Applicable:__________________________________ Cumulative GPA:________
High School:___________________________________________ Cumulative GPA:_______________________

Scholarship Information:
Are you receiving any other scholarships from UMW?:______________________________
Would you like to be considered for a UMW Cheer Scholarship?:_______________________
Would you stay on the team if not chosen as a UMW Cheer scholarship recipient?:_______________________
Why have you chosen to attend UMW and become a Bulldog Cheerleader?:____________________________
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Cheer Experience:
Previous Team:__________________________________________________________________________
Coach:_______________________________ Coach’s Number:_____________________________
List experience, performances, accomplishments, and qualifications:________________________________________
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Indicate the highest level of skills you have performed on your past team(s):
Standing tumbling skills:__________________________________________________________________________
Running tumbling skills:__________________________________________________________________________
All-Girl Stunting and Position:__________________________________________________________
Co-ed Stunting:______________________________________________________________________________
If you are under the age of 18, please make sure a parent fills out this release prior to the clinic/tryout. Forms will be available the day of tryouts. Please bring this release form and application to tryouts.

By signing and dating this form, I relinquish any risk of injury to the University of Montana Western Athletic Department during Cheer squad tryouts/clinics.

I hereby accept and assume the risk of injury and possible consequences of such injury. I further know, understand and appreciate that I am NOT covered by athletic department insurance and have my own personal insurance.

That the spirit squad participant shall hold the University of Montana Western and its agents and employees harmless from any injury, charge, fine, penalty, or judgment arising out of, or in any way resulting from his/her participation in this event, and that should the University be required to make payment or incur costs of defense for any such reason, the cheer squad participant shall fully reimburse the University.

I have entered into this agreement under my own volition and assume responsibilities therein.

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Participants Name (please print)     Date

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Participants Signature       Date

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Witness         Date

___________________________________________________   ___________________
Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)      Date