



## SIUE Competitive Cheer Team SIUE Game Day Squad Video Audition Overview, Expectations and Application 2024-2025

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Cheer program is administered through the SIUE Athletic Department. Members of the Cheer program must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours per semester, maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA to be eligible. (Seniors/grad students credit hours will be discussed on an individual basis.) The length of service for an SIUE cheerleader is one year from the date of selection.

Tryouts will be held for both the Game Day squad and Competitive team.

SIUE Game Day Squad Expectations:

- Cheer at home men's and women's basketball games
- Cheer at other games requested by SIUE Athletics
- Attend additional events requested/sponsored by SIUE Athletics
- Attend additional events as requested by SIUE or the local community

SIUE Competitive Cheer Team Expectations:

- Cheer at home men's and women's basketball games
- Cheer at other games requested by SIUE Athletics
- Attend additional events requested/sponsored by SIUE Athletics
- Attend additional events as requested by SIUE or the local community
- Compete at NCA Nationals

Competitive team members are required to participate in all fundraisers, some of which may occur during the summer. Additional information regarding fundraising over the summer will be given to those members who make the team.

The cost of participation follows:

Competitive Team: \$625.00 – includes all personal team apparel and team gear, plus a fee for camp. Additional fundraising and fees will be due leading up to NCA Nationals. This amount listed does not include the cost of NCA Nationals.

Game Day Squad: \$350.00 – includes all personal team apparel and team gear.

Note: The administrators of the SIUE Cheer Program reserve the right to refuse a tryout or a position on the team to any person for reason of academic deficiencies or violations against the University's standards of conduct, past performances which dishonored the integrity of the program or university, or physical liability.

It is expected that cheer applicants make all possible attempts to attend tryouts. It is understood that there may be unavoidable circumstances that may occur. Should an interested cheerleader not be able to attend tryouts, please follow the process outlined below.

**All documents and videos must be received by 5:00PM on April 21, 2024.** All information should be included in the same email. Failure to include all documentation and/or inclusion of requested video documentary, as well as failure to meet

the deadline, will render the applicant ineligible for selection. All submitted materials become the property of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Tryout details and an application appear below. If you are chosen to be part of this program, we expect a high level of commitment from you. Feel free to contact Coach Driemeyer via e-mail if you have any further questions. We wish you the best of luck during tryouts!

Sincerely,

Casey Driemeyer, Head Coach  
SIUE Competitive Cheer Team  
SIUE Game Day Squad  
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# SIUE Cheer Team Video Tryout Application Process

**ALL DOCUMENTS AND VIDEO LINKS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO COACH CASEY DRIEMEYER AT [c.driemeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:c.driemeyer@yahoo.com)**

Submit these documents as attachments. Failure to have ALL forms will render the student ineligible to tryout.

1. Application
2. 5" x 7" color head shot
3. Incoming Freshmen/Transfer Students: a copy of SIUE acceptance letter/Current Students: a copy of your SIUE ID
4. Unofficial copy of school transcript and GPA
5. SIUE Cheer and Dance Contract and Guidelines Signature Sheet (posted on website: [siuecheeranddance.com](http://siuecheeranddance.com))

## Submitting videos

Please upload your video to YouTube as "unlisted" and include the link with your documents. Please do not make the video private.

## **Video Tryout Format/Sections to Include:**

- **PERSONAL INTERVIEW:**
  - Must be newly filmed; little to no distractions in video.
  - See **Interview Section** below for questions.
  - Full body view then zoom into waist-up with clear face visible while speaking.
  - Ladies – plain t-shirt (no graphics) and athletic/cheer shorts; makeup game ready and hair secured away from face with a bow. Males: plain t-shirt (no graphics) and athletic shorts; facial hair trimmed/shaved.
  - White cheer shoes.
  - No jewelry of any type allowed.
- **CHEER SKILLS:**
  - Can be a collection of skills from practices, games, competitions, or newly created and filmed.
  - Skills selected for the video should be from the 2023-2024 season.
  - Tumbling skills may be on a spring floor. Exception is for a standing back handspring – this must be on a dead-mat, grass, or rubberized track.
  - If in a group/team setting, clear documentation must be submitted with video outlining the candidate's position at the opening and throughout the video. Multiple videos of a variety of skills are encouraged.
  - See **Preferred Skills** below to consider including in video tryout. (If trying out for the Game Day squad, tumbling is not necessary, but if you have the skills, show them!)
  - Provide one sideline cheer, repeated 3 times. Choose a cheer that is easy to follow/chant with a crowd.

## Personal Interview Section

Please speak about each of the following bullets. Make sure we can hear and see you throughout this portion of the video. Wear correct attire. Show full body then zoom-in to waist-up with clear face visible while speaking. Collegiate image and responses will be evaluated.

- **Introduction of Candidate:** Name, age, hometown, why you chose SIUE
- **Cheer Background:** Experience, school/all-star gym name, number of years involved in cheer. Indicate level of squad/team (JV, Varsity, Senior Open Large CoEd L6, etc.)
- **Questions to Answer:**
  1. Why do you want to be a member of the SIUE Cheer Program?
  2. How did you hear about the SIUE Cheer Program?
  3. Which one-word would your most recent coach describe you as that best fits your personality/work ethic/cheerleader abilities and why?

4. **Required Stunt Section for the Competitive Team or Game Day Squad:**

*Please practice safe stunting technique, including spots.*

*Please do not send videos of all male stunt groups. Example, 3 male bases, female flyer.*

*You are allowed to have one male in the stunt group.*

**Identify** which position(s) you are showing before each stunt.

- Can show multiple positions per stunt skill.
- Practice safe spotting and correct surface restrictions when stunting.
- Three-Person Based stunt group: Main base, Side base, Back spot lifting flyer.
- Bases: looking at technique, strength in stunts/dismounts
- Flyers: looking at technique, flexibility, body positions, ease of stunt
- Please Demonstrate:
  - Extension to regular cradle.
  - Straight up Lib to full down cradle.
  - Switch Up to Lib/Heel Stretch full down cradle.
  - Extra stunt. Your choice. Example: Full up to heel stretch unique dismount.

**\*Required Cheer Skills Section for the Competitive Cheer Team:**

**\*Standing Tumbling Section:**

- Standing Back Handspring, on dead-mat, grass, or rubberized track
  - Three (3) connected jumps (variety of jumps preferred)
  - Toe-Touch Back Handspring
  - Additional Standing Tumbling Passes (max of 3 additional passes, if you choose to include)
- Examples, not limited to: BHS Series, BHS to Back Tuck, Jumps to elite tumbling, etc.
  - Execution and difficulty level will be evaluated.
  - Skills can be from performances, competitions, practices, or newly filmed. Please identify where you are if using a team performance video clip.
  - These skills may be from spring floor. Please note any skill on spring floor **MUST** be executed on dead-mat, when given the opportunity. If you can't do skill on dead mat, please do not include spring floor version.

**\*Running Tumbling Section:**

- Two Running Tumbling Passes
  - At your best tumbling level
  - Showcase variety of skills
  - Execution and difficulty level will be evaluated
  - May be done on spring floor - as long as you can do same skill executed on dead-mat

**Video Tryout Reminders**

- Wear the correct attire if filming new video clips.
- If submitting video from practices, competitions, or games please provide documentation of which person you are and what skill you execute. Make sure you can visibly be seen throughout section you want evaluated.
- Only show us one continuous filming per skill requirement listed above.
- Make sure the angles and lighting show us the best view of you, your performance, and the execution of skills.
- You are allowed, but not required, to overlay music to the skill sections of the video.
- All Videos must be received by **Friday, April 21 at 5:00 PM CST.**

**General Information:** Coaches have final call on squad size and members on the team. If you are selected as a member of the 2024-2025 Competitive Cheer Team or Game Day Squad, you will be notified via the email provided by May 1, 2024.



**SIUE Competitive Cheer Team**  
**SIUE Game Day Squad**  
Tryout Application  
2024-2025

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification for Fall:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate Student

Trying out for (please select one):  Competitive Team  Game Day Team Only

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous cheer experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Pre-existing Injuries: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Activities/Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include a reference that we may contact (preferably a current coach, former coach or current teacher)

Name/Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If applicant is under the age of 18)*