



SIUE Competitive Cheer Team SIUE Game Day Team Video Audition Overview, Expectations and Application 2023-2024

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Cheer program is administered through Campus Recreation. We support the mission of Campus Recreation, which is to enhance the collegiate experience, foster personal and professional development, and provide opportunities for cultural and social interaction. 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. The length of service for an SIUE cheerleader is one year from the date of selection.

Tryouts will be held for both the Competitive team and Game Day squad. The primary focus of the Competitive team is preparing for and competing at NCA Nationals. Members of the Competitive team may also be a part of the Game Day squad. Game Day cheerleaders cheer at all home SIUE Club Football games and all home men's and women's soccer and basketball games. Additional commitments for both teams include attendance at camp on August 11-15, 2023 and other appearances as requested. 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 anticipated cost of camp, campwear/team apparel and shoes for both teams is \$625.00, and this is due no later than May 20, 2023. (Returning seniors will receive a \$100 discount/returning juniors will receive at \$50 discount.)

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, 2023. 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
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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

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 Competitive Cheer and Dance Contract and Guidelines Signature Sheet (posted on website: 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/filmed.
 - Prefer skills selected for video be within the 2022-2023 season.
 - Tumbling skills may be on spring floor if that's what videos you have. Exception is for standing back handspring - this must be on dead-mat, grass, or rubberized track.
 - If in a group/team setting, clear documentation must be submitted with video outlining the candidates position at the opening and throughout the evaluation portion. Multiple videos of 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!)

Personal Interview Section

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

1. **Introduction of Candidate:** Name, age, hometown, why you chose SIUE
2. **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.)

3. **Questions to Answer:**

1. Why do you want to be a member of the SIUE Competitive Cheer Program?
2. If selected, what characteristics, traits, cheer strengths, etc. do you feel you would bring to the squad?
3. Which one-word would your most recent coach describe you as that best fits your personality/work ethic/cheerleader abilities?
4. Any additional details you wish to share. Things to consider including: major injuries, major issues within a current/previous team, any hardships that might need to be known, etc.

***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 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 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

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

Please practice safe stunting technique, including spots, if filming new stunts.

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.

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.
- Do your hair and make-up as if you were trying out in-person.
- 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 2023-2024 Competitive Cheer Team or Game Day Squad, you will be notified via the email provided by May 1, 2023.



**SIUE Competitive Cheer Team
SIUE Game Day Team
Tryout Application
2023-2024**

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 Both Teams

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Street Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

Previous cheer experience: _____

Pre-existing Injuries: _____

Other Activities/Employment: _____

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)