

Stars Vipers All-Star Competitive Team Contract 2017 – 2018

Thank you for making the decision to join the Stars Viper Family for the 2017-2018 season. Originally founded in 2003, Stars Vipers is recognized nationally as a leader in developing high level athletes, both in all-star and scholastic competitive cheer. The owners and staff pride themselves in maintaining a family environment and holding each athlete to the highest quality standards.

The mission of Stars Vipers is to provide safe, quality services focused on teaching young athletes solid fundamentals in tumbling, stunting, and cheer for school-aged athletes in South Central Texas. Our coaching philosophy is designed to help athletes self-discover their own ability through high quality instruction in a fun, disciplined environment with a structured purpose. The goal is to create athletes who apply their learning, competitive experiences and work ethic to lessons throughout their lives and future leadership roles.

The staff provides a structured training system geared to getting the most from each athlete. We take pride in our ability to focus specific attention to developing each individual's strengths and learning how each athlete can best serve the team. We teach our athletes to excel in all areas of competitive cheer emphasizing sound fundamentals. Stars Vipers strongly believe that our success originates from the dedication and commitment of our staff, athletes, and parents working TOGETHER. Our goal is to foster the growth of the best team possible and instill qualities/values that last a lifetime.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON CALENDAR

- **May 13th – May 25th ALL STAR TEAM TRYOUTS**
- **May 28th – POST ALL STAR Team RESULTS at 6pm (Practice days/times will be posted with tryout results)**
- **May 30th – Begin ALL STAR team practices and parent meetings (\$500 due)**
- *June 3rd – AS PREP Team Tryouts 9AM TO NOON (BOTH IN AUSTIN AND SCHERTZ/SA)*
- *June 4th – POST AS Prep RESULTS at NOON (Practice days/times/parent meeting will be posted with tryout results)*
- **June 6th – SHOW TEAM PRACTICES START AT BOTH LOCATIONS (Practice times T/Th 5pm to 6pm)**
- **June 16th – June 18th ACTION SPIRIT CAMP for AS PREP and ALL STAR TEAMS!!!**
- **ATHLETES GET TWO VACATION DAYS (ONE FOR PREP) IN THE SUMMER ON TOP OF THE ONES LISTED BELOW (MUST BE ON THE FRONT DESK AND TEAM MOM CALENDAR TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO DATE)**
- **Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th ALL TEAM PRACTICES**
- **COMPETITION CALENDARS AND SHOW OFF DATE RELEASED SOON**

CLOSURE DATES

- **June 30th – July 7th**
- **August 4th – 11th**
- **September 2nd – 4th (Make-up practice for all teams will be Saturday, September 9th)**
- **November 20th – 24th (ALL FULL YEAR TEAMS PRACTICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH)**
- **December 22nd – December 26th**
- **December 29th – January 1st**
- **March 11th – 16th Spring Break (Prep Team will practice Thursday, March 15th)**
- **April 1st Easter Sunday**

Stars Vipers Required Tryout Checklist

These must be done on or before the first day of tryouts.

- _____ Updated parent portal profile: Contact info; auto pay info
- _____ Tryout fee must be paid by registering for tryouts online(Current tuition for returning Vipers)

Tryout Overview

All athletes will be evaluated on individual skills as well as their basing and/or flying proficiency. Our tryouts are not stressful!! We evaluate in groups and encourage participants to re-do their skills if they are not 100% satisfied with their tryouts. Once we have evaluated all of the athletes, we begin to assemble rosters and teams. The selection of teams is a very tedious and often complicated process. Many key elements are considered in our decisions. We must choose a well-rounded variety of individuals for each team. **Tryouts will be closed.** Athletes and parents will be notified with results via the Stars Vipers website and social media sites. Once teams have been announced there will be a mandatory team parent meeting to complete contracts and collect all initial deposits.

STARS VIPERS FULL YEAR TEAM TRYOUTS:

(We will make alternate arrangements for those athletes attending the D2 Summit on the weekend of May 13th and 14th. Other than those athletes, ALL tryout dates/times have to be attended. If you have a conflict that you cannot get out of, please communicate with us at least two weeks ahead of time.)

Schertz/San Antonio

LEVELS 1 & 2

Saturday, May 13th 10am – 1pm
Monday, May 15th 6pm – 8pm
Wednesday, May 17th 6pm – 8pm
Saturday, May 20th 10am – 1pm
Monday, May 22nd 6pm – 8pm
*Wednesday, May 24th 6pm – 8pm

LEVEL 3

Saturday, May 13th 1pm – 4pm
Monday, May 15th 7pm – 9pm
Wednesday, May 17th 7pm – 9pm
Saturday, May 20th 1 pm – 4pm
Monday, May 22nd 7pm – 9pm
*Wednesday, May 24th 7pm – 9pm

LEVELS 4 & 5

Saturday, May 13th 4pm – 7pm
Monday, May 15th 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Wednesday, May 17th 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Saturday, May 20th 4pm – 7pm
Monday, May 22nd 7:30pm – 9:30pm
*Wednesday, May 24th 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Austin

LEVELS 1 & 2

Sunday, May 14th Noon – 3pm
Tuesday, May 16th 6pm – 8pm
Thursday, May 18th 6pm – 8pm
Sunday, May 21st Noon – 3pm
Tuesday, May 23rd 6pm – 8pm
*Thursday, May 25th 6pm – 8pm

LEVEL 3

Sunday, May 14th 3pm – 6pm
Tuesday, May 16th 7pm – 9pm
Thursday, May 18th 7pm – 9pm
Sunday, May 21st 3pm – 6pm
Tuesday, May 23rd 7pm – 9pm
*Thursday, May 25th 7pm – 9pm

LEVELS 4 & 5

Sunday, May 14th 6pm – 9pm
Tuesday, May 16th 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Thursday, May 18th 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Sunday, May 21st 6pm – 9pm
Tuesday, May 23rd 7:30pm – 9:30pm
*Thursday, May 25th 7:30pm – 9:30pm

May 28th – POST ALL STAR Team RESULTS at 6pm (Practice days/times will be posted with tryout results)

- The last day will be the official tryout. Athletes will need to wear black spunks/shorts and a black sports bra or tank top. Girls wear a white bow.
- Athletes will all learn a short routine that will be performed the last day in groups assigned during tryouts. Tumbling and jumps will be evaluated individually, and stunting and dance will be done as a group.
- We HIGHLY encourage getting an individual evaluation done at one of our clinics before tryouts to let us recommend what level they should try out for. Our coaches look at many things when choosing teams. This includes jumps and dancing ability along with performance, coach-ability, and being positive with teammates. Tumbling is a big part, but throwing skills and “owning” skills are two different things. This is a TEAM sport and we can only be successful TOGETHER. If your athlete only wants to be a part of our program if they are on a certain level or in a certain position, then we do not recommend our program for your family.

**All-Star Program Cost
(Full year travel teams)**

Stars Vipers All-Star Program is a 12-month program. We will begin tryouts/practices in May 2017 and continue through the Summit/World Championships in May of 2018. All financial obligations must be on schedule by automatic payment in our parent portal. We have a simple payment structure to make costs more affordable. ALL costs for shirts, gifts, misc. expenses are also included in these prices. We offer MANY fundraisers and sponsorship opportunities, including some that you may be participating in now, to help offset seasonal costs. 100% of what you raise can go to these costs.

Escrow Fees Include: Choreography, Action Spirit Camp, Competition Fees, Music, Spirit Gifts/Shirts, Gym Fee, Fundraising Fee, Bow

STARS VIPERS ALL STAR (FULL YEAR TRAVEL TEAM) (ages 5 and up)

TOTAL Escrow Fees **\$3129**

Payment Plan Breakdown

Deposit	\$500 Due 1 st parent meeting (after team placements)
8 Escrow payments July – February	\$328.63/month (\$3129 minus \$500 divided by 8)
12 Tuition payments May through April	\$180/month for instruction/coaching
Practice Wear – 1 time payment	\$170 Due day of parent meeting
*Uniform	\$519.75 before July 20, 2017
*USASF Fee	\$30 Due on August 1 st (Don't pay before)
*Parents will go online and pay all of these fees separately – instructions will be given	

Important Notes

Sweats and Bags: These items are optional. They must be purchased through the Varsity representative at the first meeting and must be paid directly to Varsity.

Shoes: Infinity or Varsity brand most popular; the shoes must be white with **no bling.**

Summit/Worlds - Choreography/Shirts: When your team qualifies for the Summit or Worlds(positive thinking) there will be an additional fee to update choreography and additional shirt fees.

Method of payment: All payments will be automatically deducted from the account you designate in the parent portal on the 1st of the month. Information must be up to date at all times. If using E-check as a form of payment, please be advised that if your check is returned, you will be charged a \$15 NSF fee and if not paid in a reasonable time, we will turn the check over to the District Attorney's Office for collection.

There will be a \$20 late payment fee if tuition and/or escrow is not paid by the 1st of the month.

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Attendance Policy

Stars Vipers is a structured program where success relies on athletes and parents adhering to our policies. We realize many athletes are involved in a variety of activities; however, we cannot make exceptions for schedule conflicts including homework, studying for exams/projects, school athletics, and *school cheer. We practice 2 hours during the week and approximately 2.5 hours on the weekend. We expect top priority and 100% commitment to attending every practice. Due to our policies we are able to keep extra practices to a minimum because our practice times are productive and mandatory.

*We do not want to deter athletes from school cheer. In many cases we can try to accommodate this activity, but it involves very detailed communication with the team moms and school coaches far in advance. (More than two weeks. The earlier the better)

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Summer Absence Policy

Your athlete is allowed up to 2 absences for family vacations in the **SUMMER ONLY**. These vacation dates must be put on our calendar with team rep at least two weeks in advance.

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STARS VIPERS All Star (AS) PREP TEAM TRYOUTS

Saturday, June 3rd 9AM TO NOON (BOTH IN AUSTIN AND SCHERTZ/SA) Wear black spunks/shorts and a black sports bra or tank top. Girls wear a white bow

Sunday, June 4th at NOON (Practice day/times/parent meeting will be posted with tryout results)

All-Star PREP Program Cost

Stars Vipers All-Star Prep Program is a 10-month program. We will begin tryouts/practices in June 2017 and continue through NCA All-Star Prep Nationals in March of 2018. All financial obligations must be on schedule by automatic payment in our parent portal. We have a simple payment structure to make costs more affordable. We offer MANY fundraisers, including some that you may be participating in now, to help offset seasonal costs.

Escrow Fees Include: Choreography, Action Spirit Camp, Competition Fees, Music, Spirit Gifts/Shirts, Gym Fee, Fundraising Fee, and Bow

STARS VIPERS AS PREP TEAM (LIMITED TRAVEL) (ages 4 and up)

TOTAL Escrow Fees **\$1727**

Payment Plan Breakdown

Deposit	\$300 Due day of parent meeting
7 Escrow Payments July - January	\$203.86 /month (\$1727 minus \$300 divided by 7)
June through March	\$150/month for instruction/coaching
Practice Wear	\$100 Due day of parent meeting
*Uniform	\$365 before July 20, 2017
*USASF Fee	\$30 Due on August 1 st (Don't pay before)

*Parents will go online and pay all of these fees separately – instructions will be given

Important Notes

Sweats and Bags: These items are optional. They must be purchased through the Varsity representative at the first meeting and must be paid directly to Varsity.

Shoes: Infinity or Varsity brand most popular; the shoes must be white with **no bling.**

Method of payment: All payments will be automatically deducted from the account you designate in the parent portal on the 1st of the month. Information must be up to date at all times. If using E-check as a form of payment, please be advised that if your check is returned, you will be charged a \$15 NSF fee and if not paid in a reasonable time, we will turn the check over to the District Attorney's Office for collection.

There will be a \$20 late payment fee if tuition and/or escrow is not paid by the 1st of the month.

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Attendance Policy

Stars Vipers AS PREP is a structured program where success relies on athletes and parents adhering to our policies. We realize many athletes are involved in a variety of activities; however, we cannot make exceptions for schedule conflicts including homework, studying for exams/projects, school athletics, and *school cheer. We practice 1 time per week for 2 hours. We expect top priority and 100% commitment to attend every practice. Due to our policies we are able to keep extra practices to a minimum because our practice times are productive and mandatory.

*We do not want to deter athletes from school cheer. In many cases we can try to accommodate this activity, but it involves very detailed communication with the team moms far in advance. (More than two weeks. The earlier the better)

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Summer Absence Policy

Your AS PREP athlete is allowed ONE absence for family vacations in the **SUMMER ONLY** outside of the vacation dates on the front of the contract. These vacation dates must be put on our calendar with team rep at least two weeks in advance.

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STARS VIPERS SHOW TEAM:

SHOW TEAM PRACTICES START JUNE 6, 2017 AT BOTH LOCATIONS (Practice times T/Th 5pm to 6pm)

SHOW TEAM Program Cost

Stars Vipers Show Team is a 9-month program. We will begin practices in June 2017 and continue through ACP Nationals in February of 2018. All financial obligations must be on schedule by automatic payment in our parent portal. We have a simple payment structure to make costs more affordable. We offer MANY fundraisers, including some that you may be participating in now, to help offset seasonal costs.

Escrow Fees Include: Choreography, Action Spirit Camp, Competition Fees, Music, Spirit Gifts/Shirts, Gym Fee, Fundraising Fee, and Bow

STARS VIPERS SHOW TEAM (EXHIBITION TEAM) (ages 3 to 8)

TOTAL Escrow Fees **\$850**

Payment Plan Breakdown

Deposit	\$200 Due day of signing up
7 Escrow Payments July - January	\$92.86/month (\$850 minus \$200 divided by 7)
June through February	\$140/month for instruction/coaching
Practice Wear	\$100 Due day of parent meeting
*Uniform	\$150 before July 20, 2017

*Parents will go online and pay this fee separately – instructions will be given

Important Note

Sweats and Bags: These items are optional. They must be purchased through the Varsity representative at the first meeting and must be paid directly to Varsity.

Shoes: Infinity or Varsity brand most popular; the shoes must be white with **no bling.**

Method of payment: All payments will be automatically deducted from the account you designate in the parent portal on the 1st of the month. Information must be up to date at all times. If using E-check as a form of payment, please be advised that if your check is returned, you will be charged a \$15 NSF fee and if not paid in a reasonable time, we will turn the check over to the District Attorney's Office for collection.

There will be a \$20 late payment fee if tuition and/or escrow is not paid by the 1st of the month.

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Attendance Policy

Stars Vipers SHOW TEAM is a structured program where success relies on athletes and parents adhering to our policies. We realize many athletes are involved in a variety of activities; however, we cannot make exceptions for schedule conflicts including homework, studying for exams/projects, and school athletics. We practice 2 times per week for 1 hour each day. We expect top priority and 100% commitment to attend every practice. Due to our policies we are able to keep extra practices to a minimum because our practice times are productive and mandatory.

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Summer Absence Policy

Your SHOW TEAM athlete is allowed TWO absences for family vacations in the **SUMMER ONLY** outside of the vacation dates on the front of the contract. These vacation dates must be put on our calendar with team rep at least two weeks in advance.

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STARS VIPERS POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES

Absence Policy

Once we enter the month of August the only excused absence is a school function that is mandatory for a grade. All other absences are unexcused. Part-time jobs, dances, concerts, banquets, long distance driving, family reunions, weddings, recitals, school/church socials, and any other non-related school activities are unexcused. Absences are not allowed the weekend and week prior to a competition. An unexcused absence may result in the athlete being moved to an alternate position or pulled from an upcoming performance at the discretion of the staff. It is the responsibility of the athlete to learn any changes prior to the next practice. Alternates must follow all requirements and guidelines. Since school activities are planned well in advance, please communicate to us any **mandatory events** well in advance since absences must be approved by staff to be excused. We will verify with school administration and the teaching staff if we think someone is being less than truthful. Be prepared to show documentation from a teacher or instructor. You will be removed immediately if the request is falsified.

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Sick Policy

Athletes must attend practice even if they are sick. Students unfortunately are removed from the program for failing to follow this rule. We will not make exceptions. You will not be required to participate; however, you must be present. An athlete will jeopardize his/her position if this rule is not followed. In addition, you must provide a doctor's note with detailed information regarding the illness, treatment and length of recovery. This includes dental, medical and any other health related issue that would prohibit a student from participating. Extended sickness such as Mono or Strep throat may result in an athlete being temporarily/permanently replaced.

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Team Reps and Communication

Most communication is set forth in monthly notes, calendars and emails. Each team will have a designated coaching staff and a team representative responsible for relaying information to the parents and the Stars Vipers staff. Any questions or team related concerns should be addressed with the team representative prior to contacting Rebecca or Danny. Team representatives will also be assisting the teams at competitions and working closely with the staff. Additional information will always be posted on our website (www.starsvipers.com) or on our social media sites (FB, Instagram, and Twitter).

Team Practice Rules

All practices and stunt practices are closed. There is to be **no jewelry** worn at practice, which includes all earrings, belly button rings, and necklaces. This is not simply for appearance sake, but for the safety of the one wearing the jewelry and for those either flying or basing who might be injured as a result. **All cell phones** should be turned **off** and collected during practice times. There is to be **no**

gum at practices or competitions. **Tattoos must be must be covered** at all times. **Stickers used during tanning sessions** should be worn in an area not visible. There is to be **no excessively long fingernails or sculptured nails**. **No videotaping** of practices. Practice clothing must be worn as scheduled on the monthly calendars. Lost, misplaced or damaged clothing will be replaced at your expense. Anyone late or dressed incorrectly will jump/condition after practice.

All practices are closed to parents and siblings/friends to include routine changes and choreography. We will add additional conditioning for athletes whose parents do not adhere to this rule. This includes when practices run long (this will happen on occasion). If you have a child in a team practice and a sibling in tumbling you are not allowed to be in the practice area. In short, please do not find excuses to be in the practice area during team practice. It is counterproductive to running an effective practice.

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Traveling Requirements

Making sure our athletes are rested and fully prepared to compete is paramount. Please note that when we are traveling you are required to have your athletes at the venue the night before no later than 8:30pm. If you cannot arrive by 8:30 p.m., please send your athlete with another athlete or family member or communicate well in advance with your team representative.

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Injuries

In the event that an athlete is injured at home or during other extracurricular activities, we ask that you please notify us as soon as possible. Please do not leave messages of this nature on our message service. You should call the gym and the team representative to get the necessary information to the coaches. We will make changes with choreography prior to the practice. We will re-choreograph routines based on the athlete's injury and length of recovery. Once the individual has full recovered, he or she **may or may not** be placed back in the routine. The coaches have complete discretion in replacing such individuals for the rest of the season if they feel it is best for the team. All injured athletes must continue to pay their tuition. Please note, if your athlete is injured, you will still be required to pay monthly tuition and escrow.

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Code of Conduct

A member must at all times be a strong representative of Stars Vipers and a positive reflection of his/her teammates. Abusive behavior, lying, and/or any other form of negative behavior are grounds for removal from the program. We will not tolerate comments about other teams and their programs. Let's respect their teams, as we will get respect in return. Many of you communicate with other cheerleaders at various organizations through email, FB, GroupMe, Twitter, Instagram, and message boards. Please remember that anything you ever say is a direct reflection on this organization. NOTE: If you are caught sending rude or inappropriate messages on social media you will be subject to immediate dismissal. In addition, you cannot use the Stars Vipers name or any variation of our name in your email address. You may use SV_ (name) as your username. Teammates are expected to treat one another with mutual respect. They should treat and talk to one another in a manner in which they want to be spoken to. We do not tolerate pettiness, gossiping, or cliques, all of which attempt to exclude or alienate certain members. Back talk, rolling of eyes and any other disrespect for instructors or

teammates is unacceptable. After a warning, the team member will sit out of practice until the problem is resolved. A problem between an athlete and a staff member will first be addressed between the owners. If not resolved, a parent will be notified of the problem and will be expected to assist the staff in solving the problem. A parent should never reprimand or discipline someone else's athlete. We will handle any disciplinary problems privately.

_____ (initials)
_____ (athlete's initials)

Miscellaneous Information

All routine/choreography including music, cheers, dances, stunts, transitions, and tumbling should be highly protected and shall not be shown or discussed with others. Stars Vipers choreography should never be copied or taught to anyone without consent from Stars Vipers ownership. This also includes any and all portions of music selections and editing. No video of routines, choreography or tryout material should be uploaded to any online site such as YOUTUBE or any social media site. Ownership must approve all designs bearing the Stars Vipers name or logo. Anything created without our approval is unacceptable and cannot be sold or used for personal use independently. Our logos have full protection and are copyrighted. Any money awarded to teams at competitions will go directly to Star Athletes LLC. Tuition does not pay for the right to perform. If your athlete does not perform, we will do everything in our power to get your athlete a jacket, shirt and/or medal but if we cannot then it will go to the athlete that took his/her spot. Individuals must meet the level skill requirements in order to compete. Mandatory tumbling and jump classes will be assigned as needed. Athletes can be moved to an alternate position if they do not maintain the skill requirements. We believe in perfection before progression. We will not allow athletes to learn advanced tumbling skills before perfecting their basics and team tumbling requirements. Proper technique is everything and only perfected skills will be choreographed in a Stars Vipers routine. Absolutely no unsupervised tumbling or stunting is to be done at Stars gym. An instructor must be present at all times. Stars Vipers reserves the right to change a team's division and level at any time throughout the year.

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Refund Policy

Under no circumstances will there be any form of refund regardless of the reason. We are under no obligation to buy any uniforms, practice wear, or shirts purchased by any member if they decide to leave the program. If you have prepaid any expenses they will not be refunded for any reason.

_____ (initials)

Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Contact Information

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