

## Hawks Pom Newsletter

Welcome to the Fall 2008 season for poms. This is some general information that will get our season off to a great start. Please read the following carefully and make note of dates and times of events:

**!!PLEASE MAKE SURE I HAVE A LEGIBLE EMAIL ADDRESS!!**

**ACTIVITY FEE:** We will be collecting a \$25 activity fee for the purchases of hair bows and trophies.

**PRACTICES:** Practices will be held at Urbana Fire Hall on Route 355 in Urbana, beginning Monday, August 18, 2008 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. Your coach may designate a different start/finish time within that 2 hour time period.

Practices will be held on: Monday, August 18; Tuesday, August 19; Wednesday, August 20; and Thursday, August 20 from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

Once school begins, practices will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at the same location. Our first Tuesday, Thursday practice will be Tuesday, August 26, 2008.

Please be on time to practice.

You **MUST** walk your daughter to the allocated practice area for poms. Please do not drop your daughter off and leave without making sure the coach is present. There are a lot of people, kids and cars.

If an adult will not be present during practices your daughter's coach **MUST** have a cell number where you can be reached. Coaches **MUST** be made aware of car pool situations prior to you leaving your daughter at practice.

Please be advised, that you must be on time to pick up your daughter from practice - you will be notified of an end time for practice, we may run over this end time. However, it is imperative that you are at the field at this end time (no matter the age of your daughter). I can not stress enough, how dangerous the parking lot is and how many people are at the Urbana Fire Hall - it is impossible for a coach to have the responsibility of watching an entire squad once practice is over. Please be on time for pick up.

The exact location of where the poms will be practicing is still being negotiated. We will be somewhere in the vicinity of the Fire Hall fields.

In case of bad weather, please check your email. I will try to post practice changes by 5:30pm.

**UNIFORMS:** **\*\*All pieces of the uniform are required in order for your daughter to perform.\*\*** The uniform **MUST** be clean - this means the shoes and socks must also be clean. During times of weather changes, we may require a short sleeve white tshirt to be worn under the shell or the

long sleeve white turtle neck. However, once the girls get moving we may opt to have this shirt removed and perform just in the shell.

Uniforms, shell and skirt will be provided for each pom participant. We will hand out uniforms during pom camp.

There will be a \$100 refundable deposit due at the time uniforms are given out. Uniforms are due to be returned at the end of the season in GOOD condition. Washed and clean!

Jr. Pony, Pony and JV: You will have to purchase blue bloomers, a white leotard turtle neck, short sleeve white tshirt, white no show socks, and shoes. These items MUST be purchased by the 1<sup>st</sup> game. No pom will be allowed to participate if she does not have the correct items.

Varsity: You will have to purchase blue bloomers, a NAVY BLUE leotard turtle neck, short sleeve white tshirt, white no show socks, and shoes. These items MUST be purchased by the 1<sup>st</sup> game. No pom will be allowed to participate if she does not have the correct items.

The blue bloomers and white leotard can be purchased at:

Footlights  
306 E Church Street  
Frederick  
301-696-1558

Mt. Airy Sport Supply  
603 Ridgeside Drive  
Mt. Airy  
301-829-4723

The shoes are Converse Kickout. The shoes are to be ordered from Mt. Airy Sport Supply or online at Teamcheer.com. Please place your order by July 1, 2008 to insure delivery by our first game.

Uniforms may be worn to school on Friday before the Saturday game day to show our team spirit. HOWEVER, all pom girls MUST MUST MUST wear a tshirt underneath the shell top and soffe shorts under the skirts. Please do not put the entire Hawks squads in jeopardy of not being able to wear the uniforms to school by not following these guidelines. Any pom who is called to the office to change will forfeit her opportunity to wear the uniform to school for the entire season.

**POM JACKETS:** (optional) Pom jackets are available at Mt. Airy Sports Supply. These jackets are navy blue, lined and have the Hawks Poms with 2 poms screen printed on the back. You can have a name put on the front.

**GAME SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS:** The game schedule has not yet been posted. I will have information regarding our game schedule available to you as soon as it is posted.

This season the Hawks Pom squads will not be traveling to away games to perform. All squads will be performing for the Hawks home football team at the Fannie Mae field. Once the football schedule is posted I will provide a schedule for each squad.

Please inform your coach of any conflicts since the routines are based on all the girls being able to perform as a complete team. We DO perform in inclimate and cold weather! Please be prepared for these colder, windier games.

**CAMP:** Camp will be held at Kemptown Park on Monday, August 11; Tuesday, August 12; Wednesday, August 13; and Thursday, August 14; with Friday, August 15 held as a rain date; from 8:30 until 12:30. The Urbana High School pom team will be there to teach some awesome routines to each squad. On Thursday evening at 7:00pm we will once again present our showcase of routines to the parents. Please come in your blue soffe shorts and camp tshirt. (The tshirt will be provided at camp. You must purchase the blue soffe shorts)

The cost of the camp is \$75.00 if paid by July 15, 2008 and \$85.00 after that date. You must provide your daughter with a lunch and drink. Water bottles will be provided. The girls will receive a camp tshirt.

You must register for camp by August 1, 2008. You can mail your camp registration to:  
LUYAA Hawks Poms  
c/o Suzanne Patton  
4910 Marianne Drive  
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

**PICTURES:** Information will be handed out during our summer practices regarding our picture date.

**BANQUET:** Information regarding our end of season banquet will be available during our summer practice schedule. Look for information then.

**WEBSITE:** Please visit the LUYAA website at [LUYAA.ORG](http://LUYAA.ORG) for updates concerning the football program, poms and cheerleading.

**QUESTIONS or CONCERNS:**

Suzanne Patton, Pom Commissioner can be reached at [HAWKSPOMCOACH@comcast.net](mailto:HAWKSPOMCOACH@comcast.net)

Thank you for choosing to participate in the LUYAA pom program. I realize you had many choices when choosing the best program for your child. I am honored that you have chosen the LUYAA pom program. My commitment, to a quality program with the goals of producing confidence in the girls, friendships among the girls and wholesome halftime entertainment for the fans, is one I strive to achieve every season. I hope this season is a great one for your daughter!  
GO HAWKS!

--Suzanne Patton, Pom Commissioner