Purpose
The Midland College cheer squad is a group of selected individuals whose purposes are to promote and uphold school spirit, encourage crowd participation at athletic events, and develop a sense of good sportsmanship among students. The squad will be the foundation of athletic and academic spirit. The squad will also represent Midland College in a positive light and perform and entertain audiences. The spirit of a Midland College cheerleader is important in the promotion of sportsmanship, citizenship and school spirit. Each squad member must develop loyalty towards the team as well as the school and assume a leadership position. Hard work and dedication are a must. It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of this organization.

The Midland College cheer program is looking for well-rounded athletes with cheerleading skills and cheerleading ability. The Midland College cheer program realizes that not all potential cheer participants have advanced tumbling or advanced stunting skills. Be prepared to take direction and coaching during the tryout process. Do not assume that weakness or lack of skill in any one area will automatically disqualify you as a potential team member. Although we strongly recommend athletes to meet certain requirements, we also look for potential that we can help develop. A positive attitude and hard work ethic must be displayed at all times in order to be considered for this privilege.

Attitude
Attitudes and/or egos shall be left at the door. Any past accomplishments in cheer/dance/stunting or otherwise, carry very little weight in the selection process. The Midland College coaching staff has the right to remove any participant at any time for bad attitude or failure to follow safety guidelines and regulations for stunting or general safety of the program.

Score/Judging Sheets
Scores and judging sheets will not be released. The coaching staff and administration of Midland College cheer will make all final decisions on team member selection. Any tryout participant that has questions after the team is officially announced may ask questions before they leave the tryout facility. Threats, outbursts, rude behavior or rude questions from participants, former or current coaches, parents or any other supporting unit, will not be accepted or tolerated at any time.

Tryout Results:
Participants who make the final selection will be informed at the end of the tryout process. Participants who made the final selection will then be expected to attend a mandatory team meeting after the tryout process and after the final results are announced.

All results are final!!!!!
Tryout Event Schedule

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT FOR CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

Cheer Clinic
Date: Saturday, September 8, 2012
Time: 8:00 a.m. (Registration and Stretching; Clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp.)
Location: Midland College Physical Education Building in the Old Gym

- All material for tryouts will be taught at this clinic
- Participants will go through an interview with the Midland College Cheer Coaches
- Timed Mile Run (All males, females & mascots)

Tryouts
Date: Saturday, September 8, 2012
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Midland College Physical Education Building in the Old Gym

Tryout Requirements
Females:
- Jumps (level or above)
- Tumbling (added Bonus)
- Individual Cheer
- Group Cheer w/ Stunts
- Fight Song
- Charismatic presence/personality/attitude
- Collegiate Appearance

Males:
- Jumps (level or above)
- Group Cheer
- Individual Cheer
- Tumbling (added Bonus)
- Coed Stunts:
  - Toss Shoulders
  - Toss Chair
  - Any tossed stunt of your Choice (elevated or above)
- Charismatic presence/personality/attitude
- Collegiate Appearance

Mascot:
- 3 minute original skit (Must provide your own props and music)
- Charismatic presence/personality/attitude/crowd involvement
- Collegiate Appearance
Tryout Information Needed
ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT FOR CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

*Each tryout participant must have three letters of recommendation as well as the Midland College Cheerleading Information Form turned in to the Intramural Coordinators office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

* Each tryout participant must bring with them to the clinic; a form of picture Id. either a Drivers license or college/military Id, a signed copy of the Constitutional Agreement, a signed copy of the Rules and Regulations, a signed copy of the liability waiver, and insurance information form showing you are covered.

*The liability waiver must be signed and turned in before any individual may participate in the tryout process.

*The Tryout Clinic will be held by the head coaching staff at Midland College.

*The final team size is not predetermined.

* A clean image is required at all times to be selected as a member of the Midland College cheer squad.

*Any and all body piercings, tattoos, extreme hair colors and styles are not acceptable for tryouts or in uniform if you are selected for the final team. All piercings must and will be removed before the tryout process (this includes practices,) and tattoos must be covered.

*Solid white t-shirt and solid black shorts are required for tryouts. Hair should be all up in a ponytail and bangs pulled back out of your face. NO jewelry of any kind is allowed while at practice or during tryouts/performance. Colored nail polish should not be worn and nails should be of a length suitable for athletic activities (not passed the finger tips). The collegiate look is an important part of the Midland College Cheer Program, and you will be judged on this so, LOOK YOUR BEST!!!

*No gum or candy at any time.

*If you are selected to the 2012-2013 Midland College Cheer Squad, you will be required to make a $250.00 deposit on or before October 1st, for warmups, clothes, and shoes.

Contact Information:
Midland College Cheerleading Advisor
Ty Soliz
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# Midland College Cheerleading 2012 – 2013 Information Form

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**Midland College Students**

Last Semester GPA

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**High School / New Students**

High School / Previous School GPA Graduation Date

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**Area(s) of Interest:**
Are you trying out for:  cheerleading  or  mascot  (circle one)
Quad Stunting:  ____ flyer  ____ base  ____ back
Are you willing and able to become a spotter?  Yes  or  No  (if no please explain on the back)

Cheerleading/ Mascot Experience: (Circle all that apply)
High School General  High School Non-Stunt  Competitive/All Star  College

Tumbling Skills: (Circle all that apply)
Back Hand Spring  Standing Tuck  Full  Standing Two to Full  Standing Full  Full to Full

Jump Skills: (Circle all that apply)
Toe Touch  Front/Side Hurdler  Pike  Jumps to Back Tuck

__________________________________________   ____________________________
Signature   Date
Midland College Cheerleading
Rules and Regulations
2012 – 2013

- Each student must try-out and be selected for the squad
- Each cheerleader must maintain a 2.5 GPA
- Each member must be enrolled in and maintain full time hours
- All members must be present at each home game, women’s volleyball, men and women’s basketball and must be willing to travel to the regional and national tournaments
- Cheer and perform at community functions as scheduled
- Must be willing to abide by all Midland College Cheerleading rules stated in the Cheerleading Constitution.
- Each member will be required to assist with all fund-raising activities
- **Scheduled cheerleading activities must take PRIORITY OVER A JOB OR OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Expectations:

- Attend all functions in appropriate uniforms
- Attend all practices
- Be on time to all scheduled events
- Must know all cheers and dances
- Know and abide by all safety techniques
- Represent Midland College in a positive way

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I meet necessary requirements to try-out and be selected as a member of the Midland College Cheerleading Squad. In addition, I give permission to my coach and/or sponsor to check my transcript for eligibility and to send periodic grade reports to follow my progress in the classroom. I understand that if I am not making satisfactory progress in the classroom, I can be required to miss performances and college sponsored trips. If selected as a member of the Midland College Cheerleading Squad, I will abide by all rules and regulations set forth in the Cheerleading Constitution.

_____________________________________
Signature

_____________________________________
Print Name

_____________________________________
Date
Midland College
Cheerleading Tryouts
Participant Release Form

I, ______________________________, understand and agree that College-Related Activities of Midland College involve certain known risks, including but not limited to, transportation accidents, personal injuries, and loss or destruction of my property. I understand and agree that Midland College cannot be expected to control all of said risks. In consideration of the benefits I will receive through my participation in the activities of Midland College, I hereby expressly and knowingly RELEASE MIDLAND COLLEGE, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION I MAY HAVE FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH SUSTAINED BY ME ARISING OUT OF ANY TRAVEL OR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED BY, OR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE, WHETHER CAUSED BY MY OWN NEGLIGENCE OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF MIDLAND COLLEGE, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, OR EMPLOYEES.

I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required during my participation with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility.

Further, I voluntarily and knowingly agree to HOLD HARMLESS, PROTECT, AND INDEMNIFY Midland College, its officers, agents, volunteers, and employees, against and from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action for property damage, personal injury or death, including defense costs and attorney’s fees, arising out of my participation in the activities of Midland College, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES, INJURY OR DEATH ARE CAUSED BY MY OWN NEGLIGENCE, OR BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF MIDLAND COLLEGE, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, OR EMPLOYEES.

I have read and understood this document, and my signature evidences my intent to be bound by its terms.

PARTICIPANTS NAME: _________________________________ Date: __________________ (PRINT)

SIGNATURE: ___________________________________

If the participant is under 18, I am signing as a parent or guardian to reflect my agreement to indemnify (that is, protect by payment or reimbursement) Midland College from any claim which may be brought by or on behalf of the participant, or any member of the participant’s family, for injury or loss resulting from those inherent risks of the course, described above, and from the negligence of the participant or Midland College:

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME: _________________________________ Date: ________________ (PRINT)

SIGNATURE: _______________________________________