AUTUMN 2026 HoCo CHEER INVITATIONAL

Howard County will host its Annual Autumn Invitational competition at **Wilde Lake High School** on **Tuesday, October 20th, 2026**. This competition is open to Varsity and Junior Varsity teams and is sanctioned by the Maryland Public Schools State Cheerleading Committee (MPSSCC).

Registration:

- Cost per team is $150.00. **No REFUNDS** after October 2nd
- ONLY the first ***22 teams*** to register will be guaranteed a spot!
- Make school checks payable to **Marriotts Ridge High School**.
- Only coaches on registration will be permitted to enter with the team during registration.

Competition Guidelines:

- National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and MPSSC Cheerleading rules and regulations will be followed including:
  - NO CELL PHONES are allowed in the cheerleaders holding area.
  - Athletes must wear their entire uniform for the duration of the competition.
- One panel of judges will be used unless we have a large sign-up, then we will use two panels.
- The length of the routine should not exceed two and a half minutes and can be all music.
- Keep in mind that the team must still include a cheer portion that cannot be voiced over in the music and must be performed by the team on the mat.
- Up to 25 athletes are allowed on the mat
- Up to 25 people – coaches, mascots, managers, alternates, athletes – will be allowed to enter with the team.

Event Information:

- The competition will be held in the main gymnasium of **Wilde Lake High School**.
- Routines will be performed on a non-spring cheerleading mat (42x42)
- Concessions and T-shirts will be sold.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Team Trophies will be presented for each division.
- Team registration will begin at 4:00 pm. Open mat will begin at 5:00 pm.
- Doors will open to the public at approximately 5:30 pm.
- **The competition will begin at 6:00 pm**
- Cost of admission: $5.00

Please complete your registration and mail it with your school check to:

Marriotts Ridge High School

12100 Woodford Drive

Marriottsville, MD 21104

Attn: Ms. Kelly Brown

If you have any questions, please contact

Kelly Brown at Kelly_Brown@hcpss.org

MPSSC Registration Form

School Name: _____ Level (Circle): JV Varsity

School County: _____ School Mascot: _____

Division (Circle): 1A 2A 3A 4A Region (Circle): East West

Head Coach's Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Assistant Coaches: _____

All other coaches entering with the team must be on the approved coaches list submitted by their county athletic supervisor. No children (regardless of age) are permitted to enter with the team or be on the performance floor at any time. Only athletes and coaches on this sheet will be allowed in during registration time. All others will be directed to the entrance.

Total # of Athletes *Competing* _____

Please list team members alphabetically – ONE name per line and please label all alternates, mascots, and managers – alternates MUST be in uniform. **No more than 5 alternates beyond the competitors permitted.**

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Coach's Signature: _____

Coach's signature verifies you have adhered to all copyright laws and guidelines and agree to pay the appropriate registration fees.

School Athletic Director Signature: _____

AD's signature verifies that your cheer program has adhered to all copyright laws and guidelines. Failure to comply with the copyright laws and guidelines will be subject to a $150,000 fine from ASCAP/Broadcast Music Inc. and the team will not be permitted to compete. AD signature also ensures that the registration fee will be paid even if the team does not compete no matter the reason.

This form is to be used for all MPSSC sanctioned events including invitationals, county championship, regions, and state final competitions.