

Adoption Connection, PA, Presents
Family Is Something to Cheer About! Cheer Showcase

Sunday, October 12, 2025

North Catholic High School Gymnasium

1617 PA-228, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

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Adoption Connection, PA, is pleased to announce the return of our annual cheer showcase with our first ever *Family Is Something to Cheer About!* Event to be held on Sunday, October 12, at the North Catholic High School Gymnasium.

Participation in the showcase is free, but teams are encouraged to order exclusive showcase t-shirts from Adoption Connection, PA, at \$17 each. All registrations and t-shirt orders are due by September 12, 2025. Each squad will be granted admittance for two coaches and two coordinators, whose names must be listed on the registration form. All others accompanying the squad will be expected to pay the admission fee. Registered cheerleaders will be admitted without additional fees.

Athletes will have the opportunity to sign up to participate in jump-offs and tumble-offs at the gate for a participation fee of \$5 per athlete. Cheerleaders will sign up for a time slot to jump or tumble.

Guests may pre-purchase admission either from their team's coach or directly from Adoption Connection, PA, for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Admission fees for the showcase at the door are as follows: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children, and no fee for children three and under.

There is no minimum or maximum number of cheerleaders per team. Cheerleaders may "crossover," but must cheer up, meaning no one will be permitted to cheer below their designated age group, but younger athletes are permitted to cheer in groups older than their age division. The showcase is open to the following age divisions:

Minis – ages 5-7 – Grades K-2

Petites – ages 8-9 – Grades 3 & 4

Pints – ages 10-11 – Grades 5 & 6

Juniors – ages 12-13 – Grades 7 & 8

Junior Varsity – ages 14 to 16 – Grades 9-11

Varsity – ages 16-18 – Grades 11 & 12

First, second, and third place team awards will be given for each age division, as well as a Grand Cheer Showcase Award to one team. Additional individual prizes will be awarded for tumble-offs and jumps-offs.

All participating squads will perform a routine not to exceed 2 minutes and thirty seconds. The routine must include transitions, stunts, and a dance combination, and may include a cheer. Timing will begin either at the first movement or when the music begins. Teams will not be timed or judged for entrances, exits, or cheers. Routines exceeding the 2 minute thirty second time allotment will receive a deduction.

All pyramids and/or mounts are limited to two persons high, and the base must be in contact with the floor at all times. Proper spotting techniques are mandatory. Any illegal stunt and/or mount will result in an automatic deduction from the squad's total score.

Each squad's music must be emailed to efischer@adoptionconnectionpa.org no later than September 12. Please ensure that the track you send is ready to be played as is. Adoption Connection, PA, will not edit or fast forward tracks. All squads must have one designated representative to report to the music table during their team's performance. Any device needed for the practice area and mat times must be provided by each team. Adoption Connection, PA, will not have portable music players available.

Please set an example of and encourage sportsmanship within your squad at all times, including respect for all judges, audience members, staff, and athletes. Remember, the purpose of the showcase is to celebrate families and to raise funds and awareness for youth in foster care.

Refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day, as well as a concession stand.

There will be a coaches meeting held at 8:15, the morning of the event. At least one coach from each team must be present at this meeting. Questions regarding the event and its rules will be answered at that time.

Please be sure to complete the enclosed registration form, insurance waivers, t-shirt order, and roster. Once completed, please send forms and a check payable to Adoption Connection, PA to:

Adoption Connection, PA

700 Turnpike St

Beaver, PA 15009

Attn: Jackie Pleska

Questions regarding the event may be directed to Jackie Pleska at
jpleska@adoptionconnectionpa.org