

Season 3

at **WEAZ**

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WOODLANDS ELITE
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WELCOME TO WOODLANDS ELITE AZ SEASON 3

Thank You

As we begin the 2026–2027 competitive season at Woodlands Elite Arizona, we want to share our heartfelt appreciation with the athletes and families who have supported us through our first two seasons. You are the foundation of WEAZ, and your trust has shaped who we are today.

We're excited to welcome you into our third season. At WEAZ, our mission is to create a place where families feel at home and athletes grow into strong, confident, and well-rounded individuals—both on and off the mat.

To our returning families, welcome back. To those joining us for the first time, we're honored to have you here.

In just two years, more than 2,000 athletes have come through our doors for classes, school teams, open gyms, and more. Our competitive program has nearly doubled since our first season, and we would love for YOU to be part of what's ahead.

As we continue to grow, we remain committed to being approachable, communicative, and deeply invested in every athlete and their family. The lessons learned here extend far beyond cheer—they're life skills and confidence builders that last long after the season ends.

We can't wait to welcome you into our community and cheer you on every step of the way.

Everyone is welcome here!

As owners, it is with our whole hearts that we open our doors each season. Providing a tumbling and cheer program where athletes can grow, feel supported, and truly find a second home is something we take personally. This gym is more than a business to us — it's a place where we pour our time, our energy, and our love into every athlete who walks through the door.

We want families to feel just as valued as their athletes are. Your voices matter, your experiences matter, and being part of this community should feel like being part of an extended family.

We don't just welcome athletes — we welcome the people who stand behind them.

From our family to yours, we are grateful you're here, and we're excited to welcome you into our program with open arms.

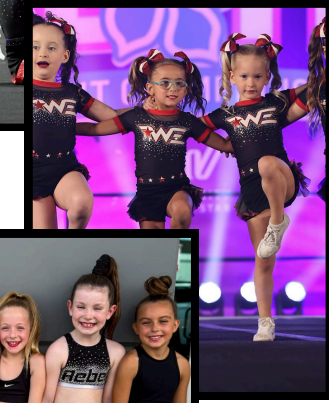
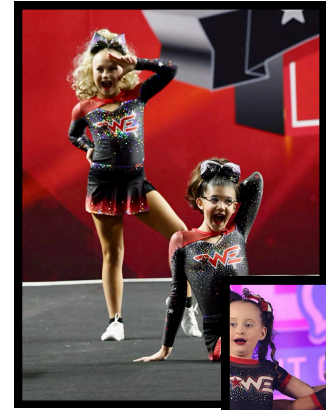
Stacy & Sarah
~WEAZ Owners

Which Full Year Program Is

RIGHT FOR YOU

NOVICE - NON-TRAVEL

Novice cheer is the foundational level of the sport, where athletes are introduced to basic skills, simple routines, and the process of combining those skills into a full performance. This level focuses on safety, proper skill progression, and creating a fair, supportive environment for all participants. Novice teams are designed to help athletes build confidence and learn the fundamentals while being part of a positive cheer community. These teams do not travel out of state for competitions, compete one day at events, and typically train between two and four hours per week.



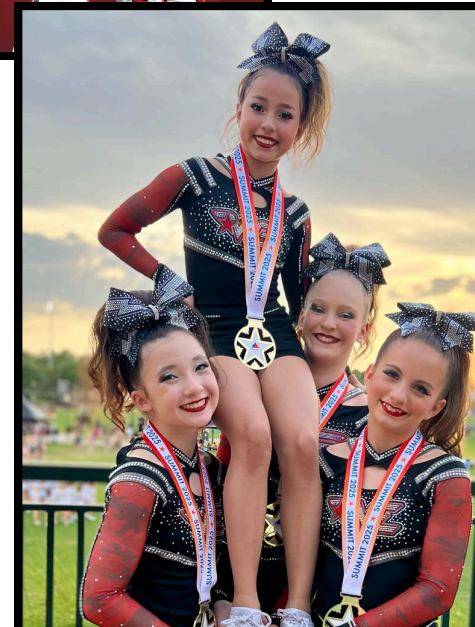
PREP- LIMITED TRAVEL

Prep Cheer is the mid-level program designed for athletes who are still developing their skills or are continuing to grow their love for All-Star cheerleading. This level provides a competitive experience while keeping the environment supportive and accessible for athletes who are not yet ready for the demands of Elite teams. Prep teams participate in limited travel, typically competing one to two times out of state within drivable distances, and compete one-day competitions throughout the season. Athletes on Prep teams generally train three to four hours per week as they build confidence, improve technique, and gain experience in a team-based setting.



ELITE - FULL TRAVEL

Elite is the highest-level program offered at WEAZ and is designed for athletes who are fully committed to the demands of All-Star cheerleading. This level is intended for athletes who strive for excellence, push themselves consistently, and are motivated by a highly competitive training environment. Elite teams train and perform at the most advanced level in the gym and compete more frequently than any other program. Full-travel Elite teams compete out of state up to 6 times per season and attend major end-of-season events such as The Summit or The Cheerleading Worlds in Orlando, Florida. These teams participate in two-day competitions and train approximately five hours per week during the summer, increasing to seven hours per week beginning in August. Elite teams may have regularly scheduled practices through the week and or on weekends.



TRY OUTS

May 16th

Call Backs: May 18th-22st/26th-29th

Step 1

Each athlete will attend the tryout session assigned to their age group. Upon arrival, athletes will receive an athlete number. This number will be used throughout the evaluation process to maintain anonymity when team placements are posted.

Tryouts will be conducted strictly by age group. During their session, athletes will be asked to demonstrate all required skills, including running and standing tumbling, jumps, dance, and overall performance quality.

Athletes who are trying out as flyers will also be required to show body positions on the ground to evaluate flexibility, stability, and control

Age groups for tryouts are as follows:

- Ages 3-6
- Ages 7-10
- Ages 11-13
- Ages 14+

Step 2

After their initial tryout, each athlete will receive a Call Back Ticket. The ticket will list their assigned callback time(s). If more than one time is marked, the athlete is required to attend all listed sessions. These callbacks allow staff to further evaluate skills and determine the best placement for each athlete within the WEAZ program.

Team selections will be based on a combination of factors, including skill level, experience, stunt position, focus, commitment, and overall attitude. Athletes must bring their Call Back Ticket to their callback session, as it serves as their entry pass.

Once all callbacks are complete, team placement emails will be sent on May 31st individually to athletes. These emails will include their team assignment and/or any alternate positions offered.

Team Information

Saturday June 6th - "WE" DAY

Come and participate in the POTLUCK and meet your fellow WE families.

June 1st and June 2nd - are the first days of practice!

Tumbling at Tryouts

Athletes and parents should review the tumbling skill breakdowns on the following page to set realistic goals for tryouts.

Strong teams are built from athletes who can stunt, jump, tumble, perform, and demonstrate the maturity and focus expected for their age and level. Most athletes placed on a team will be able to perform the advanced standing and running tumbling skills for their level with consistency and strong execution. Athletes will be placed where they can confidently compete with full mastery of their skills, ensuring the team's best chance at being competitive. Parents, please help your athlete stay realistic and grounded when setting their tryout goals

Tumbling **WEAZ** is Looking For!

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Elite Standing Tumbling	BWO - BWO, BWO Switch Leg	BHS Step out BWO BHS	BHS Step out BHS Series	Jump BHS Back Tuck, BHS Step Tuck	BHS Layout, BHS Whip Tuck
Elite Running Tumbling	CW - BWO - BWO, FWO - CW	FWO R/O BHS, R/O BHS Series	FWO R/O BHS Tuck, R/O BHS Back Tuck	R/O BHS Layout, PF R/O BHS Layout	R/O BHS Full, PF Step out RO BHS FULL
Prep Standing Tumbling	CW - BWO - BWO, FWO - CW	BWO BHS	Tumbling Requirements by Tier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice Teams: Tumbling is not required for placement. • Prep Teams: Tumbling is considered during evaluations but is not specifically always required. • Elite Teams: Tumbling is strongly encouraged and highly valued. While not every athlete on an Elite team is required to tumble, having the majority of the team able to perform the necessary skills significantly increases the team's success throughout the competitive season. <p>The following abbreviations are used in the chart: BWO – Back Walkover, FWO – Front Walkover, BHS – Back Handspring, CW - Cartwheel, R/O – Round Off, PF- Punch Front</p>		
Prep Running Tumbling	FWO, CW BWO Series	FWO R/O BHS, RO BHS Series			
Novice Divisions	No Tumbling Required	No Tumbling Required			



Financials



Annual Team Registration Fee

All Full Year Team Athletes pay a 385.00 registration fee for the 2026-2027 season.

NOVICE - NON-TRAVEL

Tuition \$190/month (June-May)

Mid Month: \$199 (July-Nov)

4 Local Competitions + Regional Summit (Addtl cost)

PREP- LIMITED TRAVEL

Tuition \$235/month (June-May)

Mid Month: \$335 (July-Nov)

5-6 competitions + regional summit (Addtl cost)

ELITE - FULL TRAVEL

Tuition \$270/month (June-May)

Mid Month: \$385 (July-Dec)

6-7 competitions + regional summit (Addtl cost) and The Summit in Florida (Addtl cost)

No travel charges on competitions!!

in 2026-2027 season

(exception: fly away* competitions)

Program Uniform coming soon!!!

Monthly Tuition

Monthly tuition covers your athlete's training and remains the same each month, regardless of how many practices are added or removed. Tuition is billed the week before the 1st and automatically processed on the 1st of each month, continuing through May 2027. All families are required to keep a credit card on file for monthly charges, and late fees will be applied to any account that becomes 10 days past due. (ESA families are not excluded from the past due fees)

Elite Full Travel Billing Schedule Example:

June: Commitment fee - Tuition

July: July Tuition-Mid-Month Assess-Uniform Fee

August: August Tuition-Mid-Month Assessments - Practice Wear

Sept: Sept Tuition and Mid-Month Assessments

Oct: Oct Tuition and Mid-Month Assessments

Nov: Nov Tuition and Mid-Month Assessments

Dec: Dec Tuition, Mid-Month Assessments

Jan: Jan Tuition

Feb: Feb Tuition

March: March Tuition

April: April Tuition

May: May tuition

Important: You are making a 12-month commitment. You agree to pay a \$1,000.00 buy out fee should you quit any time after placements are accepted!

Mid-Month Charges include color wars camp, travel fees (exception for fly away comps) competition bow, program shirt, competition fees, music fees, and choreography fees.

Crossover Fees

Each year several athletes are asked and agree to compete on more than one team. These athletes are considered crossovers.

Elite Teams Crossover Fee: \$150 in addition to each mid-month charge.
(6 of them totaling \$900)

Prep Crossover Fee is \$115 in addition to each mid-month charge
(5 of them totaling \$575)

Novice Crossover is \$85 in addition to each mid-month charge.
(5 of them totaling \$425)

(Crossing teams potentially requires an addition uniform purchase)

Additional Expenses

-Families will have a USASF athlete registration fee (paid to USASF), travel/hotel expenses for out-of-town competitions, competition shoes, and a competition uniform, and classes.

-One month prior to out-of-state competitions, a coaches' travel fee (travel/meal/room and board) will be calculated and applied to each family's account. Coaches' travel fees not calculated into budget are: Regional Summit, The Summit and The Cheerleading Worlds. If a team receives a bid, they will be attending, and those costs will be calculated ASAP and charged to parents

Shoes: Athletes are required to have all white Nfinity brand shoes! Practice Wear: Two Complete Sets BOGO Pay \$140

Uniform costs: **Novice:** \$375. **Prep:** \$400. **Elite** Program Uniform: Price TBD

*Fly-away competitions are events located too far from our gym to reasonably drive to, such as those in Florida, Oregon, Washington, Northern California, or North Carolina. These events are reserved for Elite Full-Travel teams only. The travel cost for each fly-away competition is billed the month before the trip and is charged per athlete. Travel fees are calculated as close to the event as possible to provide the most accurate pricing and cover airfare, hotel accommodations, and coaching staff travel expenses. These fees are charged at the time of travel to ensure families receive the most precise cost.

Important Dates

Choreography

Full Travel Choreo

July 7-July 12th

Limited and Non Travel Choreo

August: 28th-30th

Sept: 11th-13th

Sept: 18th-20th

Choreography dates are mandatory- absence from choreo will affect athlete's placement in the routine and may affect their placement on the team.

The specific schedule is not finalized WE want you to block that whole week off for any and all choreography needs.

choreo may go later than planned

Sept 26th

WE Color Wars Day

10AM-2PM



Important Dates

MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 25th (NO PRACTICE)

Saturday June 6th - "WE" DAY

FATHERS DAY - JUNE 21st (NO PRACTICE)

Teams Summer Break 6/29-7/5 (NO PRACTICE)

LABOR DAY - SEPT 5th- SEPT 7th (NO PRACTICE)

HALLOWEEN - OCTOBER 31st (Gym Closed)

***SHOWCASE - NOVEMBER 21st TENTATIVE ***

THANKSGIVING - NOVEMBER 25th- NOV 29th (NO PRACTICE)

WINTER BREAK- DEC 24th - JAN 3rd (NO PRACTICE)

EASTER - MARCH 28th (NO PRACTICE)

***WE DAY** is a kickoff potluck party at WEAZ. All team families are welcome to come and have food and mingle and meet with the families they'll be spending the rest of the year getting to know. Our commitment to community starts here on this day. Come be part of the WEAZ community.

***Team Summer Break-** this is the opportunity to take time off, Cheer is a demanding sport, and vacations don't get to happen - this is the window to take it!

***Showcase** is a mandatory event for anyone on teams, this date is not locked in - but will be before the summer ends. Athletes **MUST** be at showcase.

Misc. Information

Practice Wear Fitting/Purchase Dates

This season WEAZ will have two different practice uniforms required for practice.

Uniform Fitting/Purchase Dates

We will have a uniform fitting date: July 15th

~Payment Due in Full on sizing day~

JUNE to MAY?

What's this you might say? Our 2025-2026 season we introduced June-May and we're continuing it into 2026-2027 season! WEAZ is going to practice JUNE to MAY. What this means is, athletes will have the opportunity to practice the next level skills without having to sign up for level up clinics. Coaches through the month of MAY will drill and teach new skills. Practice schedule could vary that month, however it will be the best bang for your buck to work on refining skills for the next season of cheerleading.

Alternates/Reserve Athletes

Woodlands Elite Arizona is committed to developing athletes who are on the verge of advancing to the next level, which is why we offer Alternate/Reserve Athlete positions. These athletes are not crossovers; instead, they train fully with their primary team and with the team they are reserved for. They practice skills alongside both groups, attend all required practices, and are available to step in whenever needed. Reserve athletes may earn a permanent roster spot by consistently outperforming others, though this is not guaranteed. Only a select number of athletes will be offered this role, and anyone interested should indicate it on their tryout form.

Hair Piece:

The WEAZ competition look features big, voluminous hair—teased, lifted, and styled to create our signature appearance. For athletes with fine hair or those who have difficulty achieving this look, the gym will provide a list of approved hair pieces that may be used. All other hair pieces will be rejected. Joining a team means committing to the full WEAZ look, which includes using the designated hair style, approved makeup, specific lip color, glitter, and all required products to ensure a consistent and polished appearance across the program.

Hotel Requirements

Many of our out-of-town competitions require families to book hotels through approved housing companies that partner with the event producer, and we must follow these guidelines in order to compete. Once the competition schedule is finalized, WEAZ will share hotel booking information as soon as it is released by the event companies. For certain events, families will be required to provide proof of booking through the designated housing company for their athlete to participate. These are commonly known as "Stay to Play" events, meaning teams must book at specific hotels using links provided by the housing company. While the process can be tedious, maintaining a positive attitude helps everyone get through it together. Families should always book refundable travel arrangements, as WEAZ is not responsible for any personal travel costs.