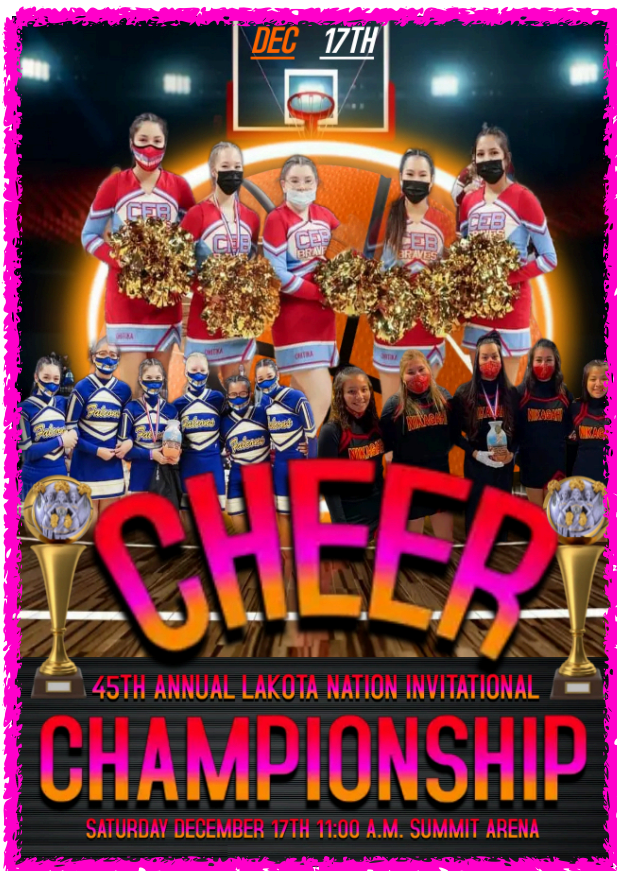


GREETINGS CHEER COACHES!

I want to take this opportunity and welcome you to the 45th Annual Lakota Nation Invitational Cheerleading Competition. I know we're all excited to come together once again under the bright lights of the Monument Center. Over the past five years, it has been my privilege to work with our LNI Cheer Coaches and their teams to make this a much anticipated event.



This year, two awards will be given at this year's Cheerleading Championship. The first award will be given to the best all-around team at LNI known as the Golden Pom-Pom Award. Last year, this award went to the Eagle Butte Braves. The second award given was to the Cheer Dance Champions and this went to the Todd County Falcons. The last award was given the Sportsmanship Award and this went the Omaha Nation Chiefs.

Over the course of four days, LNI cheer teams will be judged on their overall team performance during tournament play, which will decide impart, the 2022 LNI "Cheerleading Champions."

The "Cheer Dance" competition will take place on the last day of LNI and will include a pre-competition dance with all teams as a final day showcase .

I encourage coaches to read through the rules and requirements for this year's cheerleading competition and fill out the online form for your teams information. I will be having a Coaches Meeting with all teams via zoom on December 1st at 4:00 p.m. Please add this to your calendar. I look forward to working with each of you in making sure this year's LNI is a memorable experience for our student-athletes.

Sincerely,
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LNI CHEERLEADING
COORDINATOR
KELLEE J. BREWER



2021
Golden Pom Pom
Champions
Eagle Butte Braves



2021
Cheer Dance
Champions
Todd County Falcons



2021
Sportsmanship Award
Omaha Nation Chiefs



Coaches please register your team on google forms and download packet.
This is required of all teams:

<https://forms.gle/Lemhe61Ru2Ev9VQT7>

Lakota Nation Invitational Cheerleading Itinerary

Thursday December 1st, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Online Zoom Meeting with all LNI Coaches. Link will be sent after you registered your team. **All teams must register.**

Tuesday December 13th, 2022

3:30 p.m. Teams meet at Visitor Center for Red Carpet Caravan

5:00 p.m. -Red Carpet Welcome & Dinner

6:00 p.m.-Pre-competition Dance Practice with all Cheerleading Teams and coaches meeting. Ice Arena

Wednesday December 14th, 2022

10:00 a.m.-Lakota Nation Invitational starts

-Cheer Judging starts

Thursday December 15th, 2022 (**Breast Cancer Awareness Day**)

8:00 a.m.- Games Start

Friday December 16th, 2022 (**MMIW Day**)

4:30-Grand Entry Line-up: Teams must be in uniform

5:00-2021 Grand Entry

Saturday December 17th, 2022

9:30-10:00 a.m. Teams should be at the Monument no later and checked-in

11:00 a.m Pre-Competition Exhibition

12:15 Cheerleading Competition Awards

-All Tournament Team Awards

-Cheer Dance Team Award

-Golden Pompom Award

12:30 p.m-Cheerleading Competition Concludes





Coaches Meeting and Pre-Competition Performance Practice-Location to be Announced

Tuesday, December 13th 2022 (6:00 p.m.)

All Cheerleading Teams will do a group performance together to kick off the Cheer Dance Competition on Saturday December 17th, 2022. The Pre-competition Performance is an annual effort to unify all teams in the Spirit of LNI Sportsmanship and Reconciliation. All Cheerleading teams are highly encouraged to take part in the pre-competition performance, regardless if they are competing in the Cheer Dance Competition. We want to see all Cheerleading teams involved in marking the 45th Annual Anniversary. Additional Points will be given for

participating teams for the "Golden Pom Pom Award," which will be awarded to the Best All-Around Cheerleading Team at LNI. At the coaches meeting, guidelines will be discussed and music for those competing in the Cheer Dance Competition will be verified, as well as team rosters, all-tournament, etc. This year the Pre-Competition Performance.



The Golden Pom-pom and Cheer Dance Competition

This year two awards will be given for the Cheerleading Competition, including All-Tournament Selections.

The first and highest award for the 2022 Cheerleading Competition will be for the "Best All Around Cheerleading Team" at LNI. This award is known as the "The Golden Pom-pom Award." *This award was established in 2021. The Golden Pom Pom Award will be given in loving memorial of all departed LNI Staff and Volunteers for their dedication and service to the youth of the Lakota Nation Invitational.* All LNI Cheerleading Teams will be judged throughout the Lakota Nation Invitational for the Golden Pom Pom Award.

The second award will be given for the best Cheer Dance Team. All LNI Cheerleading Teams are encouraged to participate. Participating teams will have a total of two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30) to perform a dance. Teams will be judged by a guest panel. Teams must submit their competition music LNI Cheerleading Coordinator by December 1st, 2022. Scoresheets are listed below:



The Golden Pom-Pom Award will be judged throughout LNI. Please refer to the scoring sheet to guide your team through the judging process. Cheerleaders will be scored in the following six categories. **Additional points can be gained through participation.**

- 1.) Sideline Cheer & Dance
- 2.) Showmanship
- 3.) Sportsmanship
- 4.) Fan Engagement
- 5.) Level of Spirit
- 6.) Tournament Comaraderie



LNI Golden Pom-Pom Score Sheet

Category	RUBRIC	Max Points
Sideline Cheer & Dance Consistent, Audible, Energetic, Sharp, Precise Movements, Creative, Appropriate, Posture, Synchronized, Enthusiastic	Outstanding 20-16 Great 9-15 Average 7-8 Needs Improvement 6-1	20
Showmanship Pom-Pom, Signs, Matching Apparel (Bows, Socks, Uniforms, Shoes, Hair, Poms) Jumps, Kicks, Clap Sequences, Appearance, Tumbling, Pyramids, Floor Routines	Outstanding 20-16 Great 9-15 Average 7-8 Needs Improvement 6-1	20
Sportsmanship Greets other team before and after game, Encourages other Cheer Teams, Respectful of other cheerleaders, players, parents, coaches, and officials	Outstanding 25-21 Great 20-16 Average 15-6 Needs Improvement 5-1	25
Fan Engagement Has a Pep-Club and or engages their fans in leading cheers for encouragement. Performs School Song	Outstanding 25-21 Great 20-16 Average 15-6 Needs Improvement 5-1	25
Level of Spirit Cheers at all games, displays a positive attitude on and off the court, motivates team and displays school pride	Outstanding 25-21 Great 20-16 Average 15-6 Needs Improvement 5-1	25
Tournament Comaraderie Interacts with other Cheer Teams, Coaches, Players, LNI Staff and takes part in LNI related activities for cheerleaders	Outstanding 25-21 Great 20-16 Average 15-6 Needs Improvement 5-1	25
Participated Red-Carpet Welcome	10 pts	10
Participated Breast Cancer Awareness	10 pts	10
Participated in Neon Day	10 pts	10
Participated in Honoring our Veterans	10 pts	10
Participated in Grand Entry	10 pts	10
Participated in Pre-Competition Practices	10 pts	20
Participated in Pre-Competition Dance	20 pts	20
Participated in Cheer Dance Competition	10 pts	20
Total		250

At this year's Cheer Dance Competition, LNI Cheerleading Coaches will have the opportunity to become one of six judges. Five judges will judge the competition, with one alternate judge. Cheer Dance Competition judges will be exempt from judging their own team. Judges will be selected by drawing at the Coach's meeting on December 13th. Teams will have a total of two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30) to complete their routine. Teams must submit their music by the deadline for participation. The hard deadline is December 1st, 2022. Please refer to the scoring sheet below to guide your team through the judging process. Signs and cheer props are allowed. Stunting is allowed. Boys and Girls Cheer Teams must compete separately. No combined teams. Eight cheerleaders are allowed per team. Scoring sheet listed below.

LNI Cheer Dance Score Sheet

Category	RUBRIC	MAX POINTS	TOTAL
Originality and Creativity Original Music, Formations, Transitions, and Flow of Routine Creative fun use of Dance Choreography Creative floor work, group/partner work, level changes and opposition Original use of poms, hair bows, signs, socks, cheer props Unique use of Floor and Transitions Incorporates different styles of dance into routine New concepts of movement	Outstanding 25-21 Great 20-16 Average 15-6 Needs Improvement 5-1	25	
Synchronicity and Uniformity Body Movements are strong, sharp, precise and in control. Movement and Timing is synchronized and in unison Skill Timing Formation is uniform Spacing Posture utilizes floor	Outstanding 20-16 Great 9-15 Average 7-8 Needs Improvement 6-1	20	
Showmanship and Entertainment Appearance and apparel is matching and neat (Uniforms, Bows, Socks, Shoes, Hair, Make-up, Poms) Fun and appealing to crowd Natural Facial Expressions Use of Signage and or appropriate props High Spirited and Confident Energetic performance	Outstanding 20-16 Great 9-15 Average 7-8 Needs Improvement 6-1	20	
Degree of Difficulty Difficulty of routine. Overall level, pace and intricacy of pom motions, footwork, direction changes and skills. Effective incorporation of challenging elements while utilizing the appropriate ability level of team. The choreographic choice of mastered movement and technical skills to enhance the routine	Outstanding 20-16 Great 9-15 Average 7-8 Needs Improvement 6-1	20	
Variety of Skills Proper Execution of Movement, Jumps, Stunting, Kick lines, Tumbling and Timing in choreography	Outstanding 15-11 Great 10-8 Average 7-6 Needs Improvement 5-1	15	
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Cheerleading Award Presentation

The Cheerleading Award Presentation will immediately follow the Dance competition. Cheerleaders must remain court-side. The All-Tourney selections will be announced first. The cheerleaders who have been selected will go to center court to receive their award, shake hands with the LNI Board of Directors and take a group picture. After the All-Tournament team has been named, the Dance Champions will be awarded. The winning team will go to center court, accept their award, shake hands and take a team picture. Coaches need to accept the award with their team. After the Cheer Dance Champions have been awarded, please return to your area on the floor. The Golden Pom-Pom Award will be last and decide the over-all Best Cheerleading Team at LNI. Once the winner is called, the team needs to go to center court to accept their award, shake hands and take a team picture. Once the winning team has taken their picture. All cheerleading teams need to meet center court, for one group picture of all teams.

All-Tournament Selection form should be given to Kellee Brewer by Friday the 16th, 2022. It is the Cheer Coaches responsibility to get me their selection. I will not accept phone calls or texts with your selection. If there are any problems with your original selection after you have submitted it, please let me know immediately and we will get it corrected. If you have any questions please let me know.

ALL TOURNEY CHEERLEADER SELECTION

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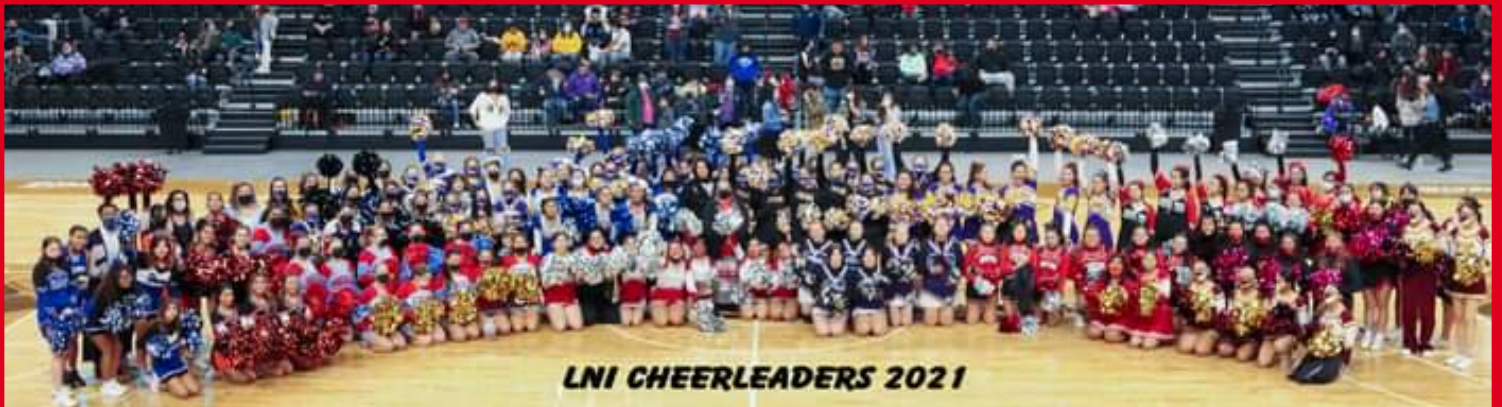
SCHOOL: _____

COACH: _____

DATE: _____

General Cheer Guidelines to follow

- 8 Cheerleaders are allowed to a team. Mascot is allowed as an additional part of the team.
- All LNI Covid Guidelines will be adhered.
- No Jewelry
- Hair shall be worn in a manner to ensure safety while performing. Bows, ribbons, and hair extensions must be secure at all times.
- Shoes and socks must be worn at all times during a game, match, or practice.
- Fingernails, including artificial nails, shall be kept at a length appropriate for safe participation. The appropriate length means the fingernails are not visible beyond the end of the fingers when viewed from the palm side of the hands.
- No gum chewing or candy in the mouth during performance.
- In South Dakota, all cheerleaders must be in grades 7-12
- Cheer teams must wear and cheer in appropriate school-issued/sponsored and or approved uniforms
- Basket tosses are illegal to perform in South Dakota
- Coaches must be present for a team to perform stunts.
- Whenever possible, cheerleaders should be at least 3-4 feet from any boundary line.
- Signs and Cheer props are allowed at LNI.
- Sportsmanship is expected at all times.



Coaches please remember to send your team picture to Simpsons printing as quickly as possible or arrange for your Athletic Director to do so for the Tournament Program. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call, text or email me at anytime.

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