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To all Principals, Advisors, and Squads:

The Allen County Fair Cheerleading Competition, **sponsored by The Ohio State University - Lima**, will be held on **Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 PM in the grandstand**. We are pleased to invite your school to participate in this competition.

This year we will have Jr. High, High School, and Midget Youth Football Cheerleading Divisions. Any cheerleading team in a midget youth football program can compete in this division. In the High School division, a small and large varsity team may be created after the application deadline, depending on the number of entries we receive. If not enough schools enter to create a large and small varsity division, all schools will compete in one High School division. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded, and a spirit award will also be awarded to the most spirited school of the competition.

**Limited Exhibition Teams will be accepted this year.** They will be limited to 1 High School team, 1 Junior High Team and 1 Youth Team. Exhibition teams from Allen County will be given first priority, followed by out of county teams until filled.

**Midget Youth Football Teams Rule Change 2026:** We are removing the fight song for the Midget Youth Football teams ONLY!

To get a copy of the entry forms, rules, and liability forms for the competition, go to [www.allencofair.com](http://www.allencofair.com), click on the Fair Information Button in the upper righthand corner, select Competitions on main page. Download your entry form(s) and return it to the fair office **by Monday, July 20, 2026**. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

Again, all Cheerleaders will fill out a Release of Liability Form. These forms can be downloaded on the website as listed above. Each Cheerleader, including alternates, must complete this form. Forms must be turned in no later than **Thursday, August 20**. They will not be accepted on the day of the event.

Music for this year's Cheerleading Competition must be on your cell phone/tablet. Our sound man will have adapters for different devices. Each school is responsible for starting/stopping their own music.

Advisors will receive a letter in August with the information about the competition. If you have any questions, please call the competition coordinator Chelsea Leis at 419-303-7633 or call the fair office at 419-228-7141.

Sincerely,

*Chelsea Leis*

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