



**HALF SEASON
2025-2026
INFORMATION PACKET**

HALF SEASON OVERVIEW

WELCOME TO OUR 24th SEASON AT WOODLANDS ELITE

Thank you for your interest in Woodlands Elite. Woodlands Elite opened 24 years ago in Houston, TX with the goal of becoming one of the premier All-Star Cheerleading programs in the world. We take pride in our accomplishments continuing to field great teams in every age and ability level and look forward to continue helping our athletes grow as both responsible individuals and amazing athletes again this season.

Woodlands Elite Albany opened three years ago with the goal of bringing the Woodlands Elite reputation of excellence in the Capital Region of New York.

What are you looking for in an All-Star Cheerleading home? We provide an environment where athletes are pushed to work hard toward their individual goals as well as teaching them the importance of being accountable and a productive part of a team.



WHAT IS HALF SEASON?

Half season teams offer less time and financial commitment, while still providing the training and expertise of a full season team. We offer half season teams for beginners in cheer OR for the higher-level athletes looking for a lower commitment team. Athletes who try out will be placed on a team based on their current age and skill level. Try outs are held in October with the season starting in November and finishing at the end of April. The monthly tuition is outlined below and it covers all program expenses including choreography, music, coaches travel and competition fees. After reviewing this packet, please contact our front office at info@wealbany.com if you have any additional questions about the half season program.

PRACTICES & ATTENDANCE

Half Season teams will practice one day a week for two hours. Due to the shorter season, ALL PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY. During certain times of the Half Season, an extra practice may be called. Your coach will try to give at least a one week notice regarding scheduling any extra practices. All team members are expected to attend all extra practices. During the parent meetings please bring any conflicts you may have between November through the end of April. Half Season athletes are permitted to miss practices during February and April break if they are away.

ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS

COMMUNICATION

We will stay in touch via email & the Band App. The Primary email address & cell phone information you provided in your registration paperwork on iClass will be the contact information we will use for communication.

PARENT MEETINGS / TEAM CHOREOGRAPHY

Teams will have a **parent meeting** with their coaches on the **night of their practice during the week of November 2nd**. Meeting and practice times will be released with your athlete's team placement information.

We will be sizing athletes for practice wear, cheer shoes & uniform in November. Please plan to attend!

We will have scheduled choreography dates in December/January. All families are expected to keep these dates open once they are provided. Families will be notified of choreography times during your parent meeting.

EVALUATION PROCESS / TEAM PLACEMENTS

Teams will be determined by the athletes attending this year's Half Season tryout. Once we finalize our half season teams, each family member will be personally contacted by one of their team coaches with the set day and time for practices.

HALF SEASON TRYOUT

Woodlands Elite Albany will hold half-season tryouts on **Saturday, October 11th, 11:00am-1:00pm** and **Saturday, October 18th, 11:00am - 1:00 pm**. Athletes are only required to attend one of the tryout dates. Athletes should wear comfortable clothes, sneakers & hair pulled back to try-out.

Everyone makes a team!

Can't make it to try-outs? Please email us as info@wealbany.com to schedule a private tryout.

COMPETITION

SCHEDULE

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Capital Center, Albany, NY	January 31, 2026
WEA Showoff, Latham, NY	March 7, 2026
Spirit Fest, Providence, RI	March 13, 2026
US Finals, Worcester, MA	April 18, 2026

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUEDATE</u>
Annual Gym Registration Fee	\$50 (if due)	At Registration
Deposit	\$195 (April 2026)	At Registration
Monthly Tuition	\$195	Monthly (November - March)
Competition Uniform	\$225	By Parent Meeting
USASF Membership Fee	\$49	December 2025 (Paid directly to USASF)