

2013 Argyle Cheerleading Camp Awards

This year all three cheer Argyle ISD Cheer squads attended the National Cheerleading Association Camp at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

While attending camp we received several different awards! **"We made a clean sweep."**

There are Top Team Awards given at the end of each camp. For the second year in a row, Argyle won one for **ALL THREE TEAMS!**

- ❖ Our **Middle School** team made up of twenty two 7th and 8th graders, brought home the trophy for **Top Team Champion Chant.**
- ❖ Our **Jr. Varsity** team made up of nine 9th graders, brought home the trophy for **Top Team Performance** in the JV category.
- ❖ Our **Varsity** team made up of twenty four 10th through 12th graders, brought home the trophy for **Top Team Performance** in the Large Varsity Category! It is a combination of Game Time, Champion Chant and advanced stunting and tumbling.

All three of our squads were given the **STUNT S.A.F.E. Award.** This is only given to teams that display excellent technique in **Safety, Spotting and Stunt technique.** NCA commends all three of our teams for the outstanding commitment to **keep SAFETY the number one priority!**

The entire program for Argyle was also awarded the **NCA HERKIE T.E.A.M. Plaque.** There is only one given out at camp. This is awarded to the squad (s) that show true team spirit, unity, and leadership throughout the entire week. Individuals on the teams that win this award will have the opportunity to travel to one of the NCA Special Events!

Each day, our teams were awarded ribbons for their cheers and chants they learned. They look at technique, crowd appeal, and number of mistakes made.

- ❖ **Varsity received 4 Superior Ribbons.**
- ❖ **JV received 1 Excellent Ribbon and 3 Superior Ribbons.**
- ❖ **Middle School received 2 Excellent Ribbons and 2 Superior Ribbons.**

According to NCA, a Superior ribbon is given to a team who displays strong technique, leads the crowd well, and performs with no noticeable mistakes!

The Argyle program received a total of **6 Spirit sticks** this week. They are presented to the squads showing the MOST sincere spirit and enthusiasm for the day, while taking into account attitude during classes, promptness, cooperation, relationships with other squads, leadership, etc.

- ❖ **Middle School Squad received 3 Spirit Sticks!**
- ❖ **Jr. Varsity Squad received 2 Spirit Sticks!**
- ❖ **Varsity Squad received 1 Spirit Stick!**

The **Varsity Squad** and our **Middle School Squad** also received the **Technical Excellence Certificate.** This is awarded for motions, jumps and stunts. The Instructors for each evaluation group will vote on the team they feel best demonstrated the skill technique.

Senior Varsity Captain Riley Higgins was presented one of the two Individual **Leadership Plaques** given out at camp! This is voted on by the NCA Staff and given to an individual that displayed excellence in leadership throughout the entire week and in Captain's Class! **Congratulations Riley!!**

We had a total of **46 cheerleaders out of 55 Nominated for ALL - AMERICAN**. They are selected by the NCA Instructors for displaying superior cheerleading techniques in either jumps, tumbling, stunting, motion technique, dance or leadership. These girls have the opportunity to try out for the ALL-AMERICAN TEAM for the Nation.

- ❖ **Varsity: 24 of 24 nominated!**
- ❖ **Jr. Varsity: 9 of 9 nominated!**
- ❖ **Middle School: 13 of 22 nominated!**

We had **6 cheerleaders from Argyle placed on the ALL-AMERICAN TEAM!** NCA awards this to individuals who exemplify the best cheerleading skills during the ALL-AMERICAN TEAM tryout. These skills include 3 advanced jumps, a spirited entrance and a perfected Camp Cheer.

- ❖ **Varsity: Sarah Fabian, Micki Hirschhorn, and Heather Lindemann**
- ❖ **JR. Varsity: Gracie Baum and Haylee Holt**
- ❖ **Middle School: Taylor Kirkpatrick**

Argyle's Gracie Baum, a freshman on our Jr. Varsity team, was chosen by NCA as the one and only **TOP ALL AMERICAN Cheerleader for the entire camp!** This means she had the highest score out of everyone at camp!

Each year at camp, the NCA Director and his staff look for individuals that they feel would be an excellent candidate to join their NCA staff! This year, our **senior Varsity Captains, Riley Higgins and Sarah Fabian** were both chosen to receive applications to **apply for NCA staff!** This is quite an Honor.

Last but not least, our Middle School, Jr. Varsity and Varsity squads all received a bid compete at the National Cheerleading Association's National Competition!

Coaches for the week were, JV-Cori Hederich, Middle School-Tina Shobe, and Varsity-Sherrie Thompson. Each coach received their NCA Coaching Certificates for successfully completing the NCA Coach Credentialing Program. NCA recognizes these coaches for their technical knowledge and hands on training in cheerleading through active participation.