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PennACCA Back in Action

It is great to see PennACCA in its second year. We are very excited about where PennACCA is going and the partnerships PennACCA is creating.

The organization will continue to evolve and grow as the new board of directors gets direction from the membership. The board's main focus now is recruiting members, getting them membership cards and getting the annual conference running smoothly from year to year.

New this year is the

PennACCA Coach of the Year and PennACCA Cheerleader of the Year. We have gotten many ideas on what to do on this and we will see a change in this program for the 2006-07 recognition year. Please remember everyone involved in PennACCA currently has teams they coach just like you and PennACCA is an all volunteer organization. The board of directors is working very hard to make things go smoothly, but there

will be bumps along the road and we ask your patience as we and you make PennACCA into a great organization for ALL Pennsylvania Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors.



State Conference Set

The second annual PA State Coaches, Cheerleaders and Advisor conference is set and you don't want to miss it! The best bunch of people in Pennsylvania will all be meeting at State College, PA at the Penn Stater on

June 10, 2006, to discuss the best thing in life—CHEERLEADING!

There is a number of great NEW things this year going on at the conference. Check out the

website for much more details. DO IT QUICK because deadlines are coming due soon!

Don't Delay check out the site TODAY!

Spotlight Cheerleader—Kylie Corson

Kylie Corson is a member of the Indian Valley Varsity Cheerleading squad. She has been cheering for the school for the last 5 years. However, Kylie started her cheerleading career when she was 4. Cheering is like a family tradition for Kylie since her mother, aunts and twin sisters also cheered.

As a cheerleader, Kylie shows school spirit, dedication, and super leadership. Kylie has been an asset to her squad the last five years as a strong base. This year, Kylie learned some basic stunts and flew for some of our games.

Throughout her cheerleading career, Kylie has earned most dedicated, best jumps, and was named to UCA All Stars. She was a member of two varsity teams that were named superior squads during their camps.

Kylie plans to continue her cheerleading career next year as a senior at Indian Valley High School. She has been named to the 2006—2007 Varsity Squad at Indian Valley High. In addition, Kylie will serve as team captain for next year.

In school, Kylie is involved in many activities. She is a

member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Student Council and Tobacco Busters to name a few. Outside of school, she is a member of Big Brother / Big Sister and her church.

Kylie's future plans involve attending college and hopefully cheering.



KYLIE MAKING HER FLYING DEBUT



Kylie and her friend Kiersin



"PennACCA was very beneficial the first year it existed. The conference gave me a great deal of information. I can't wait to return this year to see what is in store at the new venue and with the new classes"

~ Dee Leonard

Reps Wanted

PennACCA is an organization here to help provide information and support for coaches all over this great state of Pennsylvania.

Being able to reach all the coaches across the state can be a huge task. The board of directors have done their best but needs YOUR

help.

PennACCA had divided itself into different regions. The regions are based on PIAA districts. In each region, we are looking for a rep that coaches All Stars, Scholastic, College, or Rec teams.

Please visit the website

to see if your region has a rep. If not, WE need you. Without a rep in your region, it is difficult to reach all the coaches in that area.



Notes from the President

This is a feature we hope to run in every newsletter—President Editorial. This will address things going on in the cheerleading world in general. The opinions expressed below are NOT those of PennACCA, but those of the current president.

For this quarter, I would like to address sportsmanship. Since most scholastic coaches are finishing up

their seasons, now is an excellent time to look back and reflect on your past season. I have some very big problems with sportsmanship in schools all over the country. I see it all the time.

Cheerleaders are there to support their own team. They are not there to belittle or bring down the opposing team. Take a look at the cheers you

do. Are they positive towards your team? Do they encourage your team and fans? OR Do they bring down the other team and their fans?

My biggest problem with sportsmanship in the winter sports season is during basketball free throw shots. How many of you allow your teams to do "miss it" cheers or make a lot of noise while the opposing

RULES—Who needs them?

Well we all need rules and the NFHS thinks we need some new ones!

- Helicopters—Will they be legal in 2006 or not?
- How many people will be needed to catch a pendulum—2, 3, 4, 5- What will be legal in 2006?

- Does the head have to still stay in alignment?
- Where will you be able to throw basket tosses?

To find out the answers to all these questions, visit the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org

Spotlight Cheer Squad—Bishop McDevitt Crusaders

The Crusaders currently have 3 squads, Freshmen, JV and Varsity for a total of 48 cheerleaders. Our competition team has 37 members and this year is coed with the addition of 6 boys.

In addition to cheering for all Football games, Freshman, JV and Varsity, we also cheer all home boys basketball games and boys and girls basketball playoff games.

This is only the second year for a competition squad at McDevitt. In the fall season we attended 5 competitions, including the Liberty Bell Nationals in Philadelphia where we placed second. This spring, we participated in the ECA National Competition, hosted at William and Mary College in Virginia, and placed 1st in the nation. This was

a huge accomplishment for the team. Long hours and dedication got the squad to this level.

The cheerleaders are very involved in their school and community. Our team members participate in several other school activities and sports including band, chorus, student council, student body government, track, ice hockey, lacrosse and football.

Outside of school activities, our squad gets involved with the community. This year we collected items for the Interfaith Shelter in Harrisburg and through the generosity of the cheerleaders and their families they were able to bring 4 vans full of items to the shelter just prior to Thanksgiving. We also adopted a needy family

for the Christmas holiday and provided the family with gifts of toys and food.

The current team has 12 Seniors, several of which plan on continuing to cheer in college. Three of our seniors will be trying out for the Big 33 cheer team.

The Crusaders are coached by Sue Mason, her husband Wayne and her daughter Kelli

“The team did an awesome job this year. When it counted, they came together and accomplished their goals.”

~ Coach Sue Mason



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Contest Winners

To start off the second year of PennACCA, the board of directors felt that we needed to "brand" the organization. We held a logo and newsletter name contest. You have seen both throughout the newsletter.

We would like to congratulate Chelsea, from Bishop McDevitt for her winning logo design and the squad from Indian Valley for submitting the winning newsletter name.



Chelsea from Bishop McDevitt

team is shooting?

This is sportsmanship coaches and advisors and not what cheerleading is about. Cheerleading is about being positive and bringing up your team and fans. It is not about putting down or causing disruption to the opposing team. I see this all the time in my area and I am sure some of you see it too.

Think about what the PIAA says about sportsmanship. This is directly from the

PIAA Manual - "PIAA requires all registered sports' officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to demean opposing players, team, spectators and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let today's contest reflect mutual respect. Coaches please certify to the umpire that your players are legally equipped and uniformed according to NFHS

rules. Good luck in today's contest"

Yelling "miss it" or having negative cheers is in direct violation of PIAA sportsmanship rules. Think about it the next time you see a team doing a "miss it" cheer or a cheer meant to bring down the opposing team.

Next newsletter editorial - Safety, Are We Missing the Boat?