

LAKOTA EAST MARCHING THUNDERHAWKS

Contest Cheer

Message from Rene' Fletcher, band parent, about the History of the Contest Cheer...

I just thought that I would touch base with everyone about the cheer we do for the kids before they go onto the field at a contest. This is the same cheer that we have been doing for at least the last 5 years that I have been with the band. Last year I tried to come up with a different cheer because the parents feel stupid – like we can't spell. But, the kids rebelled and insisted that this is the cheer they want. Since the cheer is for them, this is the one we will continue to do.

I will continue to do the "Leader" part at every contest that I am able to attend. (I'll be sure to let someone know if I won't be at a contest so that someone else can fill in for the "Leader" spot.) But, my son is a senior this year, so this will also be my last year (08/09)... and we need to be looking for my replacement. There has been only ONE contest that I have attended that the kids did not get a cheer... because I thought another parent was going to start it... they didn't, so the cheer never happened. It was heart wrenching to me and I hope to never see that happen again.

If you want to know where to find me at a contest... I am usually at the highest stand I can get and on one side or the other of the announcer box. I also take pictures, so this position allows me to get good shots of the figures the kids make on the field. I like to watch the other bands, so try to arrive for the start of the contest.

Anyway, here's the cheer so that we are all on the same page with the same responses. Please don't feel "stupid"... I've heard other bands do similar cheers. **Shout it out loud and proud!** Prove to my son that the group of parents responding can be louder than me. ☺

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Leader: Give me an "E"  
Response: "E"  
Leader: Give me an "A"  
Response: "A"  
Leader: Give me an "S"  
Response: "S"  
Leader: Give me a "T"  
Response: "T"  
Leader: What's it spell?  
Response: LAKOTA  
Leader: Say it again!  
Response: LAKOTA  
Leader: Louder!  
Response: LAKOTA

Thanks,  
Rene' Fletcher