

AACCA SAFETY CERTIFICATION

With safety in cheerleading a major concern, **the Montana High School Association Executive Board mandated that if any spirit squad makes stunting, on any level, part of their program, they must utilize coaches who have been AACCA certified.**

AACCA (American Association of Cheerleaders and Advisors) offers this coaches' and advisors' certification that is valid for four years and that offers one-million dollar liability insurance coverage (some restrictions apply). The AACCA Manual and Safety Certification has been acknowledged as the standard of care for cheerleading safety. It offers excellent training for new and experienced coaches and includes information needed to minimize risk and to enhance the safety environment for your cheerleading program. The National Federation of State High School Associations has included the AACCA program as part of the first level of coaching certification.

Therefore, to allow all spirit coaches a chance to obtain the certification before the season begins, or to update those whose certifications are up, AACCA certifications will be offered at the following several locations this summer. Dates and locations are subject to change depending on number of those pre-registered. Because of costs associated with travel, a minimum of eight persons will need to commit to attend each offering.

➤	<i>Missoula</i>	<i>June 15 / 9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Big Sky High School</i>	<i>Lisa & Janie</i>
➤	<i>Lewistown</i>	<i>June 21 / 11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fergus High School</i>	<i>Lisa & Janie</i>
➤	<i>Billings</i>	<i>July 21 / 9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Billings Senior High School</i>	<i>Mila Baker</i>
➤	<i>Great Falls</i>	<i>August 1 / 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Great Falls High School *</i>	<i>Lisa & Janie</i>
➤	<i>Great Falls</i>	<i>August 3 / 8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Great Falls High School *</i>	<i>Lisa & Janie</i>
➤	<i>Bozeman</i>	<i>August 5 / 1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Location TBA</i>	<i>Lisa & Janie</i>
➤	<i>Miles City</i>	<i>September 8 / 9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Custer Co. High School</i>	<i>Mila Baker</i>
➤	<i>Helena</i>	<i>October 13 / 9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Carroll College PE Center</i>	<i>Lisa & Janie</i>

*** Being held in conjunction with MCA and you must register for MCA clinic to attend this certification. The MCA registration forms will be sent to each school or they may be found on www.mhsa.org. You will still need to register for AACCA by following the directions found below.**

The course consists of a review session and an open book test. It is recommended that everyone brings a sack lunch and beverage for those courses beginning in the morning.

Manuals are required. Each participant must have a manual for testing but will only need to purchase one for each school. The cost is \$75 for each person needing a book. However if two people from one school share a book, one would pay \$55 and the other would pay \$75. Checks must be made payable to AACCA and cash will also be accepted.

Pre-registration is preferred to ensure enough materials are available at each site. Those interested in attending may register on line at **AACCA.org** or may contact a certifier as follows:

<u>Certifiers</u>	<u>Work or Home Phone</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
Janie Holmes	442-6010	439-2722	jholmes@mhsa.org
Lisa Parker	442-6492	579-3697	b_parker@bresnan.net
Mila Baker	234-9437	951-0178	mmbaker95@yahoo.com