

## Varsity cheer squad rocks at regionals, takes first

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On Sunday Nov. 6, the Yosemite High School varsity competition cheer squad traveled to Turlock to compete in the regional qualifying competition.

When they returned to Oakhurst, they had finished first in their division and qualified to compete in the national competition, to be held in March.

The team has had a practice regimen going since this past summer, creating and choreographing new stunts and routines.

The going has been difficult at times since the male team members have not been available often. The boys are all involved in the school's fall sports. Chris Rolff, Steven Rasmussen, Owen Martin, Kyle O'Neil and Andrew Moisa play football. Arthur Hernandez is on the Cross Country team and Landon Reda is a member of the water polo team.

"Without the support of the fall sports program's coaches, the going would be much more difficult," assistant varsity coach Sarah Johnson said.

With the fall schedule all but wrapped, the team can begin to intensify its training and concentrate on all aspects of its routines.

"With the boys, stunts can be impressive." Johnson said. "Because of their strength, the girls go higher and we can perform stunts with a higher degree of difficulty."

"The members of our team will also be competing in an individual stunting routine at the Nationals. Steven Rasmussen will be basing (like a pillar), Jessica Veater will be flying and Chris Rolff will be the back spot.

Our choreographer is working on some very impressive and difficult stunts. It should be amazing to watch."

At the regionals, a team needed to score a minimum of 70 points to qualify. The Badgers received an 84.

Team members are Erica McKay, Kathrine Althizer, Taylor Veater, Brooke Cates, Aly, Gadd, Kim McKay, Jessica Veater, Narielle Ayalya, Sam Kleist, Becky Carter, Jamie Burnham, Kristen Althizer, Aimee Barigian and Suzzanne Ordway. The boys on the team are Steven Rasmussen, Kyle O'Neil, Athrur Hernandez, Chris Rolff, Landon Reda and Owen Martin.

The team is coached by Johnson and head coach Jennifer Lincoln.



The Yosemite High School varsity competitive cheerleading team, winners of the JAMZ Competition held in Turlock on Nov. 6.  
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