

Welcome to KCFC/SME Area Cheerleading

Thank you so much for your interest in cheering with KCFC! Cheering is not only great for staying active but it also provides the opportunity to improve mental focus and build lasting friendships. Besides cheering for football and basketball, cheerleaders will participate in other activities such as parades, camps, and clinics. Our not-for-profit program does not require a tryout and we welcome all skill levels.

What to expect:

Practices: 2 nights a week and no longer than 2 hours a night. **Football**: KCFC area teams play at Heritage Football Complex or at area middle schools. We cheer at one game per weekend, which can last 2-3 hours (drive time, parking, warm-up, and game). However a tournament may mean multiple games in a weekend. Season runs September-November. We will also be adding the Spring football short season. More information will come out as we receive it. **Basketball**: KCFC cheer for GABL teams. Games are held in various Shawnee Mission schools and local community centers. Again, we cheer at one game per weekend, which can last 1-2 hours (warm-up and game). A tournament can mean multiple games in a weekend. Season runs January – February. **Cheer and Dance Competition**: This is a 1 day event where all squads in the KCFC organization compete. It is held in November on a weekend. Your coach will have more information as it is given.

Fundraising:

Scratchers (optional): This is a fun way to have many people donate small amounts, which in total can add up to \$150. Any funds collected are kept by you to help offset out of pocket expenses. These are for sale for \$10. **Taking advantage of this can just about cover the cost of the uniform!**

Restaurant Nights: We will be able to put together some fun interactive fundraisers with local restaurants. This will allow our area to continue to provide fun activities for our cheerleaders.

<u>Trash Bag Sales</u>: We will be selling trash Bags to help cover costs of camps and such.

****All fundraising info will be emailed after participant has registered.

Scholarships:

Jennifer DeFranco- Jennifer was 15 years old when she passed in April of 1998. Cheerleading was a big part of her life. This \$300 annual scholarship was established by her former teammates to assist a girl who would like to participate in cheerleading. To apply, please download the application form (http://www.kcfootballcheer.org) and submit it to the office.

KCFC: The Executive Board of Directors has a scholarship fund to assist cheerleading families with the cost of registration. In order for your scholarship request to be considered, the application must be completed in full and submitted prior to established deadline. More info is available on http://www.kcfootballcheer.org.

Cost:

Practice Facility Fee: \$85 estimate - Due at uniform fitting.

Area Dues: \$35 - due at uniform fitting. This includes a gift for your cheerleader. **Uniforms**: \$250 estimated cost (without shipping & handling)- this includes practice uniform shirt, full uniform (everything you need bow to toe) and outerwear (for our cold weather games). Due at uniform fitting. We will have used uniform items for sale. Selection will vary.

*Camps/Clinic Fees: Cheerleaders can participate in 2-3 camps/clinics. The cheerleaders learn and perfect skills that prepare them for Advance Stunt Certification and Cheer & Dance Competition. Your coach will provide more information and pricing at the time of registration.

We are available to answer any question you may have at smsraiderscheer@hotmail.com . Look forward to the upcoming season!

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