



GARDNER EDGERTON AREA CHEER



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.

Our not-for-profit program does not require a tryout and we welcome all skill levels.

Registration is open until **June 1, 2024**, and our area is not accepting any registrations after regular registration closes. Please encourage your circle of friends to register before it closes!

*******We will have an initial parent meeting April 18, 2024 and following the end of registration, June 6, 2024.*******

What to Expect

Practices: 1-2 nights a week and no longer than 2 hours a night. Days & times will be determined by your coach. Summer practices are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, but not mandatory. Attendance at ALL practices and games is MANDATORY starting August 1. Some squads will choose to attend optional clinics/camps outside of their regular practice times.

Games: KCFC area football teams typically played at Heritage Football Complex 16050 S Pflumm Rd, Olathe, KS 66062. Football season begins the weekend of Labor Day for tackle teams and continues through early November. Flag football teams will begin their season two weeks prior to Labor Day weekend. Games will be played on Saturdays or Sundays. Expect to 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.

Cheer and Dance Competition: This is a 1-day event where all squads in the KCFC organization compete. It is held on the 2nd Sunday of November. Your coach will have more information as it is given.

Camps: KCFC offers several camps/clinics that cheerleaders can participate in. The cheerleaders learn and perfect skills that prepare them for Advance Stunt Certification and Cheer & Dance Competition. Information will be provided as received from KCFC.

Advanced Stunt Clinic: 4th - 6th Graders have the opportunity to qualify for advanced stunt. KCFC is planning to host a camp to help prepare those girls in July (info to be sent out once finalized). Advanced stunt qualification will be held on 8/24/2024.

Parade: We will try and participate in the Johnson County Parade and GEHS Homecoming parade. We would love to have the girls participate this year!



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Costs

Uniforms: The approximate cost for new required uniform pieces is \$260.00-\$300.00 plus tax plus shoes. (1 each: {shell, skirt, spanks shorts, crop top,}, (1 hair bow, 3 pom poms). All of these items must match. There may be an opportunity to sell/purchase used uniforms at 50% of the original price.

Area Fee: \$60, this will go towards practice facility, squad assistant gifts, and Cheer and Dance entry fee.

Required Items that Parents have to secure:

Shoes and No-Show White Socks: Due to current supply being limited and increased pricing, we ask parents to purchase the cheer shoes separately. (We will provide the link to purchase by first parent meeting).

Optional items: Cheerleader backpacks, practice gear/camp wear (t-shirts and cotton shorts), outer warm-up jacket and pants, and sweatshirts. Parents will also have the opportunity to purchase spirit gear. These items may be ordered before the regular uniform so that they are available for some summer activities.

Restrictions on Optional Uniforms Pieces:

If you do not wish to order the team warmup, outerwear is limited to solid black or solid GE royal blue sweatshirt/hoodie and solid black bottoms (major trademarks are allowed) (Nike, UA, Champion...)

Due to supplier availability, there may come a time when we have to change uniforms; you will only be required to purchase the new uniform design after your cheerleader's uniform no longer fits properly. Once your cheerleader grows out of their current uniform, the latest uniform design must be purchased.

Returning Cheerleaders:

Try on all uniform pieces and cheer shoes to determine if they will fit through November 20, 2024. Please make sure that the spanks shorts cover the entirety of the intended body parts; test all items while jumping. Depending on the condition, you may be able to sell your uniform pieces.

***** Fundraising can help cover all of these costs! Information is on the next page*****



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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](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](http://www.kcfootballcheer.org).

Fundraising

To help offset the cost of uniforms/registration/area fees we will offer several fundraising opportunities to parents & cheerleaders.

Cookie Dough and Trash bags: Cheerleaders earn 40% of sales.

Color My Bow: This year we will participate in the color my bow fundraiser where friends and family are able to donate towards the cheerleader's costs, if they do not necessarily wish to purchase fundraising items.

Restaurant Nights: We are working on putting together some fundraisers with local restaurants. This will allow our area to continue to provide fun activities for our cheerleaders throughout the season, cover an additional foreseeable expense, and offer an end-of season celebration. We are hoping that with these fundraisers, we are able to help take off the stress for parents.

Squads

Area Directors. Coaches and Squad Assistance are all unpaid volunteers. Tentative Head and Assistant Coaches are selected mid-May. Squads will be formed after registration closes (June 1st). Once we have finalized squads, we will allocate girls to their squad and coaches will reach out with practice information.

Star Cheerleaders: 7th - 8th Graders - KCFC offers a program called Star Cheerleaders. Star Cheerleaders practice, perform and participate in camps and competitions.

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