

COATESVILLE KID RAIDERS CHEER [CKR]

WHO ARE WE?

CKR is a sideline cheer squad for kids ages 5-13. This is not a competitive squad; we are considered recreation league. All genders and abilities welcome.

Your child does not need to have cheer experience or know how to tumble/stunt.

We are about learning cheerleading basics, making friends, and having fun! Cheerleading teaches teamwork, coordination, dedication, social skills, community outreach, sportsmanship and encourages confidence & leadership. Our cheerleaders are mentored to be strong in mind and body, to cheer on our football players and to represent Coatesville in a positive light.

GAME SCHEDULES

We cheer for the CKR football games, which are typically played on Saturday mornings & afternoons during the fall. The youngest teams usually start first, with the older teams playing later in the day.

The game schedule is usually the last weekend in August through the last weekend in October. CKR typically makes at least the first round of league playoffs, so our season may extend to mid-November.

CKR is part of the Independent Youth Football League. We do play away games within the league, with about half of our games at home/half away. Travel is usually 20-30 minutes or less to our opponent fields. We did play one game last season that was about an hour away. Our home games are played at Scott Field in Coatesville. Our cheer families are awesome, and we can help arrange for carpool rides if needed.

AGE GROUPS

The cheerleaders are grouped by age during registration & cheer for their respective football team. They are divided by these age groups:

Flag (Ages 5 & 6) 7U 9U 11U 13U

The “U” stands for “under” that age. The team is determined by the child’s age as of July 25th of the playing year.

However, the coaches have the discretion to move cheerleaders up a level if their birthday is close to the cut off or if they demonstrate the ability to cheer with the older team. Please contact the cheer director if you feel this will be an issue for your daughter.

NOTE: Cheerleaders can bump up one age level, but they cannot bump down to cheer with a younger squad.

Please note that for all 7U and up cheerleaders, a birth certificate is required by the league as proof of age to participate. (Not required for Flag level.)

PRACTICES

CKR Cheer will have at least two weeks of cheer camp in the evenings during August. We typically will have practice 2-3 days a week in September and then will drop down to one night a week the rest of the season. We also meet about an hour early before each game to run through the cheers and anything that needs to be worked out before game time.

The girls are encouraged to be in other activities! We have girls on our squads who participate in dance, field hockey, travel softball, competitive cheer, band, Girl Scouts and more during our CKR season. While attendance is encouraged, missing an occasional practice or game is expected. Cheers and dances will be posted on our You Tube channel to practice at home.

Please note: Due to safety issues, stunt groups will be formed with cheerleaders who can attend at least 80% of the scheduled practices so they form a "unit" and can form trust and timing skills.

COACHING

All CKR Cheer coaches are required to complete coursework and be certified annually for safety and sportsmanship through American Youth Cheer, a division of American Youth Football. They are also required to have their child abuse clearances.

COSTS

The registration fee for CKR Cheer is \$150 unless there is a discount for early registration. CKR will loan a uniform top, skirt and game poms that will need to be returned at the end of the season. The cheer bow will be provided and may be kept the cheerleader. Families are asked to provide the following additional items:

- Black boy shorts for under the skirts
- Plain black leggings (no writing or patterns!!!) for cooler weather
- All-white, low-top leather (or vinyl) sneakers that lace up. [Flag can wear Velcro sneakers.]
- Long sleeve body liner for under the uniform
- White ankle socks

Do not spend a lot of money on these; they can all be purchased at Wal Mart or Amazon. Additional information will be provided after registration with photos and suggested links. Please do not buy anything until notified by the league.

There will also be an occasional special event, like our Breast Cancer fundraising games. We will provide the bows and pom poms, but you may be asked to purchase a tee shirt. We try to keep the expenses reasonable and will always provide an extra shirt for families who have a financial hardship.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

CKR does home game banner painting and will be participating in the Coatesville Christmas Parade and one league cheer showcase. We also cheer at the Coatesville High School homecoming game in October. These non-game activities are optional for the cheerleaders who would like to participate. Info to follow.

REGISTRATION & QUESTIONS?

Please direct any questions to Jennifer Smiley, cheer director: jennifersmiley1@Hotmail.com or 215.718.5800. Registration is available online: www.coatesvillekidraiders.org