

Shawnee Mission Northwest Cougars KCFC Cheerleading Information 2026-2027

Registration is open from March 1st- June 1st and our area closes registration. Please ensure you are registered and pay prior to the cut off date to ensure your spot on a squad.

Parent Responsibility:

Parents must deliver and pick up their child, on time, to all games and practices. Parents must notify the coach at least 1 day in advance, whenever their child is unable to attend practice or games. No child is to be dropped off at the complex. An adult must walk them to and from the fields. Having your child present at all practices is highly encouraged. We are a squad and every girl has an important role so that we can complete stunts and performances.

What it cost:

Registration fees are \$100 are due at the time of registration through the KCFC Website

Additional Fees are uniform cost and area fees, practice fees etc listed below. There will be a limited number for used uniforms at the Parent Meeting on May 28th, 2026.

Shell & Skirt- \$108

Shoes- \$45

Poms- \$30

Crop- \$28.00

Bow Fee- \$30

Practice Fees- \$50

Briefs- \$15

Practice Uniforms- \$35

Outerwear: Black leggings and black jacket- We do not currently have district purchase outerwear as it is costly. During cold games, cheerleaders should wear black leggings and a black sweatshirt.

Practice-

Practices are typically Tuesday and Thursday- times will be determined once squads are confirmed.

We will practice at a local park or indoor at a local school..

All Practice before July 31 are optional. Mandatory practices begin 8/1 and continue through the annual Cheer & Dance Showcase\Competition.- However, summer practices are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!

Games-

Most football games are typically played at Heritage Football Complex, 16050 S. Plumm Rd, Olathe, KS 66062 and Heritage Soccer Complex, 17255 S. Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS 66062. Our cheerleaders will either cheer for a flag or tackle team for the season. Football season begins midAugust and end at the end of October. Games are played on Saturdays or Sundays. Expect to cheer at one game per weekend that can last 2-3 hours. (Drive time, parking, warm-up, and game time.)

Camps/Clinics & Competitions:

Camps are put on by KCFC or NCA or SMNW High School- More information will be announced closer to the dates. Please make sure you check the KCFC website for more information regarding Camps\Clinics

KCFC Cheer and Dance Competition/Showcase

This is a 1-day event where all squads in the KCFC organization compete. It is held mid-November. Your coach will have more information as it is given.

How are squads assigned:

Specific squad assignments or requesting a coach CANNOT be guaranteed. Cheerleaders will be assigned to squads based on their current grade level. Every effort will be made to keep the existing squads intact, but we cannot guarantee this. There are no "try-outs" for the KCFC cheerleading program. Please note that your cheerleader may

have to cheer for another grade level as well as another area's football team. We make every effort to find football teams in the Northwest area to cheer for, but this is not always a guarantee.

Uniform Fitting/Sale: ONE DAY ONLY!-

Late orders can not be accepted!

This is a one day sale, so be sure that your and your child can attend. Cheerleaders must wear either a swimsuit or leotard to try on shell and skirts as there are no dressing rooms. **Uniforms must be ordered and paid for at the time of the fitting.**

Returning Cheerleaders: need to look over their uniform pieces before the fitting for fit, cleanliness, missing items etc to ensure pieces are within standard. If you are not sure, please bring items for coaches\area directors to look at.

Used Uniforms: You may purchase a used uniform from another cheerleader, but all transactions for used uniforms are between parents, not the area. Any used uniforms must be approved by the Area Director. - This sale will happen at the parent meeting on May 28th, 2026.

Scholarships-

Jennifer DeFranco - This scholarship is in honor of Jennifer who passed away in April 1998. Cheerleading was a huge part of her life. This \$300 annual scholarship was established by her teammates to assist a cheerleader who would like to participate in the KCFC program. To apply for the Jennifer DeFranco scholarship please visit the KCFC website for instruction.

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 the established deadline. Please visit the KCFC website for more instructions.

Fundraisers-

Individual- We will be doing an individual fundraiser this year- Its simple, **FILL MY POM-** You will have a sheet, and essentially ask your friends and family to fill in each strand of your POM POM to earn your pom poms! Donations can be as small as \$2 to \$50. Each strand you fill will go to cover area dues\ practice fees and then your POM POMS which have unfortunately gone up this year. Any additional funds will be raised to go towards additional costs for all the fun activities we have planned this year.

Area- We will be doing an area fund raiser this year with blankets! For those of you that had older girls remember the hit the blankets were. We will be selling them for \$40 again, but with a different design. Our older girls will also be sacking for tips at hy-vee on a date TBD to help cover the cost of some camps and clinics we plan on attending this summer.

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