



2026 OLATHE SOUTH AREA YOUTH CHEERLEADING



Cheerleading is a positive experience that gives participants a sense of belonging, develops friendships, and promotes physical fitness. It is an excellent program, but for it to work, the cooperation of the cheerleaders, coaches, and most of all, YOU the parents, is needed. The following information will answer some of your questions about the OS cheer program.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration

- K-6th: \$100

Cheer Uniform

- \$275 for all *required uniform items* if purchased NEW
 - This includes full uniform(shell, skirt, liner, briefs), practice wear, bows, and shoes.
 - Prices are approximate, with used items available on a first come-first serve basis.
 - Optional items will be available for purchase such as backpacks, outerwear, and spirit wear.
- Most items are used for multiple seasons, as long as they remain clean and still fit.
- Items will be ordered through the Area Director so that everything matches.
- Individual fundraisers are available to help offset cost.
- Parents can sell back used items if they are clean and in good condition.

Cheer Area Dues

- \$50—Pays for facility rentals for practices

Fundraising

- Individual Fundraisers—Poppin' Popcorn, Trash Bags, and Dip Dip Hooray; This is not a requirement to participate, proceeds will go directly to your cheerleader to assist with covering costs of uniforms, camps, squad fees, etc.
- Area Fundraisers—Each year as an area we host restaurant nights and other area wide fundraisers to help cover facility rental overages, our area showcase, and area accessories such as pink items, signs, megaphones, etc.

Scholarships

- Jennifer DeFranco -\$300
- KCFC- Registration fee assistance
- Scholarship information is available at www.kcfootballcheer.org, under the Cheer Tab, Cheerleading Scholarships

HOW ARE SQUADS ASSIGNED?

Squads will be formed according to the grade athletes are entering into for the fall of 2026. It is possible that grade/squads will be combined if there are not enough athletes of a grade to make a complete squad.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES CHEERLEADING REQUIRE?

Practices are set by each coach (usually once or twice per week, depending on grade). Football games begin around middle to end of August (Flag starts 2 weeks prior to Tackle) and continues through to early November. Summer practices are highly recommended but not required. Attendance at all squad events becomes MANDATORY after August 1st. Some squads will choose to attend extra clinics/camps outside of their regular practice times. Our area does also participate in the Olathe Old Settlers Day Parade in September and an Area Showcase at the end of the season.

HOW MUCH OF MY TIME AS A PARENT IS REQUIRED?

As a parent you will be required to attend uniform fittings with your child, and a parent meeting with your individual squad. Parents must drop off and pickup their cheerleader from practices and games on time. Depending on your grade level, your coach may require your attendance at all games with your cheerleader.

WHO ARE THE COACHES?

Coaches are adults who have volunteered their time to organize, teach, and maintain the squad. All coaches are required to attend a training seminar (rules, safety, and stunting) hosted by KCFC and undergo a background check. There must be a coach present at all practices and games. New coaches are always needed, if you are interested in coaching a squad, please reach out to the Area Directors.

UPCOMING DATES

May 3rd- 16th—Poppin' Popcorn Individual Fundraiser

May 31st—OS Area Uniform Fitting**; Trash Bag Individual Fundraiser starts

June 1st—Registration Deadline

June 7th—Uniform Order Deadline

**The uniform fitting is a 1 DAY ONLY event, so be sure that you and your cheerleader can attend, or you will have to submit measurements vs. trying on pieces.

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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