

SKYWALKER'S CHEER

Skywalker's Dynamic Cheer- Ages 5-8 (mini)

Skywalker's DK Cheer- Ages 9-13 (juniors)

Skywalker's Veteran Cheer - Ages 8th grade and up (seniors)

TEAM CONTRACT

POLICIES, EXPECTATIONS & COMMITMENT

We are gym/competitive cheerleaders. This means we perform/compete, and are therefore subject to an entirely different set of rules and regulations than most of you may be used to.

Just because we use "cheerleading" as our medium, this does not lessen the fact that we are athletes. As athletes we must train just as diligently as a gymnast or ballplayer.

These rules and regulations have been set up in the best interest of the entire program. We understand that as a parent or participant you may not agree with every decision that our staff makes. We assure you that the decisions are carefully thought out and a great amount of time has gone in the process, which leads us to our decisions. All decisions and changes regarding teams & routines are left solely to the discretion of the coaching staff.

The most important job we have is to create a positive environment for learning. As coaches it is our goal to create a disciplined, positive and productive atmosphere in which to learn and compete. As a result, we can produce outstanding individuals & teammates with a mentally strong attitude, a physically strong body and remarkable leadership skills.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- ★ All paperwork must be completely filled out prior to any member participating in practices. These documents include: Registration Form, Medical Release Form & Contract Signature Page.
 - All questions and/or comments may be addressed to:
 - Tara Trear - Cheer Coach/Program Director
 - There will be no food, gum or drinks in the gym. You may bring a snack and bottled water for breaks if it is kept in the viewing area.
 - Back talk, rolling of the eyes and any other disrespectful gestures toward coaches will not be tolerated.
 - Skywalkers Cheer is a Drug and Alcohol Free Environment. Abuse of this policy will require immediate removal from the team.
 - Teammates are expected to treat one another with mutual respect. They should talk to one another in a manner in which they wish to be spoken to.

TUITION AND PAYMENTS

- ★ \$50 Yearly Registration/Insurance (renewable annually at sign up date)
- ★ \$120 per session
- ★ Practice Gear/Uniform - Est. \$35 + cost of shoes
- ★ Each member of Skywalkers Cheer is required to pay tuition of \$120 each session enrolled.

- ★ TUITION IS PAYABLE REGARDLESS OF INJURY, ILLNESS OR VACATION. IF A TEAM MEMBER QUILTS, PARENTS THAT HAVE SIGNED THIS CONTRACT WILL REMAIN FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THIS CONTRACT.
- ★ Cheer Team members that are enrolled in another Skywalker's class will be offered at a 50% discount off of their class tuition or team tuition, whichever is lower.
- ★ Payment due dates and amounts will be communicated via email. All Cheer team members' parents should have an active email address on file with Skywalkers Cheer and check it often for updates and notices.
- ★ Additional choreography/music fees may apply at a minimal cost to each member and will be invoiced separately.

ATTENDANCE

- ★ 8 week sessions -
 - 2 weeks basic skills
 - 6 weeks build Performance/Routine
- ★ WE EXPECT 100% FROM EACH AND EVERY MEMBER! AND YOU CAN EXPECT 100% FROM YOUR COACHES!
- ★ The only excused absences will be those in which you have made every attempt to contact Skywalkers to inform us of your school or family related event. Please email the coaching staff if you will miss practice for any reason.
- ★ First 2 weeks of class will be spent on basic skills and evaluation of skill level. Enrollment in the class can be completed before and during these 2 weeks.
- ★ No enrollment will be added or accepted after the first 2 weeks of class.
- ★ Weeks 3-8 will be spent learning a basic routine that can be performed.
- ★ Veterans - If you are sick and non-contagious you will be asked to attend practice to watch from the side for changes that may affect you in the routine.
- ★ We understand that there are circumstances for which absences are unavoidable; however, this is an activity that you have chosen to participate. Your attendance does not only affect you, but all of the other members of your team. Please be courteous of other team members' time and dedication.
- ★ Excessive absences could result in dismissal from the team performance without refund.

PRACTICES

- ★ Tuition pays for training. It does not pay for the right to perform. Please be clear that each member earns the right to perform through preparedness as a team member.
- ★ Cheer team practices are once a week for 1 hour.
- ★ Unexcused/Excessive absences, excessive tardiness, or missing more than 3 consecutive practices may call for removal from the team.
- ★ Practice dress is required: Cheer Tank, spandex/shorts, Bow and cheer shoes.
- ★ Hair MUST be pulled up out of your face and off your neck with your cheer bow in.
- ★ No jewelry will be worn in practice.
- ★ No cell phones are allowed in practice. If they are found in the gym, they will be taken and held until the end of practice.
- ★ Jewelry, cell phones, iPods & other valuables brought to, or left at, the gym ARE NOT the responsibility of Skywalker Cheer. Please leave all valuables at home.
- ★ All practices have been scheduled around major holidays and major school breaks.

PERFORMANCES

- ★ All members will show up to performances in your cheer attire/uniform.
- ★ Full uniform will be worn during performance unless otherwise stated by staff.
- ★ After you perform, you may change into any Skywalker Cheer attire (Warm ups or Skywalker Cheer t-shirt if purchased)
- ★ No jewelry will be worn during performances.
- ★ We will be respectful of other squads and squad members. Sportsmanship is the key to Success!
- ★ We will not taunt, brag, boast, name call, or otherwise humiliate others. Let your performance on the floor do all the talking for you.
- ★ As part of the Skywalker Cheer Family, we support all members of our organization. We will stay and give our support for other squads within our organization...no exceptions!
- ★ You can expect a gym meeting at the conclusion of each day at each performance.
- ★ Parents are responsible for getting your child to and from performances.
- ★ Specific times & meeting places will be communicated through email.

PARENTS INFORMATION

- ★ We understand this this is an expensive and time-consuming sport. The sport of cheerleading takes a total commitment by the entire family. Just as we have rules and regulations for our Skywalker Cheer team members, there are certain rules that we ask of our Skywalker Cheer families.
- ★ Coaching from the viewing area is not acceptable. The best way you can help is to support and reinforce the coaches' decisions.
- ★ Name calling, disrespecting other parents or children, and down talking a coach are not permitted. If such actions take place, the individual (s) will be asked to not attend practice.
- ★ Parents are NEVER to address another team member personally. If you or your child has an issue with another team member you must first go to the coach for assistance.
- ★ If you have a suggestion or concern, please feel free to discuss this with the coach or the program director. Parents may also find emailing a useful way to resolve minor issues.

As a parent your support is crucial. Without you there are no kids, and thus no program. Skywalker Cheer will not show favoritism to any child. We feel each and every child is an important part of the entire program, and that no one person is bigger than the entire Skywalker Cheer Family. You may not agree with every decision made here, but you have chosen to be a part of this cheer program. In essence this means that you have chosen to follow the rules and regulations as stated in this contract.

Remember, we are all part of the Skywalker Cheer Family. Each and every person is here to learn, have fun and perform/compete. Together and only together, can Skywalker Cheer be Successful. It takes a strong and serious effort by everyone involved to build positive, confident, successful individuals and award-winning teams.

Once you become part of the Skywalker Cheer Family, we know you will understand the Determination, Feel the Passion and be Rewarded with Support of the largest, most successful cheer program in the Emporia Area!! We are thrilled that you have chosen to be part of our SPIRIT FAMILY!