Wolfpack Cheer 2025 - Ages 5-7 Competitive Team Info

Welcome to Fishhawk Wolfpack Cheer. We are glad to have your cheerleader as part of our program. This information should help get you started!! **Practice starts March 3**

Cheer Season timeframe:

o Competition season: Mid October until mid December

Practice Schedule:

o From March 3 thru the end of school, we will practice Monday & Tuesday 6-7:45 PM We will take a 2 week summer break the weeks of June 30 and July 7.

- o Starting July 14, practice is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 6-7:45pm until Labor Day. WE DO MAKE UP PRACTICES DUE TO WEATHER ISSUES
- o Intermittent Saturday gym practice: Practice replaces one weekday practice when indoor location available \$10 fee per practice. Can be prepaid for the season for a discounted fee of \$100 (competitive teams)
- All indoor practices are closed. Coaches will post if parents should arrive early for the team to perform at the end of practice.

Costs:

- o Registration amount: \$375 for first child, \$30 sibling discount.
- o Additional Costs (All Teams):
 - White competition shoes. Options at varying price points will be provided for you to choose from
 - \$10 per girl for any indoor practice at Gym. These occur approximately 2-3 times per month starting in August. Can be prepaid for a discounted rate of \$100 (competitive teams option)
 - Spectator Admission at Cheer Jam competition (mid October)
 - Additional costs possible (for spirit items, team bonding activities, make-up, etc. Team choice.

TEAM FEES/HOTELS FOR COMPETITIONS:

Additional Team fees due could be a potential of \$100 if your cheerleader's team goes all the way to Nationals!!!!

- > \$50 due prior to Regionals competition (if the team qualifies for Regionals)
- > \$50 due prior to Nationals competition (if the team qualifies for Nationals)

PLUS NATIONALS HAS INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE CREDENTIAL FEES YOU WILL NEED TO PAY (they were \$135 in 2024)

- REGIONALS HOTEL per night
 - > \$120/night for your family to have a room
 - Spectator Admission at Regional Competition in Orlando (TBD any time Thanksgiving weekend)
- NATIONALS PACKAGE-includes cheerleaders competition credential fee NEW LOCATION FOR 2025!!!
 - ➤ AVERAGE COST ESTIMATE OF \$1400 for a family of 4 for the required 3 night stay at one of the host properties. This is based on average costs of the hotels listed in the National manual
 - ➤ OPTION: ESTIMATE OF \$800 for 2 moms/2 cheerleaders sharing their required 3 night stay at one of the host properties. Other family members can choose to stay nearby at other lodging
 - > Travel Costs to Charlotte, NC Not included in Nationals package estimate
 - Spectator Admission at the Nationals venue

Fundraising: The cost for your cheerleader to participate in the season is subsidized by fundraising. Your cost is substantially lower than the expenses we spend for her. Due to this – we ask all families to participate in our fundraising. **EACH CHEERLEADER HAS A REQUIREMENT OF \$300 FOR FUNDRAISING. ANY AMOUNT YOU FUNDRAISE ABOVE THAT GOAL, IS APPLIED TO YOUR DAUGHTER'S NATIONAL CREDENTIALS/ROOM PACKAGE.**

If you do not wish to participate in the fundraisers you may pay the \$300 yourself (this will be due by <u>9/15/2025</u>). If you choose to not participate, you agree to pay all competition and hotel expenses personally. And if the opt out fee is not paid, your daughter will not compete with her team at Regionals or Nationals.

<u>Volunteering:</u> In addition – our organization runs exclusively on volunteers. All families are required to volunteer 6 hours per child in the Wolfpack program. We do understand that some people do not wish to volunteer or cannot. If you do not wish to volunteer,

there is an opt out fee for this. You can pay the opt out during the online registration process or to us by Sept 1.

<u>Uniforms:</u> Uniforms are rentals from Wolfpack. They must be returned at the end of the season or you will be assessed a fine.

Our teams compete at the Regional level between Thanksgiving and the Sunday following Thanksgiving. You must commit to your cheerleader going up for competition potentially on Thanksgiving to the Sunday following Thanksgiving to participate on one of these competition teams! THERE IS PRACTICE THANKSGIVING WEEK!

<u>Teams advancing on to Nationals in Charlotte, NC will miss multiple days of school in December for that competition.</u>

THERE ARE PRACTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIONS.GIRLS WILL BE REMOVED FROM COMPETITION TEAMS FOR MORE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES THAN ALLOWED PER OUR ATTENDANCE POLICY.

What is included with your registration amount:

Varsity Spirit Sparkle Backpack (if new to Wolfpack) Rental Competition Uniform

Competition Bow Three (3) Practice Uniform sets with bows

Competition practice set Competition fees for Cheer Jam

One to two practices per week March-July

Three practices per week August-December

Warm up jacket–if new & team advances to Regionals

What is in addition to your registration amount (details above):

Competition shoes (options will be provided to select from) Cheer shoes for practice

Spectators entrance fees to competitions Fees for indoor practices (\$10/session)

Team fees if team advances to Regionals Hotel costs for Regionals

Team fees if team advances to Nationals Travel/Hotel/athlete credential expense for Nationals

\$300 FUNDRAISED (either by participation or pay to opt out)

<u>Please feel free to contact us any time with questions!</u>
Cheer Contact Information:

Merideth Van Auken, Cheer Director fhwolfpackcheercoordinator@gmail.com