

# WILDFIRE



Recreational CHEER

WINTER SEASON Handbook

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### EXPENSES

<b>Monthly Tuition</b>	<b>\$35 x3</b>	<b>Due January 15, February 15, March 15,</b>
<b>Competition Fees</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Due February 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Uniform</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>Due January 15<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>\$190</b>	<b>Total Cost for Recreational Cheer</b>

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- **Monthly Tuition** Each child will be charged a monthly tuition fee. This fee includes Recreational Cheer and tax. Any additional classes you chose to join are not included. A \$10 sibling discount is available per additional child.
- **Competition Fees** The Winter Recreational Cheer Teams will be attending the Rumble in the Jungle Competition in Brookings on March 20th. Cost for this competition is \$15 per athlete. This is payment for your child to participate in this competition.
- **Uniform** Uniforms can be used for multiple seasons if purchased with size in mind. Uniforms are sublimated tank top and shorts in a poly, cotton and lycra blend material that moves and stretches with the cheerleader. To ensure delivery for our competitions please make sure your child is fitted and paid by January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Travel Expenses** Each athlete is responsible for their own travel expenses. In addition, all athletes and chaperones are responsible for all their own meals during out of town competitions.

### Payments

All payments are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and considered late after that. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. All members must sign up for Auto-Withdrawal from your checking or savings account or if you would prefer you can have a Credit Card on file and it will be charged monthly. We prefer the Auto-Withdrawal payment. You will only be charged for your monthly tuition. If you add a class or another expense you will need to pay separately or adjust your payment. There will be a 3% charge on any credit card transactions through our gym!

## RULES AND POLICIES

### Regular Practices

Once you have joined a Wildfire team it is your responsibility to attend all team practices. Practice will be once a week.

### **Practice Schedule:**

Practice Date	(TINY) Sizzle Practice Time	Practice Date	(YOUTH) Flash Practice Time
January 5	6:30-7:30	January 5	6:30-7:30
January 12	6:30-7:30	January 12	6:30-7:30
January 19	6:30-7:30	January 19	6:30-7:30
January 26	6:30-7:30	January 26	6:30-7:30
February 2	6:30-7:30	February 2	6:30-7:30
February 9	6:30-7:30	February 9	6:30-7:30
February 16	6:30-7:30	February 16	6:30-7:30
February 23	6:30-7:30	February 23	6:30-7:30
March 1	6:30-7:30	March 1	6:30-7:30
March 8	6:30-7:30	March 8	6:30-7:30
March 15	6:30-7:30	March 15	6:30-7:30
March 20	<b>Rumble in the Jungle</b>	March 20	<b>Rumble in the Jungle</b>

### Weather Closings

When the weather gets ugly and you are wondering if we will be having practice follow the Brookings AND Sioux Valley school system. The majority of our cheer families come from these two areas therefore if one of these schools is called off OR has an early dismissal because of weather we will not have practice. If you have a weekend practice you will be notified through email as soon as possible.

*These are precious hours that these teams have together, and every moment must be used to the fullest. It is extremely important for you and to your team to attend practice and arrive on time. We do realize that ALL aspects of the cheerleader's lives are important and above all else we regard each student's academic performance as a priority. We also feel that time management is a very important lesson that this sport instills. Please do your best to attend all practices!*

### Team Requirements

The tuition pays for the athletes training, tuition does not pay for the right to perform! The coaches reserve the right to structure all teams accordingly.

**NO REFUNDS ARE MADE IF ATHLETES DO NOT PERFORM.**

# **RULES AND POLICIES**

## **What to wear**

Tops and Shorts need to be fitted so the girls are easier to spot and having a uniform look at practice. This helps us to pinpoint what needs to be fixed in the routine. There are a few options available for purchase or you may use clothing you already own. Please make sure your child has the following before coming to practice:

- Fitted clothing
- Hair up and away from face
- SHOES
- No Jewelry

Personal items should be left in cubby holes. Jewelry should not be worn during classes. Wildfire's staff will not be responsible for ANY items that may be lost or stolen. Be sure your student's personal items are marked with their name.

## **Parents In The Gym**

We request that NO parents are in the gym at any time! Please watch your athlete from the viewing area. Please do not try to communicate with your child during practices by tapping on the window or waving. We ask that you respect these rules. They have been established to help the team and your child.

## **Communication**

Our primary means of communication with athletes/parents will be through e-mail. Please keep your e-mail addresses current with the Wildfire staff at all times. If you use multiple email addresses you must provide all that you wish to receive information at. In addition, please let us know of any changes to your phone numbers and home address. Coaches must have current cell numbers of all parents and athletes.

Often we send home additional notes with the athletes. Please communicate with your child to make sure they get you that information. Wildfire cannot and will not call each family every time there are reminder notes. If you have specific questions make sure you ask!

## **Office Hours**

The best time to reach a Wildfire staff member is during our regular business hours: *Sunday - Thursday 4:00 - 8:00*. To reach us during office hours please call 605-692-0810. Our cell number is 605-690-7663. This phone will be taken to competitions, but will not be used during non-office hours. Also, be sure and visit our website: [kckwildfire.com](http://kckwildfire.com) or email us at [wildfirecheer@live.com](mailto:wildfirecheer@live.com).

# COMPETITIONS

## Competition

As a recreational team we will compete at one competition per 12 week season. Competition schedules are not released until the week of the competition. Therefore we will know the date (March 20) and it will likely be a morning performance, however we will not have exact times until that Monday. We will notify you as soon as possible if we determine a change to our final schedule are necessary.

Each member is responsible for their own travel arrangements for the competition. You must arrive by the designated times to ensure your team is able to warm up.

If you cannot compete with your team you will need to let us know immediately! This creates extreme hardship for your team! You must alert your coach immediately if you know of a major conflict that will prevent you from competing with your team so we can make the necessary changes.

## Canceling a Competition

Competitions will not cancel based on weather. If you chose to not attend a competition based on weather that is your choice. Refunds will not be given for athletes who do not perform.

## Competition Dress Code

You should arrive to all competitions ready to compete. In other words, you must have all hair and make-up complete and uniform on with WHITE “no-show” socks and all white cheerleading shoes.

*Parents: The staff is responsible for many athletes on each team. It is unfair to ask them to hold bags, put on shoes, finish hair, etc. Please make sure your child is READY when you sign them in. This includes taking them to the bathroom!* **Under NO circumstances are you allowed to wear jewelry at any time during the competition day, this could result in your team being disqualified.**

## Sign In Upon Arrival

All parents are required to sign in their athletes upon entering the gym at all competitions. You must sign them IN and OUT immediately following awards.

## Competition Conduct

While attending competitions, it is expected of all Wildfire cheerleaders to act and look appropriate. Cheerleading is a team sport and therefore we will sit together as a team and program for the duration of the competition. Please discuss what is expected with your child prior to competitions. Also, please check in with your child throughout the day for things like food and drinks.

Warm ups or any other Wildfire apparel is acceptable to wear while spectating. Prior to warm ups, athletes are expected to leave all personal items with parents/guardians. Coaches are NOT responsible and should not be expected to hold any personal items. Athletes should be ready 30 minutes prior to their teams scheduled warm up time so that any unplanned time changes will not be a problem. After a team is done competing, cheerleaders are allowed to wear apparel again until it is time for awards.

# WILDFIRE CODE OF CONDUCT

- If you ever have a problem, with anything, please do not hesitate to contact the gym, your coach, or the owner. We are here for you! If we are unaware of a concern we can't fix it! If you have any questions or concerns that need immediate attention, we ask that you call us as soon as possible.
- Please feel free to talk to your coach about anything; just remember to do it at the appropriate times. For example, approaching a coach in the middle of a practice would not be an appropriate time.
- Please keep in mind the gym is not a babysitting service. We want our athletes to use the gym as often as possible, but no child should be dropped off at the gym unsupervised. Until the athletes are on the floor they are your responsibility. They should not be on the floor until their class time!
- Once your child's class is done they are to be picked up immediately. We will not be responsible for athletes left at the gym. If your child is waiting for a ride they should remain in the gym and you should escort them from the building to your car. During peak times the parking lot is crowded. Please take into consideration that our students may include young children. Please drive slowly and carefully. Do not take a chance on your student running to and from your car.
- WILDFIRE is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items. If it is valuable leave it at home!
- Only cheerleaders and coaches are allowed in the gym at any time! No one is allowed to yell onto the gym floor or try to contact through the parent viewing area window during practices or tumble classes. **This is extremely distracting to all involved!**
- It is the parent/athletes responsibility to keep current with their financial obligations to Wildfire. Failure to do so WILL result in dismissal from the team.
- Inevitably we go through losses and additions of team members. The dismissal/addition of a team member is solely the Staff's decision.
- No **gossip** about a child on your team or another team. No **gossip** about coaches and staff. No **gossip** about any other teams. It is much better to address a problem with your Coach or Owner than to listen to idle gossip. Malicious gossip is hurtful to Wildfire and your teammates and will not be tolerated. If a problem arises between you and a team mate or another parent, the problem will be addressed with all parties involved at a meeting between your coach and the owner.
- Never post negative comments on any websites or chat rooms. Using the name Wildfire online in a negative context or as a member of our family will result in dismissal from the gym.
- It is the parent's responsibility to know what is going on with your team. Check your emails and the website regularly. If you miss a practice it is your job to find out what you have missed!

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, POLITE MANNERS AND A KIND DISPOSTION ARE MANDATORY AT ALL COMPETITIONS AND PRACTICES.

THIS PROGRAM PRIDES ITSELF ON SETTING A HIGH STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR.  
PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How are teams selected?

We will divide first by age and then by skill level. For instance, if we have a large number of Minis we would divide into a level one and a level two teams. That way the two teams will not compete against each other at competitions. It is our ultimate goal to place each child on a team that will challenge his/her current skills, stunting, dance, etc. NO CHILD WILL EVER BE TURNED AWAY.

### What if my child is not placed on the same team as his/her friends?

It is important for us to select teams that will be the most competitive at each level. All of our teams form bonds of friendship by working hard together toward a common goal. We urge you to allow your child to compete on a team of their ability level as determined by our coaching staff without additional constraints. However, please feel free to discuss this issue with one of our coaches if you have additional concerns.

### When can my child “move up”?

Athletes are primarily moved based on team needs and skill requirements and we reserve the right to move a child at any given time. If an athlete achieves and perfects new skills before competitions season begins, a coach may consider moving him/her to a higher level team. If you are looking for more competition or a higher level team our All-Star teams may be a good option for you in the future!

### Can my daughter ‘fly’?

Flying is not always about being the smallest member on the team. In fact it rarely is about size, but about how the flyer holds themselves and how comfortable they are in the air. Often times an athlete thinks they want to be a flyer and after trying it, finds it is not as fun as it looks. Please do not push your child to fly if they do not want to! If the coach feels that your daughter should be a flier, she will be.

### What if we just want to practice but not compete?

You are welcome to be a member of our recreational cheer classes even if you are interested in attending the competition. However, we do ask that you let us know right away so the team and coaches can plan accordingly.

### When do we get our uniforms?

We will have uniform fittings in the beginning of our season. Payment for your uniform must be made before it will be ordered. Athletes must be fitted by October 1<sup>st</sup>, to ensure that all our teams have their uniforms in time for competition. All uniforms will be ordered through Wildfire.

### Do I have to sign up for Auto - Withdrawal from my account?

Yes and No, you have two options for payment: you can sign up for Auto-Withdrawal from your checking or savings account or if you would prefer you can have a Credit Card on file and it will be charged monthly. We prefer the Auto-Withdrawal payment. You will only be charged for your monthly tuition. If you add a class or another expense you will need to pay separately or adjust your payment.

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*Welcome to the family! Let's Get Wild!*

