



Cheer Teams Handbook



2026-2027

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Welcome to Wildcats Cheer and Athletics

Dear Parents and Athletes,

We are so happy to share our love for cheer and athletics with you and the community. Our mission is to create a supportive and empowering environment where every athlete can thrive and reach their full potential. Our coaches will emphasize the importance of overall cheer skills, safety, conditioning, tumbling, stunting, and above all, respect for others while enjoying the thrill of this sport. Most importantly, we focus on the athletes having fun. All athletes and teams are important to us, from our cheer/tumbling classes to our competing teams!

Along with our loyal staff, Wildcats Cheer and Athletics (WCA), has worked hard to make everyone feel welcome and a part of the Wildcats family! We make it our mission to get to know each athlete and parent; help them set and reach goals, teach the value of commitment, dedication, and teamwork, and ultimately help each athlete see their dreams become a reality. Although our goal is to make each team competitive, we strongly encourage our Wildcats athletes to learn lifelong lessons in dedication, pride, teamwork, time management, and helping others. We pride ourselves in promoting balancing your athlete's education in conjunction with this sport.

If you find any questions that may not be directly answered or have further concerns, please reach out to the gym directly at 401-291-8690 or the gym's email wildcats@wildcatsri.com. Wildcats Cheer and Athletics is under the direct supervision of Gym Owner Katelyn Mayberry. Once again, WELCOME to the Wildcats Cheer and Athletics it will be a life-changing experience!!

SPORTSMANSHIP:

We hold high expectations for our WCA athletes to be well-mannered as they represent our gym at any event or competition. Any negative behavior towards other teams, teammates, and coaching staff may result in immediate removal from the program. Here at WCA, we want an approach that encourages a positive mindset, promotes strong teamwork skills, and celebrates our hard work and accomplishments throughout our entire season.

Be modest when successful and be gracious regardless of placement.

Members of all teams are to show respect for the coaches, fellow teammates, other WCA athletes, parents, judges, officials, and spectators from opposing organizations.

Disrespectful attitude, back-talking, and any form of ill-mannered behavior towards coaches and other athletes is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

In the spirit of good sportsmanship and all-around team morale, we encourage that any questions, comments, or concerns be brought to management directly.

Exhibit good sportsmanship at the gym as well as during and after all competitions.

Encouragement from parents to athletes to abide by the rules and respect all other teammates, athletes, coaches, judges, officials & other parents.

GYM AND PRACTICE:

01 PHONES

Athletes will NOT be allowed phones during practice/class.

Phones must be left in the cubby area.

If you need to contact your athlete you can call the gym phone.

02 OUTSIDE FOOD

No food, gum, candy, or drinks are permitted in the gym area.

Only water & Gatorade are allowed.

Snacks and drinks are to be maintained in the waiting/cubby area.

03 BEHAVIOR

The use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language is prohibited. This behavior will result in IMMEDIATE dismissal from the WCA program. No excuses or exceptions.

04 PRACTICE

Athletes are required to wear the proper practice clothes and shoes to each practice.

- Black top
- Black Bottoms
- Hair up in pony (out of face)
- bow
- cheer sneakers
- NO Jewelry

05 RESPECT

The athlete and parent will ALWAYS be a positive representative of Wildcats Cheer and Athletics.

Trash talk, gossip, and negativity will not be tolerated.

06 COMMITMENT

Cheerleading is a team commitment — every athlete matters.

Each athlete is allowed up to 3 missed practices per season.

After that, a fee will be charged for each additional absence.

Consistent attendance is required for full team practices and success.

FEES:

- Registration fee:** music, bow, first competition fee, and insurance payment
- Monthly fee:** coach, utilities, and facility use
- Uniform fee:** uniform
- Crossover Fee:** amount paid to the competition organization for our athlete
- Fundraising Amount:** competition fees and charges

Baby Jaguars (45 min/wk)	Fees
Registration Fee	\$250
Monthly Tuition	\$110
Uniforms	\$120
Competition Fees	included

Little Leopards (2 hrs/wk)	Without Fundraising	With Fundraising	Financial Assistance (6 kids)
Registration Fee	\$280		\$220
Monthly Tuition	\$260	\$200	\$120
Uniforms	\$180- NEW \$80- USED		\$100 rental fee
Crossover Fee	\$35		
BHS Clinic	\$15/ clinic		
Fundraising Amount	0	\$800*any remainder fundraising balance will be charged in May	
Open Gym/ Tumbling Classes	\$5/ class		

Servals (4.5 hrs/wk)	Without Fundraising	With Fundraising	Financial Assistance
Registration Fee	\$280		\$220
Monthly Tuition	\$280	\$220	\$120
Uniforms	\$180- NEW \$80- USED		\$100 rental fee
Crossover Fee	\$35		
BHS Clinic	\$15/ clinic		
Fundraising Amount	0	\$800*any remainder fundraising balance will be charged in May	
Open Gym/ Tumbling Classes	\$5/ class		

Caracals (6 hrs/wk)	Without Fundraising	With Fundraising	Financial Assistance
Registration Fee	\$280		\$220
Monthly Tuition	\$300	\$240	\$120
Uniforms	\$180- NEW \$80- USED		\$100 rental fee
Crossover Fee	\$35		
BHS Clinic	\$15/ clinic		
Fundraising Amount *any remainder fundraising balance will be charged in May	0	\$800*any remainder fundraising balance will be charged in May	
*Free open gym / Tumbling Classes			

Miscellaneous Fees:

Make-Up Kit Fee:

Lip Stain
Brush
Hair Wax
Elastics
Mascara
Sparkles
Eye liner
Mirrior
Make-up Bag

\$25-30

Unexcused Absence Fee:

If an athlete
misses more than
3 practices,
regardless of if it
is excused

\$10 per practice

Quitting/ Dismissal Fee:

If your athlete quits, is
dismissed from the
program, or is injured
and removes themselves
from the team, a
dismissal fee will be
charged for breach of
contract.

\$200

Fundraising:

- ALL Sponsorship goes to the non-profit, not a particular athlete or team.
- Donations made must be labeled per athlete (will not get sponsorship benefits).
- Each athlete is responsible for fundraising their portion of money; Wildcats Booster will set up some fundraising activities to help!



Haunted Gym Event



Puppy Yoga



Movie Night



Team Bonding Events



Car Washes



Sponsorships

A Few From Previous Years...

Pre-Season Practice & Regular Season Schedule:

Pre-Season Practices:

Begins in June and continues through July, held every Wednesday. Look at the Pre-Season schedule to see when you will practice will be held.

Current Wildcats Athletes:

If you are already a member of Wildcats, you do not need to schedule a placement evaluation. Please make sure to complete your registration by the end of June 2026.

New Athletes:

If you are not currently a Wildcats member, you must register before June 2026 so we can schedule your team placement evaluation.

Baby Jaguars

- Tuesday 5-5:45

Little Leopards

- Tuesday: 5:45-6:45 PM
- Saturday 10-11:15

Servals

- June + July
Wednesday's 5-6:30
- Monday: 5:00-6:30 PM
- Wednesday: 5:00-6:30 PM
- Thursday: 5:00-6:30 PM

Caracals

- June + July
Wednesday's 6-7:30
- Monday: 6:30-8:30 PM
- Wednesday: 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday: 6:30-8:30 PM



Travel Information:

Please note that travel expenses are not included in team fundraising efforts.

Each team/athlete will need to determine if they would like to organize additional fundraising for travel expenses.

All travel-related costs, including transportation and accommodations, are the responsibility of each family.

In previous years, some families have chosen to lodge together to help reduce expenses.

Last season, hotel prices ranged from approximately \$170 to \$230 per night.

Baby Jaguars

- Not considered a travel team.
- Competitions will be held within a 2-hour driving range.
- There will be 2 competitions and 1 showcase.

Possibilities:

- Rhode Island
- Connecticut
- Massachusetts

Full Year Teams

- Full-Year Teams are considered traveling teams.
- We will be doing at least 3 competitions within a 2-hour driving range, and 2-3 competitions that require an overnight stay or flight.

Possibilities:

- New Jersey
- Florida
- Delaware
- Pennsylvania
- New Hampshire