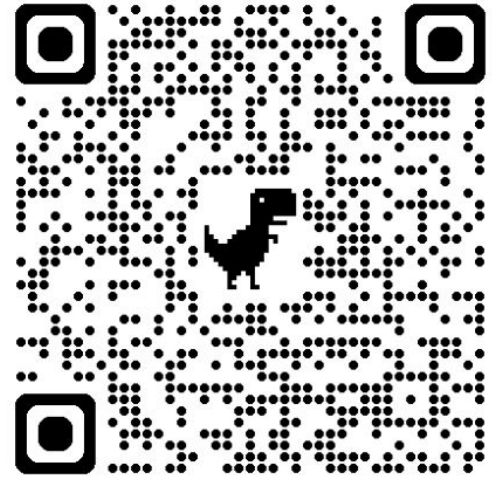




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# **Keller ISD Cheer Tryout**

**TIMBER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL  
2026-2027**



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# Tryout Eligibility

- Must not have lost academic credit, for any course due to absences, from the fall semester. All credit must be made up by the first day of tryout week.
- **Must have a Zero Balance** on their campus. All candidates must have the cheer application signed by a former season coach that ensures no balance due.
- No resignation or dismissal from a KISD cheer program within the calendar year
- Candidates planning on early graduation during the cheer year must communicate the plan with head coach prior to tryouts
- DAEP or excessive disciplinary issues will cause a candidate enter on probationary status or be ineligible to tryout

# Tryout Eligibility Cont.

- 2- 9 weeks of academic ineligibility will be subject to academic review by the head coach and assistant principal. If a candidate is allowed to audition and makes the program, the candidate enters on an academic probationary contract.
- More than 1 conduct grade of N or U for any candidate will cause them to enter on probationary status with a contract agreed upon by the head coach and administrator
- Must meet attendance requirements during tryouts. No school = no trying out!

# Varsity Cheer

## 9th-12 Grade

### **Attended Events:**

- \_ All Varsity Football Games
- \_ All Pep Rallies
- \_ Most Men's Home Basketball Games
- \_ 2-3 Competition Opportunities

### **Cheer Season:**

March to March

### **Varsity Cheer Period - 8th Period:**

- We practice during the period and continue after school is out.

### **Weekends:**

- Athletes will be given at least a two week notice of weekends set to learn contest choreography.
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### **Football Season:**

- Games are on Thursdays or Fridays
  - The schedule will come out towards the end of the school year

### **Competition Season (December & January):**

- Additional Practices will be required for comp routines

# Other things to know about Varsity Cheer

**Cheerleaders are not allowed to miss practice unless excused by Coach Harris.**

- Contagious Illness (doctor note required)
- Family Emergency

**Cheerleaders will tryout for all performances**

- Every pep rally routine
- Every comp routine

**Varsity Cheer does have student leadership positions such as:**

- These are for returning members only, they will go through a tryout process to be selected.
- **Captain and Co Captain:** Help run practice, support and help enforce coach and program guidelines/standards.
- **Spirit Leaders:** Help boost morale, plan and execute ways to encourage and celebrate our team.

# JV Cheer

## 9th - 11th grade

### Attended Events:

- \_ All JV **A** Home Games
- \_ All Pep Rallies
- \_ Most Women's Home Basketball Games
- \_ 2-3 Competition Opportunities

### Cheer Season:

March to March

### JV Cheer Period - 4th Period:

- We practice during the period.
- As needed you will also have after school practice from 4:10-5:30 pm

### Weekends:

- Athletes will be given at least a two week notice of weekends set to learn contest choreography.

### Football Season:

- Games are on Wednesday or Thursdays
  - The schedule will come out towards the end of the school year

### Competition Season (December & January):

- Additional Practices will be required for comp routines

# Other things to know about JV Cheer

**Cheerleaders are not allowed to miss practice unless excused by Coach Chaney.**

- Contagious Illness (doctor note required)
- Family Emergency

**Cheerleaders will tryout for all performances**

- Every pep rally routine
- Every comp routine

**JV Cheer does have student leadership positions such as:**

- These positions are open to all JV cheer members due to the team not guaranteed to have returners each year.
- **Captain and Co Captain:** Help run practice, support and help enforce coach and program guidelines/standards.
- **Spirit Leaders:** Help boost morale, plan and execute ways to encourage and celebrate our team.

# Expectations of Timber Creek Cheerleaders

## **Appropriate behavior in and out of school**

- This includes ALL social media
  - No profanity, nudity, illegal behavior

## **Follow KISD handbook and dress code**

- Natural colored hair only
- No facial piercings
- Dressed appropriately at school & school functions

## **No participation in any illegal activities**

- Vaping, smoking, drinking, drugs
- Guilt by association/perception is reality!

## **Grades**

- We follow the UIL No Pass No Play Guidelines

## **Communication**

- Communication is KEY!
- Cheerleaders are young adults, they are required to communicate their absences and questions.
- This is their program, we will holding the cheerleaders accountable for all information given.

# Social Media

- Please be aware that inappropriate social media behavior **will result in disciplinary actions**, including but not limited to athletic code of conduct.
- **Any inappropriate behavior**, including representation on social media, that is disrespectful to the district, school, cheer program, or coaching staff **may result in immediate removal from the program as per the athletic director.**

# TC Cheer Involves the Whole Family

## Parent Required Involvement:

- **Financial**
- **Working Required Fundraising Events**
- **Attending Booster Club Meetings**
- **Joining Booster Club Committees**

## Parent and Family Perks :

- **Making New Friends**
- **Supporting Your Favorite Cheerleaders**
- **Saving Money Through Fundraisers**

# TC Cheer Booster Club

- To provide a positive environment for students educational and artistic growth.
- To promote a closer relationship between the parents, students and staff, in an atmosphere of mutual cooperation, support and respect
- To encourage a high level of achievement for all of TC Cheer members
- To provide resources, both human and financial, to cheer events
- To promote and recognize TC Cheer and its accomplishments

# TC CHEER WEBSITE

[TCcheer.com](https://TCcheer.com)

## **Here you will find:**

KISD Code of Conduct

KISD Cheer Constitution/Handbook

# Tryout Packet

- All forms MUST be turned in by  
Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 PM

- **Do NOT send in interoffice mail**

- Application and Candidate Information Form
- Activity Permission Form
- Emergency Information Form
- Travel/Medical Form
- Transportation Consent and Release
- Student/Parent/Guardian Contract
- TWO copies of Physical for EVERY candidate
- Medical History
- Extra Curricular Code of Conduct
- Fundraising Agreement
- First Semester Report Card for EVERY candidate

# Parent Packet

# TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

## TIMBER CREEK HS CHEER REQUIRED TRYOUT FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS 2026-2027

1. Application Form
2. KISD Cheer Candidate Information with attached picture
3. Team Placement Commitment Contract
4. Activity Permission Form
5. Travel/ Medical Release Form
6. Transportation Consent and Release
7. Student/ Parent/ Guardian Contract
8. Emergency Information Form:  
*-Please fill out each blank carefully and legibly. This form will be kept on hand by the coach(es) in case of an emergency.*
9. Keller ISD Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct Signature Page
10. Medical History Form
11. TWO Copies of Physical  
*- ALL candidates **MUST** have a physical date in 2026 - Due with a packet.*
12. 1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER Report Card  
*-Tryout packets are NOT considered complete without a 1st-semester report card.*

**\*KISD Tryout paperwork MUST be printed SINGLE SIDED and can be found online at:**  
<https://www.kellerisd.net/students-families/athletics/cheerleading>

**Application/Required Paperwork DUE: Thursday, March 5th no later than 4:00 pm**  
**Paperwork should be delivered to Timber Creek High School office no later than 4:00 pm**

**Failure to turn in complete paperwork by the deadline may result in disqualification from tryouts.**

<b>Required Tryout Week</b>	<b>MONDAY 3/30 - WEDNESDAY 4/1</b>
<b>Tryout Clinic is <u>CLOSED</u> to the public</b>	<b>You <u>MUST</u> attend tryouts at your school</b>
<b>Tryout Results Posted</b>	<b>Friday, April 3– after 4:00 pm</b>

Thank you for your interest in the Timber Creek HS Cheerleading Program. We wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Harris – TCHS Head Cheer Coach  
Courtney Chaney - TCHS Assistant Cheer Coach

# REPORT CARD

## REPORT CARD REMINDER\*

ALL candidates **MUST** turn in a copy of their **first-semester report card** with their paperwork.

\*Reminder: all 1<sup>st</sup> semester seat time must be completed before the first day of tryouts!\*

\*2-9 weeks of academic ineligibility will be subject to academic review by the head coach and the assistant principal. If a candidate can audition and makes the program, the candidate enters on a probationary contract.

\*More than 1 conduct grade of N or U for any candidate will cause them to enter on probationary status with a contract agreed upon by the head coach and administrator.

# IMPORTANT MANDATORY DATES

## TIMBER CREEK CHEER

### *Mandatory Dates – 2026 Tryout & Spring Schedule*

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**February 12** – Mandatory Tryout Parent Meeting

**March 5** – Tryout Packet Due

**March 24** – Optional (Highly Recommended) Prep Clinic | 4:30–6:00 PM | TCHS

**March 26** – Tryout Videos Released in Candidate ParentSquare

**March 30 – April 1** – Tryouts | 4:30–7:00 PM

**April 9** – “You Made It” Meeting | 7:00 PM | TCHS

### *Spring Training (Mandatory for Selected Team Members)*

4:30–5:30 PM at TCHS

April 20, 22, 27, 29

May 4, 6, 11, 13, 15, 18

### *Mandatory Team Camp*

May 26 – May 28 | NCA Tarleton Camp

### *Not Listed / Pending Dates (Attendance Required)*

The following events will occur, but dates and details are still being finalized:

- Powder Puff Game
- Summer Fundraiser
- Summer Practices
- Open Gym Days & Times

All athletes will be required to complete a set number of summer participation hours. Specific hour requirements and tracking details will be shared at the **April 9 “You Made It” Meeting**.

Attendance at all mandatory events is required unless pre-approved by the head coach. Please plan vacations, appointments, and other commitments accordingly.

# EXPENSES AND PAYMENT DUE DATES

## TIMBER CREEK CHEER

### 2026–2027 Program Cost Breakdown

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#### *Payments Made to TC Cheer Booster Club*

Payment Due Date	Amount Due
April 9	\$585
May 15	\$410
June 15	\$250

#### *These Booster Payments Cover:*

- Booster membership
- Summer camp fees
- Stunt & skills camp fees
- Team building event
- Snacks and drinks
- Tumbling
- Team shirts and accessories

#### *Competition Team (Additional Dues)*

Athletes who make the competition mat will have additional dues estimated at **\$800–\$1,000**. These payments will be due in **September and October** and typically cover music, choreography, competition entry fees, and additional training expenses.

#### *Varsity Spirit Uniform & Apparel Orders*

Families will make a separate payment directly to **Varsity Spirit** for uniforms and required program items. This amount will vary depending on whether the athlete is new to the program or a returning member needing replacement items.

#### *Letter Jacket (New Varsity Members)*

New varsity members will also need to purchase a letter jacket. Estimated cost will be provided once vendor pricing is confirmed.

# Tryout Process

Optional Prep Clinic Tuesday, March 24 4:30-6:00 pm

- This is a time for you to work with stunt groups.
  - Jumps and tumbling
  - Spiriting
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- Tryout material will be sent via email and will be available by Thursday, March 26 by 4:00pm.
  - Candidates are responsible for learning all material independently and evaluations will begin on the first day of tryouts.

# Tryout Process

March 30th - April 1st

4:30-7:00 pm - TCHS Small Gym

- 3 day evaluation process, coaches take notes and observe skills
- Tryouts are closed. Only candidates, coaches, administrators and outgoing seniors will be allowed in the gym. Failure to comply will result in a candidates disqualification.

# Tryout Attire

- Plain black fitted Shirt/Tank
- Black cheer shorts
- White crew socks
- Cheer Shoes or White Tennis Shoes
- Hair in Slicked Back High Ponytail - Bow/Ribbon to the Front
- A white ribbon or bow MUST be worn!
- Presentation of the candidate will be noted by judges
- **NO JEWELRY ALLOWED!** Make sure you are able to **REMOVE** all piercings!

*Being out of dress will be cause for dismissal from tryouts and loss of tryout eligibility. Expected to be ready at start of tryouts at 4:30.*

# What to Expect at Tryouts

1. During each day of the tryout, candidates will be observed performing cheer skills in the 7 scored domains. The coaches will take notes and record what the candidate displays. No coaching, spotting or assisting will be permitted during the tryout once evaluations begin.

2. The coaches notes from observing candidates will then be scored in accordance with the KISD cheer tryout rubrics for each of the 7 scored domains. Team placement is based on required minimum skills and the break in overall scores.

(Please refer to rubrics for any CHANGES and to prepare as a candidate)

3. High Schools will post team divisions following tryouts. All schools will post team divisions from tryouts that will remain for the year, however movement may occur if skills change.

4. Coaches will not stay late for candidates to have extra time for displaying skills.

5. Phones will be turned in at the start of tryouts each day.

6. Tryout Groups will be assigned each day by the coaches.

**Display your best by being your best each day**

# Tryout Criteria

The candidates will be judged on:

- Standing Tumbling
- Running Tumbling
- Jumps
- Cheer
- Band Chant
- Stunts
- Performance
- Tryout scoring rubrics for all 7 cheer skill areas are available to view/ print from the KISD athletics website.

## \*HS Standing Tumbling Rubric\*

Score	Judging Criteria
1	Back handspring
2	Series (2-3) Back handspring
3	Back Tuck
4	Toe-back Tuck
5	1- 3 backhandsprings to a layout or full

\*\*\*Points will be added or subtracted for poor technique, performance or form.

## \*HS Group Stunt Rubric\*

Score	Judging Criteria
2	Prep to press up extension, pop off
4	Straight up extension, pop off
6	Full up or full around to prep, pop off
7	Extended liberty, pop off
8	Extended liberty with body position, plus one point for twisting dismount (twisting pop off or full down)
10	Full up or full around to extended position, switch to one leg, plus one point with twisting dismount

# Tumbling Requirements

- *If a candidate is able to throw a required or recommended skill, it does NOT guarantee them a position in the cheer program or at any point during the year on team divisions.*
- Performing a required or recommended tumbling skill only allows a candidate to be considered for that corresponding team.

# Additional Tryout Info.

- Tryout material must be learned on your own prior to arrival on day 1 of tryouts.
- Dress code/attire will be strictly enforced and candidates may be asked to leave if they are not in correct attire.
- Injured candidates must email the head coach ASAP to discuss the tryout procedure for injury and will need to provide documentation of injury and restrictions from their physician.
- If a candidate has already completed part of their tryout prior to illness/injury, the decision may be made to score what was seen on a case by case basis.

# Tips & Advice!

- Candidates need to be prepared for displaying their VERY BEST. View the rubrics ahead of time and see where you can gain max points.
- The coach may ask to see one skill higher than the skill the candidate displays- trying to help you maximize and not miss displaying a mastered skill. If you do not have the skill do not attempt just say pass.
- Tryouts is not the time to be lazy, complacent or silly. **Only what you perform is counted**- do not rely on your coach knowing your abilities, potential, etc.
- Our entire coaching staff will observe skills at once to avoid inconsistency and discrepancy in judging.
- Show consistency each day in skills to be awarded points for skills. Ex) throwing a back tuck one day out of 3 does not show comfortable mastery of the skill.

# Tips & Advice!

- A tumbling requirement skill will be expected to be executed on count and incorporated as it would be in football season and or competition season when applicable on certain skill requirement teams.
- Only show skills you are confident with throwing. We want to see accomplished skills not something you could risk injury performing. NO SPOTTING PERMITTED
- Be versatile and flexible in stunting. It does not help a candidate show consistency if they can only stunt with certain people or if they display a poor attitude for trying new groups, grips, positions, etc.
- Coach ability and a good attitude is very important to display. Do not rely on previous year's team placement!

# Tryout Results

Friday, April 2nd after 4:00 PM

If you were **not** selected for the cheer program, you have 1 week following the tryout to contact/schedule a meeting with the **cheer administrator** for tryout feedback.

**Darius.Ingram@kellerisd.net**

**Coaches will not be expecting meetings to discuss tryout results and placement.**

**Good Luck!**

**We are excited  
to see you at tryouts!**

**Be on the lookout for a Parent Square group for  
cheer candidates to be added to your account.  
This will be sent to you soon!**