

**TEAM INSPIRE, KANSAS CITY ATHLETIC CHEER**

We are excited to announce TEAM INSPIRE, the first Cheer Abilities cheerleading team for the 2018-2019 season at Kansas City Athletic Cheer! We are looking for athletes, males & females, ages 4 years old and up, to join us!

Kansas City Athletic Cheer is home to one of the most well respected competitive cheerleading programs in the Kansas City and surrounding region. We offer All Star Competitive Teams, All Star Prep Competitive Teams, Recreational Cheer Teams, multiple levels of tumbling instruction, stunting, private instruction, and more. KCAC is not only passionate about developing outstanding athletes, but also passionate about helping to mold and develop upstanding moral individuals who will benefit in life from their time with us. KCAC is a place where all are welcome and it is a gym dedicating to creating athletes with a heart for others!

This is an opportunity for your athlete to compete and perform at an all-star gym with their peers! Athletes will grow not only in their cheerleading skills, like stunting, tumbling, and dancing, but also in their self-esteem and social skills! We hope to create life-long friendships, memories, & skills! Cheerleading is a sport that builds strength, trust, and self-esteem. We are here to do the same for your athlete! We want to showcase their skills and develop new ones. KCAC is an all-star gym built on putting safety first. Our main purpose is to provide a safe, fun environment for your athlete to grow and connect with others! We hope they leave with new friends, smiles & lots of great memories!

The team will practice once a week for one hour, on Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Our first practice will be held on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The season will run from June to March.

**PARENT MEETING & CLINIC: MONDAY, MAY 21**

We will hold a meeting for parents and/or care providers where you will learn more about this team and expectations on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Athletes will get a chance to check out the gym & see how a practice will be run with coaches and volunteers while parents meet with staff to go over the schedule, ask questions, ect.

To register for the parent meeting/clinic, and/or sign-up for the team email distribution list, email KCAC at [kcaccheer.com](mailto:kcaccheer.com).

Our team is \$10 a month. All uniforms will be provided by the gym and will no extra cost to families. All competition fees will also be paid by the gym. *\*If there is anyone who would need a payment plan or scholarship, we can discuss further. We want all to join and not have money be a burden!*

### TEAM INSPIRE COACHES

**Shelby Wallace** is absolutely thrilled to be joining the KCAC family and coaching this team. She has worked with children and adults with special needs for many years, starting as a peer tutor in high school, to currently as her full-time job. She was a para professional for two years in the Blue Valley School District at the elementary and high school level. She is currently the Matthew's Ministry (special needs ministry) program director at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. She began her cheerleading career as a KCAC athlete, cheered in high school, and went on to cheer at the collegiate level at Kansas State University. It is there she also was a coach for the K-State Fierce Cats special needs cheer team. She was also a high school cheerleading coach in the Blue Valley School District for three years.

*"KCAC has held a special place in my heart ever since I started cheerleading here in the sixth grade. Cheerleading is such an amazing sport that requires skill, trust, respect, and commitment. It can be so beneficial to one's self-esteem and character! I am overjoyed to be able to share the opportunities cheerleading brings to those athletes with special needs. My heart overflows with love for these individuals! I can't wait to showcase their skills and help them to gain new strength, skills, and even stronger friendships and memories!"*

### TEAM INSPIRE MENTORS

We are looking for volunteers to help mentor our Athletes with special needs. These mentor positions are open to KCAC Athletes, tumbling class participants, friends and family members. This is an opportunity for you to help others develop new skills & form life-long friendships. This is an opportunity you don't want to miss!

If you are interested in volunteering and joining this team as a mentor, please complete the TEAM INSPIRE Application and turn it into Johanna Lucas at KCAC by Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will contact selected mentors. *\*must be 12 years old or older*

We will hold a training for those selected to be a part of the mentor team. The training is mandatory and will be held on **Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**