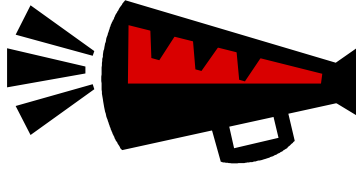


Welcome to Divine Child Cheerleading!



We are so glad that you are taking the time to read about our program. Hopefully, your daughter can one day be a part of the DC Cheer Family. Below you will find information about our coaching staff, time commitment, costs, and awards.

Coaching Staff:

Angela Kraetke '00, Head 7th and 8th Grade Coach

- 11th year; English teacher at Divine Child High School and Educational Leadership Graduate Student at Madonna University

Katie Koveleski '97, Head 5th and 6th Grade Coach

- 15th year; Mother of two daughters, Demonstrator for Gold Canyon Candles

Kaitlyn Belcher '08, Assistant 7th and 8th Grade Coach

- 5th year; Madonna University Nursing Student and employee at Dearborn Orthopedic

Shannon Blicharz '07, Assistant 7th and 8th Grade Coach

- 3rd year; Madonna University Nursing Student and employee at Mexican Fiesta

Casey Schroeder '10, Assistant 5th and 6th Grade Coach

- 1st year; Henry Ford Community College and Champion Cheer Instructor

Paige Zubok '13, Assistant 5th and 6th Grade Coach

- 1st year; Junior at Divine Child High School

As you can see, as former and current athletes, our coaching staff has been a part of DC Cheerleading for many years. We have all cheered and coached at the grade school and high school levels. We are highly trained in overall cheerleading, stunting, and tumbling safety. We are experts when it comes to choreography and team-building. It is truly an honor to coach the *FALCONS* at Divine Child.

The Cheer Seasons

Cheerleading in Michigan is divided up into two seasons. During both seasons, the teams cheer for games and compete at CYO Competitions.

Sideline/Football Season (June-November): Sideline Cheerleading begins at the end of May with try-outs. Teams are selected and begin practicing during the month of June. During the summer, cheer teams practice twice a week and attend gymnastics classes. The cheerleaders also attend a 3-day camp (7/8 at Alma College and 5/6 at St. Anselm in Dearborn). During these cheer functions, the girls are learning material to use at games in the fall and are working on their stunting and tumbling skills. Practices are not mandatory until school starts to allow for vacations and family time.

Once school begins, the cheerleaders can be seen regularly at the weekend football games and at Prep Bowl. They cheer, stunt, and tumble to support Divine Child. The girls are also diligently working on competition material for the CYO Fall Championship at the beginning of November. They perform two rounds. One includes levels, ripples, and jumps, and another with tumbling and stunting (only for 7/8). On average, the 7/8 cheer team practices three days, attends one gymnastics session, and cheers one weekend day per week. The 5/6 cheer team practices two days, attends one gymnastics session, and cheers one weekend day per week. All cheer functions are mandatory during the school year.

Competitive/Basketball Season (November-March): Competitive Season begins in mid-November with try-outs. Teams are selected and immediately begin practicing. Not only are teams preparing to cheer at home Boys-A basketball games on Saturdays, but they are also preparing for competitions. The 7/8 team attends two-three competitions in the Metro-Detroit area and CYO Winter Finals in March. The 5/6 team attends CYO Winter Finals in March.

The teams practice heavily in November and December, take a break for Christmas, and reconvenes in the New Year. January-March is especially busy as the teams are preparing game material and competition rounds. One includes motions and a variety of skills, while the other allows for complex tumbling and stunting (only for 7/8). Similar to sideline season, the 7/8 cheer team practices three days, attends one gymnastics session, and cheers/competes one weekend day per week. The 5/6 team practices two days, attends one gymnastics session, and cheers one weekend day per week. All cheer functions are mandatory.

Cheer Costs

The costs listed below are not meant to deter parents from allowing their daughters to try-out for cheerleading. Coaches stagger payments so that all interested athletes can afford to participate. This is a tentative summary of costs:

5th and 6th Grade JV Cheer

7th and 8th Grade Varsity Cheer

May 2012

JV Camp \$100.00/ Varsity Camp \$270.00

Gymnastics \$10.00 (1 week)

June 2012

Camp Clothing \$100.00 (Four T-shirts, three pairs of shorts)

Gymnastics \$80.00 (One year insurance cost of \$40.00 and \$40.00 for 4 weeks)

July 2012

Shoes \$25.00-50.00 (depending on the make)

Gymnastics \$20.00 (2 weeks)

August 2012

Participation Fee \$75.00

Uniform Deposit \$150.00 (refundable at the end of the season)

Bodysuit and Briefs \$40.00 (depending on the make- buy at Lynch's)

Gymnastics \$50.00 (5 weeks)

September 2012

Hair piece and ribbon \$30.00

Warm-up \$65.00

Duffel Bag (optional) \$20.00

Gymnastics \$40.00 (4 weeks)

October 2012

Prep Bowl tickets \$6.00 per ticket (Cheerleaders attend free)

Gymnastics \$40.00 (4 weeks)

November 2012

Gymnastics \$20.00 (2 weeks)

Participation Fee \$75.00 (New season)

Uniform Deposit \$150.00 (refundable at the end of the season)

Shoes (if needed) \$25.00

New Cheerleaders: Insurance fee at Livonia Ultimate Gymnastics \$40.00

December 2012

Gymnastics \$30.00 (3 weeks)

Hoodie and Sweatpants \$60.00

Secret Santa Gifts \$15.00-\$25.00

New Cheerleaders: Bodysuit and Briefs \$40.00

(Depending on the make- buy at Lynch's)

New Cheerleaders: Hairpiece and Ribbon \$30.00

New Cheerleaders: Warm-up \$65.00

New Cheerleaders: Duffel Bag (optional) \$20.00

January 2013

Gymnastics \$50.00 (5 weeks)

Various Competition Costs \$15.00-\$25.00

February 2013

Gymnastics \$40.00 (4 weeks)

Various Competition Costs \$15.00-\$25.00

March 2013

Gymnastics \$10.00 (1 week)

Various Competition Costs \$15.00-\$25.00

Recent Awards and Titles

Divine Child 7/8 Cheer Team:

- CYO Fall Champions 2011
- CHAMPION Cheer Camp “TEAM Togetherness” Megaphone Award 2011
- CYO Winter Runner-Up 2011
- Warren Woods Tower Invitational Champions 2011
- Grosse Ile Invitational Champions 2011
- CYO Fall Champions 2010
- CHAMPION Cheer Camp “Taking It All In” Megaphone Award 2010
- CYO Winter Champions 2010
- Saline High School “Cheer Your Heart Out!” Invitational Champions 2010
- Bishop Foley High School Venture Invitational Champions 2010
- Stoney Creek High School Cougar Invitational Champions 2010
- CYO Fall Championship Runner-Up 2009
- CYO Winter Championship 3rd Place 2009
- Ladywood High School Invitational Champions 2009
- Grosse Ile High School Invitational Champions 2009
- CYO Fall Championship Runner-Up 2008
- CYO Winter Championship Runner-Up 2008

Divine Child 5/6 Cheer Team:

- CYO Fall Championship 3rd Place 2011

- CYO Winter Championship 3rd Place 2011

Individual Awards:

- CYO Fall Coaches Award 2011: Coach Angela Kraetke
- DCES Sportsman Award Fall 2011: Faith N. and Kristina W.
- DCES Sportsman Award Winter 2011: Megan S., Julie M., and Courtney S.
- CYO Fall Coaches Award 2010: Coach Angela Kraetke
- DCES Sportsman Fall Award 2010: Annie N.
- CYO Winter Coaches Award 2010: Coach Angela Kraetke
- DCES Scholar Athlete Award 2010: Kiera S.
- DCES Sportsman Award Winter 2010: Megan O. and Cindy V.
- DCES Sportsman Award Fall 2009: Victoria P.

