Junior Cheer FAQ



The Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders Junior Cheer program is designed specifically to promote confidence, hard work, leadership, and FUN among youth 3 - 14 years of age. This program offers a special opportunity to perform during a professional production in front of Minnesota Vikings fans at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Announcing TWO Junior Cheer Pregame Performances!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 | 7PM KICKOFF vs. TENNESSEE TITANS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | NOON KICKOFF vs. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

Pick one or pick both dates!

For each Junior Cheer Camp, Junior/Angel Cheerleaders will attend rehearsal sessions where they will learn warmups, stretches, cheers, and dance choreography from the 2023 Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders.

Character-building themes will be introduced daily to help promote self-esteem and pride amongst our juniors. Participants are divided into small groups by their age and work closely with their "big sister" MVC.





The 2023 Junior Cheer camp will consist of two practices, dress rehearsal and a Vikings Game Day pre-game performance, centerfield at U.S. Bank Stadium. <u>Limited space is available, and registration will close on July 8, 2023 or when full</u>.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th GAME:

Practice #1: Monday, August 14 | 6:30-8:30 PM | TCO Performance Center Practice #2: Tuesday, August 15 | 6:30-8:30 PM | TCO Performance Center Dress Rehearsal: Friday, August 18 | 6:30-8:30 PM | TCO Performance Center Pre-Game Performance: Saturday, August 19 | 7:00 PM | U.S. Bank Stadium

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th GAME:

Practice #1: Monday, September 18 | 6:30-8:30 PM | TCO Performance Center Practice #2: Tuesday, September 19 | 6:30-8:30 PM | TCO Performance Center Dress Rehearsal: Friday, September 22 | 6:30-8:30 PM | TCO Performance Center Pre-Game Performance: Sunday, September 24 | Noon | U.S. Bank Stadium

ANGELS:

Age 3 – 5 years old.

- (Must be 3 years old by August 1, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS!)
- There is a limit of 100 "angel" cheerleaders for this year's camp.
- Must be potty trained and able to separate from parents to work with the group instructors.
- Angels will be grouped together and have "MVC Leaders" to always direct them and will participate the exact same way as Junior Cheerleaders.
- Angels will have some shortened rehearsal times (pickup is at 8:00pm).

• At this age, we feel coming to learn a shorter routine/combo, wearing the uniform, and performing at the game with the MVC in a simple capacity allows the younger siblings and future Junior MVC the chance to experience what Junior MVC will be like, but at a level that is fun for them, and confidence-building.

JUNIORS:

Age 6 – 14 years old.

• (Must be 6 years of age by August 1, 2023, - NO EXCEPTIONS!)

PARTICIPATION FEES:

When registering please select if the child is an Angel (3-5 Years old) or Junior Cheerleader. (6-14 years old)

Angel or Junior Cheerleader Registration for ONE game:

- Angel or Junior Cheerleader <u>INCLUDING</u> a costume \$265 per child.
- Angel or Junior Cheerleader <u>NOT INCLUDING</u> a costume \$225 per child.

Angel or Junior Cheerleader Registration for BOTH games:

- INCLUDING a costume \$450 per child.
- NOT INCLUDING a costume \$370 per child.



COSTUME:

- This is year **TWO** of this replica costume! This costume was worn for the 2022 Junior Cheer and will also be worn for the 2023 Junior Cheer camp events.
- <u>EVERYONE</u> will need to already have or will need to purchase a "Purple Reign" costume to participate in the 2023 performance.
- If you already have this costume, you do not need to purchase another one.
- If your child is in between costume sizes, please size up.

- There is a male costume option! When registering, please select "male" under type of costume, as well as when selecting the costume size.
- Please reference the junior cheer sizing chart.

JUNIOR CHEER GAME TICKETS

- To participate, you must purchase or have game tickets both the performer and the chaperone! EVERYONE will need to acquire his or her game ticket separately from the program registration. Each dancer will need a chaperone/parent/guardian with them on game day. Both the performer and the chaperone will need a ticket to enter the stadium.
- Tickets are not included in the Junior Cheer Registration fee. You can also purchase additional tickets for your family and friends. We have blocked seats in the upper deck at a discounted rate. You are free to find other tickets in the stadium, in other locations, if you prefer. Place orders for your Junior MVC, chaperone, and guests all at once if you want them to be seated together in the stands.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 | 7PM KICKOFF vs. TENNESSEE TITANS- <u>Starting at \$15.00</u> SUNDAY, SEPTEMBERER 24 | NOON KICKOFF vs. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS- <u>Starting at \$82.00</u>



Rehearsal Dates/Location:

• All rehearsals are mandatory for performance during pregame! Rehearsals, other than on game day, will take place at the Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center in Eagan, MN.

2600 Vikings Circle Eagan, MN 55121

• The Friday of camp is Dress Rehearsal. Please come dressed in your Junior MVC replica costume to this rehearsal. We will have a "show off" dress rehearsal and awards presentation. Parents are invited to video and take pictures! Game day details will be emailed to parents. We will also be available for questions until 9 P.M.

Gameday Date/Location:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH - (7:00 pm) Pre-game Performance at U.S. Bank Stadium

There will be a pre-game rehearsal at U.S. Bank Stadium on game day at approximately 3:15 pm for all pre-game participants. More information to come to those registered. Kickoff is at 7:00 pm and the dancers will perform during pre-game (around 6:40 pm)! Dancers will then return to their parent/guardian following the Juniors' pre-game performance to enjoy the rest of the game.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, (12:00 pm) Pre-game Performance at U.S. Bank Stadium

 There will be a pre-game rehearsal at U.S. Bank Stadium on game day at approximately 8:15 am for all pre-game participants. More information to come to those registered. Kickoff is at 12:00 pm and the dancers will perform during pre-game (around 11:40 am)! Dancers will then return to their parent/guardian following the Juniors' pre-game performance to enjoy the rest of the game.

MVC Junior Cheer Camp Includes:

- Official 2023 Junior Cheer "Purple Reign" replica costume
- 3 days of Junior Cheer Camp instruction and FUN for both game dates
- Official MVC Junior Cheerleader T-Shirt
- Set of official Junior MVC Poms
- Professional Junior Choreography and Music
- 2023 Junior Cheer Certificate
- 2023 Junior Cheer Awards Pin
- Discounted game day ticket purchase power (see junior cheer TICKET section for more information)
- U.S. Bank Stadium game day food coupon
- Coaching by members of the current MVC team and Coaches
- Pictures and autographs with the current Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders (MVC)
- Professional video footage of Cheer Camp and Game Day (delivered electronically)
- Game Day Junior Cheer photos captured by Vikings professional photographers.
- Opportunity to purchase official Junior MVC branded merchandise (optional)
- And MORE!

TOTAL VALUE is over \$400 before game ticket order.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Performers must be 3 14 years of age to participate.
- Different levels of participation are offered based on age groups.
 - Angel Cheerleaders (ages 3-5)
 - Junior Cheerleaders (ages 6-14)
- Game tickets must be purchased in addition to the program fee and are not included with registration. Everyone attending the game must have a ticket for entry and participation. See above for the link to purchase tickets at a discounted rate.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- No tryouts required!
- Bring a water bottle to rehearsals. Write your cheerleader's name on it.
- No food is allowed into the field house during rehearsals. Please eat before arriving and plan accordingly.
- No refunds on fees, t-shirts, costumes, or Junior Cheer optional merchandise.
- No alterations on sizing will be offered.
- Parents/guardians must pick-up and drop-off their child each day. Parents will be asked to leave the facility during the actual rehearsal time because of distractions, security and lack of space. All practices are closed to the public.
- A full refund will be given to participants if the program fills, and your registration cannot be accepted. No other refunds can be offered.

2023 JUNIOR CHEERLEADER NOTES:

- A confirmation email of your acceptance into the program (based on a first come, first serve policy) will be e-mailed to you once we receive your registration. (Please check your junk email if you do not see it right away!) The final confirmation email will be sent one week prior to the respective game date. This will include reminders, final information about the event and more detailed information on entry.
- Please make sure to check your email before attending Junior Cheer practice each night.
- If you are traveling in from out of state, there are many hotels in the surrounding area. Make it a mini vacation! <u>www.cityofeagan.com</u>
- Junior MVC Cheerleader optional additional merchandise will be available. These items will be available before and after rehearsals. Sizes and availability cannot be guaranteed. First come, first served.
- Please plan to reference this detailed information for answers to your Junior Cheer questions. Print off a copy of this page for your easy access and or bookmark the URL.

Questions regarding MVC Junior Cheer can be sent to: <u>mvcheerleaders@vikings.nfl.net</u>