



# Thurston Cheer Athletics

COMPETITION INFORMATION PACKET  
2025-2026

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# ABOUT US



Thank you for your interest in Thurston Cheer Athletics cheerleading program. We are embarking on our 7th competitive season, and we are very excited. Hard work, perseverance, positive reinforcement and the dedication of our cheerleading families is what makes TCA truly a unique place to learn and enjoy the sport of cheerleading. More importantly than any title or award, our athletes learn skills that benefit them throughout every area of their lives. Never does our desire to win stand in the way of making decisions that benefit the team as a whole. Our coaching staff is committed to developing competitive athletes who are not only superb on the competition floor, but also upstanding individuals in everyday life. We strive to create leaders and build confident athletes who have self-discipline and excellent work ethic. We hope that when it comes time for our athletes to graduate and move on to a new phase in life, they take with them the integrity, character, work ethic and self-confidence they have gained by being a part of the Thurston Cheer Athletics family. In this packet, you will find all the information needed to become a cheerleader for TCA. We have a variety of commitment levels so you can make the best decision for your family. You will see a section on placement information, parent and athlete policies, financial obligations and other important information. If you have questions over the information in this packet, feel free to contact us.

Gratefully,  
Makena Archer  
Thurston Cheer Athletics, Owner

# PROGRAM COMPARISON



*We offer teams for all ages!*

	Season Runs	Practices	Competition Schedule	Team Placement
<b>Tinies 3 yrs-K. Grade</b>	September 2025-February 2026	45 min practice, 2 nights per week	4-5 Competitions. Within 1 hour drive.	Tryout Not Required
<b>Minis 1st-3rd Grade</b>	August 2025-February 2026	1.5 hours, 2 nights per week.	6-7 Competitions within 4 hours drive. Will include one double weekend.	Tryout Not Required
<b>Youth 3rd-6th Grade</b>	August 2025-February 2026	1.5 hours, 2 nights per week	7-8 Competition within 4 hours driving distance. May include one double weekend.	Tryout Required to determine level placement
<b>Juniors 4th-8th Grade</b>	July 2025-February 2026	1.5 hours, 3 nights per week	8-9 Competitions within 4 hrs driving distance. Will include one double weekend.	Tryout Required to determine team level placement.
<b><i>NEW!</i> Seniors 6th-12th Grade</b>	July 2025-February 2026	2 hours, 3 nights per week	8-9 Competitions within 4 hrs driving distance. Will include one double weekend.	Tryout Required to determine team level placement
<b>Novice 3rd-12th Grade</b>	August 2025-February 2026	1.5 hours, 2 nights per week	4-6 Exhibition Performances	Tryout Not Required

# COMMITMENT BREAKDOWN



*Our Fees are tailored specific by Level!*

	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Assessment Fees</b>	<b>Uniforms</b>	<b>Additional Commitment</b>
<b>Tinies</b>	\$109 per month	\$250 Eligible for payment plan	Approx \$185	NONE
<b>Minis/Youth</b>	\$139 per month	Minis \$280 Youth: \$325 Eligible for payment plan	Minis: \$205 Youth: \$335	Youth Team Camp, approx \$250 per athlete. Fundraising available
<b>Juniors</b>	\$159 per month	\$385 Eligible for payment plan.	Approx \$350	Dream Camp-\$590/athlete Fundraisers available  Champs overnight
<b>Seniors</b>	\$179 per month	\$385 Eligible for payment plan	Approx \$385	Dream Camp-\$590/athlete Fundraisers available  Tentative end of season Champion Competition.
<b>Novice</b>	\$129 per month	\$250 Eligible for payment plan	Approx \$250	NONE

# PLACEMENT INFORMATION



## STEPS TO PLACEMENTS:

1. Register your child(ren) for our 2025-2026 Competition Season. Registration opens April 1st 2025!
2. (Youth, Junior and Senior Level Athletes) Attend team placements in May to ensure your child is placed on the best team for both their own and the teams' overall success. (If unable to attend, let us know and we will make other arrangements)
3. Be placed on a team. Following placements, every child **WILL** be placed on a team. We will release these teams directly after placements.

## PLACEMENT PROCESS

Athletes will register for their selected age level to hold their spot. Once registered, youth, junior and senior parents will receive information on our tryout and skill check dates. After tryouts are completed, these athletes will be placed on the appropriate level teams.

Note: There are overlaps of ages on team levels, depending on skill level, your child will be placed on a Youth, Junior, Senior, OR Novice team.

- Tinies, Mini level athletes do NOT need to tryout, but they must register to secure their spot on the team!

## AFTER PLACEMENTS

- Get sized for uniforms/practice wear (Date TBD)
- Athletes contract signing
- Join the Team Band
- Have parent meeting to get all necessary information at one time

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 1st	Registration Opens!
May 19th-22nd	Tryouts
May 23rd	Placements Announced
July 22nd-25th	Junior and Senior Team Camp (Dream Camps Portland)
August-TBD	Youth @ Home Dream Camp
July 27th-Aug 2nd	CLOSED-Moratorium Week



# PLACEMENT INFORMATION



## HOW DO YOU PLACE TEAMS?

Creating a team is like a giant puzzle and we strive to make sure we all fit together perfectly. We try to match up the athletes by level as best as we can, but please remember that stunting, pyramids, jumps, dance, and motions are a huge factor as well. Some athletes will be stronger tumblers than others, while some will contribute to stunting more than others. There may be athletes on any given team that tumble at different levels than the rest of their team. Every athlete is placed on the team we think they will be the most successful on.



## FACTORS THAT DETERMINE PLACEMENTS :

- Age
- Previous Experience
  - Team Needs
  - Tumbling Skills
    - Maturity
- Performance Skills
  - Versatility
  - Flexibility
- Overall Skill Level



## A note from the coaches:

Team placements are designed to be a fun, stress-free time for us to get to know the athletes and also see which athletes will work the best together to make the strongest and most successful teams. Creating a team is like a giant puzzle and we want to make sure everyone fits together perfectly. This is not a stressful tryout process: All athletes **WILL** be placed on a team

## TUITION

Tuition is paid monthly per athlete for all teams. Discounts apply to the tuition only. Tuition is paid on the 25th of every month for the month following and is automatic withdrawals are done on the due date directly through ICP, our class management software.

## ATHLETE SIT POLICY

Account balances are due by the 25th of each month. All accounts must be current before an athlete can collect uniforms, clothing, pre-orders, or any other items. **YOUR WHOLE ACCOUNT BALANCE must be paid by the 5th** or your athlete will not be able to practice or compete until your account is paid up.

## UNIFORM FEES

- If it is NOT a uniform year, if your uniform still fits, you DO NOT need to purchase a new one.
- Uniforms are ordered in July.
- 1/2 Down Uniform deposit must be paid at fittings with balances being paid by November.
- Warm ups, Backpacks and any other extra optional items available for order will also be due by end of November
- Shoes must be received by September.

## REGISTRATION FEE:

Your yearly registration fee allows us to keep your monthly tuition at a lower rate!

**April 1st-30th: \$109/ athlete**

**May 1st-20th: \$149/ athlete**

## DISCOUNTS

- **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:**
  - Register in April and SAVE!
- **PAY IN FULL DISCOUNT:** Anyone who wishes to pay your seasons tuition balance prior to July 25th will receive 1 month free tuition.
- **MEMBER DISCOUNT:** Competitive athletes are eligible for member discounts on gym events, birthday parties, clinics and tumbling.

## FUNDRAISERS

We offer a different fundraiser every month. These are individual fundraisers and all credits will go directly to your account. These fundraisers do involve extra work outside of cheer but we have seen people pay for an entire season of cheer!

Any surplus in fundraising credit can be applied to classes, teams and merchandise.

Refund checks can not be issued in the event of a surplus. Funds raised can only be applied to future charges.

