



Dear Cheer & Dance Coaches,

The Nebraska State Fair invites you to perform at the 2025 Nebraska State Fair on **Saturday, August 29th**. This program provides cheer and dance teams the opportunity to walk the grounds in our celebration parade at 2 pm as well as perform on an outdoor entertainment stage in the Family Fun Zone. The stage performances will take place from 11 am to 1 pm. Please note that separate strolling performances will not be offered this year.

This program includes free admission to the Nebraska State Fair for your team and two coaches. Prior to or after completing your performances, you can then enjoy the largest entertainment event in the state.

If you are interested, please complete the included registration form and return it by **July 25th, 2026**. We will assign groups their performance times on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive an email confirming your performance. **If you do not receive a confirmation email within two weeks of submitting your registration, please contact us to ensure that we received it.** We will send out information packets in July. This packet will include final instructions, wristbands for entry, a map of the route and bus area, and your scheduled performance time. Please be advised that if inclement weather occurs, performances will continue as scheduled. Perform at your own discretion, as we do not provide indoor performance locations for the cheer & dance program.

The Nebraska State Fair provides a stipend to each group that participates in **both** the parade and stage portions of the Cheer & Dance Exhibition. Stipends, based on mileage to Grand Island, are provided to help alleviate some travel expenses.

Due to ongoing construction on the Fonner Park grounds, we will continue to utilize the parade route from the 2025 fair. This route is noted on the map provided on the registration form. A more detailed map will be included in your information packet.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact Lindsey Foushee at 308.382.1685, or lfoushee@statefair.org.

Lindsey Foushee

Events and Entertainment Manager
Nebraska State Fair

We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 Nebraska State Fair!



CHEER & DANCE EXHIBITION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

Registration Form

Please fill out and return this form by **JULY 25TH, 2026**

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: _____ Name of Group: _____

Group Director/Leader: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SUMMER CONTACT

Packets will be sent out in July. Please fill out the below section if you would like yours sent to a different address than listed above.

Summer Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PERFORMANCES

The Cheer and Dance Exhibition will take place on **Saturday, August 29, 2026**, with stage performances beginning at **11 am** on the Family Fun Zone stage, and the Celebration parade at **2 pm**. Exact stage times will be assigned to teams at the discretion of the Nebraska State Fair upon confirmation of registration. Please note that stipends will be provided to teams that participate in both the parade and stage portions of the program.

Would you like to participate in the stage portion?

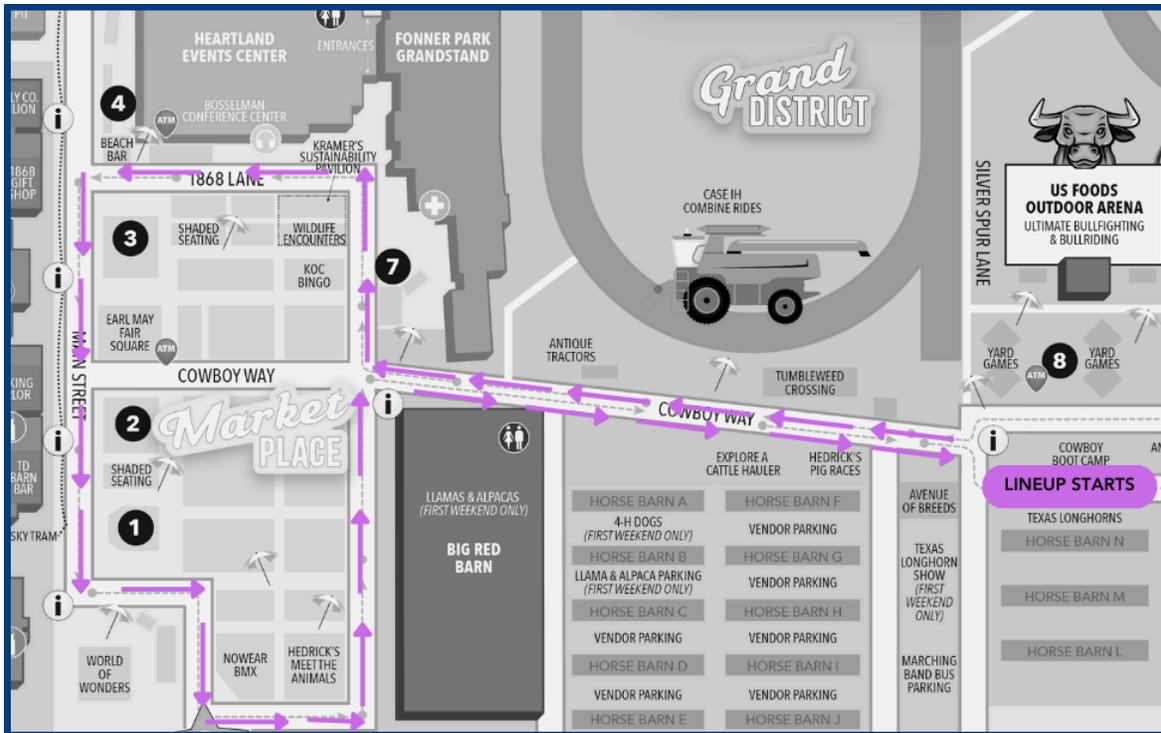
YES NO

Would you like to participate in the Celebration parade?

YES NO

*Please note that separate strolling performances will not be offered at the 2026 fair. We encourage your team to consider performing their strolling routine when walking the parade route.

PARADE ROUTE See reference map below.



Please provide accurate attendance and vehicle numbers below. Only buses and school vans will be permitted to park in the designated bus zone. All personal vehicles must utilize general admission parking. **Please notify us immediately if any information on this registration changes.**

Students attending: _____ Teachers/coaches attending: _____

Buses: _____ Vans: _____ Vehicles: _____

Est. arrival time: _____ Est. departure time: _____

For more information, please contact:
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