



# North Stars Newsletter April 2024

For New Parents:

Thank you for taking interest in our team the North Stars. The North Stars is a Stomp n' Shake Cheer team for 6 to 10 year old children. Stomp n' Shake is a unique HBCU style of cheer celebrated in the African American community, as it implements traditional cheer technique as well as dance and step. Our team is the first of its kind in the KMC, if not Germany and possibly Europe.

Our team is an entity of the Underground 13 (UG13), which is a nonprofit organization for Black Business Owners in the KMC grounded in the purpose of educating, networking with and uplifting the members of our community. The organization was founded on May 15, 2020 and since has offered a number of services from outreach, youth programs, and educational seminars.

The leading founder of Underground 13 was greatly inspired by Harriet Tubman, and thus the organization's name pays homage to her 13 missions to lead slaves to freedom. Most of the underlying teachings and programs in some ways display dedication to this figure: of course including the team name North Stars. Other youth groups under UG13 includes the Underground Youth Club founded September 2022 for High School aged teens and the Youth Basketball Team launched March 2023 for age 6 to 10. These programs will resume later in the year.

The team was created in January 2023, and initially lead by team coaches Jakeria Elliot, Jacquira Pugh and LaRica Davis, and over the course of 2023 the team performed at several local community and sport events. Our current Coaches for age 6 to 10 are Coach Ashley Moss and Coach Letrecia Burks. Though we had some delays in the beginning of 2024 as we sought a new permanent practice location, we now have regular practice Thursdays from 1700-1830 at Ramstein Elementary School. If your child is interested in becoming a North Star you may contact one of our current primary coaches (contact info is at the conclusion of correspondence) or come by to practice with your child. Max capacity for our cheer group is 20.

Fees:

One Time New Member Fee- 50€

Monthly Fee/Subscription- 15€

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What's New:

- North Stars will have official sponsorship through QIK | Learning Services. What does this mean for the team?
  1. Enrollment will be made easier through the QIK Platform at [www.qiklearning.com/community](http://www.qiklearning.com/community) (page under construction with projected completion NLT Thursday 4.4.24)
  2. A virtual landing page to monitor team, events, calendar and news
  3. More payment options as well as automated payments through subscription
  4. Personalized accounts to track team members information



5. Perks and discounts from QIK for parents and staff
  6. Access to more services and resources
  7. Reduced Fees
  8. More promotion and marketing services
- We have a new admin staff to assist
    - We would like to thank moms Jennifer and Keydra as they have volunteered to help with the administrative duties such as treasury, purchase orders, scheduling and maintaining team rosters. They will be in direct correspondence with parents and coaching staff. Also thank you to mom Chinell who has facilitated a training venue
  - We are looking into registering UG13 as a Private Organization
    - This would mean youth programs under the UG13 umbrella will have more access to on-base resources as well as be permitted to have on-base fundraisers
  - We are adding a Middle School Aged Team (age 11-14)
  - Rules Will be Reimplemented, Enforced and Attendance will be monitored
    - With the changes and inconsistencies of practice location January to March we had been more or less “winging it” and just happy to be able to come together to have practice. But it is important we reimplement structure into training. This will apply to tardiness and absences as it did last year: these an negatively impact the child’s ability to participate in upcoming performances. More information regarding what rules must be adhered to will be shared and published NLT Thursday 4.4.24.
  - We are looking for additional coaching staff.

More information will be coming out in the weeks to come. Our hope is that with the new upgrades being implemented things will run more smoothly for parents and staff alike.

Once the virtual registration system is up and running all parents will be notified and you will have one week to register your child! If your child is not registered they will no longer be able to participate in practice. Thank you for your understanding.

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Signed;

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