

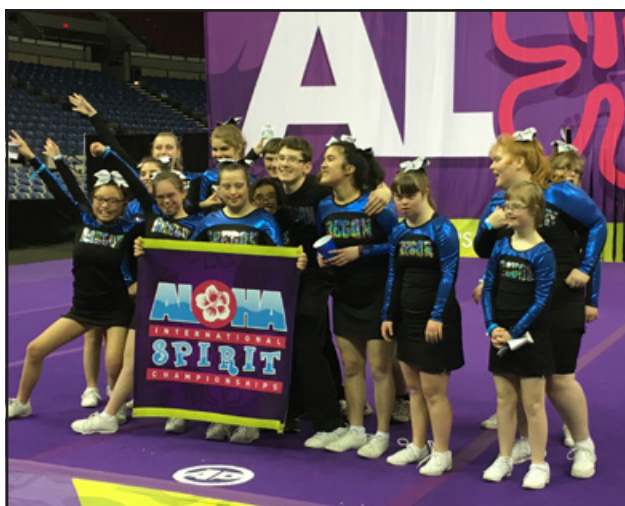
Oregon Dream Teams Inspire



Waiting to perform at Memorial Coliseum.

BY KATE PRITCHARD

ODT Inspire is a non-profit all-star competitive cheer and dance team serving individuals with special needs. The team is open to all skill levels, male and female, ages 5 and up. The team practices hard every Sunday for two hours in Beaverton. There are 23 athletes, 20 volunteers and 2 coaches. Four of the athletes and two of the volunteers go to school in Tualatin. One of the Inspire coaches is also the Varsity Cheer Assistant Coach at TuHS.



Receiving award at Aloha Spirit Invitational at Memorial Coliseum.

Inspire competes locally and nationally. Inspire will travel to Anaheim in March 2017 to compete at Nationals! The athletes are incredibly excited to perform and ROCK IT in front of hundreds of fans while representing Oregon. The team is also looking forward to visiting Disneyland and Disney California Adventure Park! The friendships that are made through this team are life changing for the athletes and volunteers. Some of the athletes have been cheering together for more than eight years through various opportunities. It's an amazing group of people!

Last year Team Inspire more than tripled in size from the previous season. Word is getting out about this stunning group of athletes. Cheer and dance routines demand that the athletes learn new skills, gain strength and build confidence in their abilities. This is made possible with the help of the volunteers and coaches. The smiles on the athletes faces when they finish their cheer routine to a standing ovation from the crowd brings goosebumps to all!

Team Inspire would love support from the community to help get the athletes, volunteers and coaches to Cheer Nationals in Anaheim! Please consider making a monetary donation to Oregon Dream Teams Inspire (checks made out to ODT Boosters with "Inspire" in the subject line) or contacting Tiffanie Quatraro at odtinspire@gmail.com if you would like to offer support.



3 of the athletes fundraising at the Winter Cheerfest.



4 of the athletes waiting to go on stage.

Team Inspire also has a GoFundMe account at www.gofundme.com/oregon-dream-teams-inspire.

To learn more about our team, visit our Facebook page at *Oregon Dream Teams Inspire* or request our team information handbook. Please come support Team Inspire January 14, 2016 at the Aloha Spirit Invitational in Portland.

Kate Pritchard is a mother of a special needs athlete on Team Inspire through Oregon Dream Team Gym. Families of special needs athletes endure many expenses on top of regular bills. The costs associated with medical care, therapy services, personal support workers, adapted leisure, private tutoring, transportation and equipment can be overwhelming. Parents of special needs children are fierce advocates for inclusion and access. We want our beautiful children to have the opportunities they deserve. We cannot do it alone.