

Dear Coaches, Family and Friends:

It is almost time for the 2019 UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship. Below are just a few things we wanted to go over with you prior to your arrival.

#### **Transportation:**

Your transportation to and from the airport (if applicable) will be provided by the Disney Magical Express (DME). We sent the <a href="DME form">DME form</a> out to you to complete and send to Disney to make these arrangements. It is very important to follow the instructions that you will receive from Disney concerning your transportation and luggage handling to insure a smooth and enjoyable arrival experience. If you have not set up transportation with Disney, you need to do so immediately. Go to <a href="uca.varsity.com">uca.varsity.com</a> or <a href="uda.varsity.com">uda.varsity.com</a> to see our Disney Travel Tips and to learn more about Disney's Magical Express. IMPORTANT: If your flight arrives to the Orlando Airport after 10:00 pm you will need to claim your luggage and take it with you to the DME buses. DME luggage does not deliver for those flights that arrive after 10:00 pm.

#### **Arrival into Orlando:**

Don't forget, Disney's Magical Express is located on the "B" side of the Orlando International Airport on the first floor. The DME buses will take you to the registration area of the hotel at Walt Disney World. You will receive all tickets, meal vouchers, schedules and name tags as well as other pertinent information about the championship at registration. If you are driving to Orlando, you will need to check-in and register at Celebrity Hall which is located in the back parking lot between the Disney All Star Sports Resort and the Disney All Star Music Resort. The security guard at the gate can direct you to this location. The hotel you have been assigned to is:

Disney All Star Music Resort 1801 W Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 (407) 939-6000

#### **Registration:**

When you arrive at Celebrity Hall you will register with the Disney Staff first to receive your Magicbands (room keys). Next you will register with the Varsity staff in the Registration Area of the Large Tent. Family and Friends will register in the Registration Area of the Large Tent, Coaches registering their team and anyone on their invoice will register with Varsity in the Coaches Registration Tent. You will receive all tickets, meal vouchers, schedules and name tags from the Championship registration as well as other pertinent information concerning the championship.

\* If you arrive at the hotel later than these hours you will register with Disney in Celebrity Hall to receive your room keys and then register with Varsity the next morning to receive tickets, meal vouchers, etc. Registration times are listed below:

Wednesday, January 16th - 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Thursday, January 17th - 8:00 am - 10:00 pm Friday, January 18th - 7:00 am - 10:00 pm



Saturday, January 19th - 7:00 am - 12:00 pm (Celebrity Hall Office)

### **Early Arrival:**

It is very important that you know ahead of time that rooms are not guaranteed to be ready until after 4:00 p.m. If you arrive earlier, the hotel will gladly store your luggage so that you can go out and enjoy the day shopping at Disney Springs, hanging out by the pool, or visiting a Theme Park, etc. There are bathrooms and showers located on property near the pool areas for your convenience.

#### Luggage:

Be sure to label each bag with your team name and hotel for easy identification. Each person is limited to one piece of checked luggage and one carry-on.

### **UCA & UDA Championship Office:**

The Championship office is located inside Celebrity Hall. Office hours during the event are:

Wednesday, January 16th - 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Thursday, January 17th - 8:00 am - 10:00 pm Friday, January 18th - 7:00 am - 10:00 pm Saturday, January 19th - 7:00 am - Midnight Sunday, January 20th - 7:00 am - Midnight Monday, January 21st - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

## **Order of Competition and Schedule of Events:**

You may view the order of competition and the event schedule on uca.varsity.com or uda.varsity.com.

### **Competition Venues:**

This year's competitions will take place in two different venues: The Arena at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and the Hp Field House at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Admission into ESPN Wide World of Sports is included only for those on the UCA & UDA travel package AND anyone purchasing Disney tickets from UCA & UDA. Only those NOT purchasing tickets from UCA & UDA will be charged an admission of \$35.00 per day into the ESPN Wide World of Sports. These tickets are available only at ESPN Wide World of Sports ticket booths and will be on sale the day of our events. The \$35 admission will get you into both the Arena and the HP Field House.

### **Photography and Video Policy:**

Only official press from newspapers, magazines, etc. will be allowed to shoot pictures during our event with professional equipment. All press requests will be taken seriously and a contract must be signed prior to clearance being given. We hope that you understand the seriousness of this issue and give us your full support. For press clearance, please email Sheila Noone at <a href="mailto:snoone@varsity.com">snoone@varsity.com</a>.

The safety and security of our participants is very important to us. If you or any members of your team suspect that anyone is taking inappropriate photos or videos of our participants, please contact one of our Event Staff immediately.



## **Universal Event Photography:**

Each team will have the opportunity to have their picture taken prior to their rehearsal. You may order these pictures or browse through the live action shots at the UEP Photo Booths located at the Arena and in the HP Fieldhouse. Here is the UEP ad.

## **Varsity TV on Varsity.com:**

Watch the UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship LIVE, routine videos, future events, documentaries and more on <a href="Varsity TV">Varsity TV</a> on <a href="Varsity.com">Varsity.com</a>, with an annual or monthly subscription!

### **Coverage includes:**

### Friday January 18th

Live stream begins at 2:00 pm EST from Arena South (ESPN3) and 3:00 pm - 6:15 pm EST from the HP Field House

## Saturday January 19th

Live stream begins at 8:30 am EST from the HP Field House, 9:00 am EST from Arena North and 10:00 am EST from Arena South

#### **Sunday January 20th**

Live stream begins at 9:00 am EST from Arena South

You can also stay up-to-date with full coverage on <u>Varsity TV on Varsity.com</u>. Results from all divisions will be posted as soon as they are announced, as well as behind-the-scenes pictures, interviews, and special video features.

# **Competition Routine Videos:**

Competition routine videos will be available to Varsity TV subscribers during the championship weekend and for the duration of their subscription. For all other viewers, competition routine videos will be available free of charge beginning seven days after the event has concluded. After July 1st, these videos will only be available to Varsity TV subscribers.

### **ESPN 3 Coverage:**

An exclusive LIVE show featuring the Game Day Competition will be broadcast on ESPN3 on Friday, January 18th. Access to live programming on the ESPN3 channel of <a href="WatchESPN.com">WatchESPN.com</a> is available at no additional cost to fans with subscriptions to participating high speed internet service providers.

### To start watching:

 Download the WatchESPN app on the App Store, Google Play Store, Roku Channel store or visit <u>WatchESPN.com</u>. WatchESPN is also available through ESPN on Xbox 360, Xbox One and Apple TV.



- 2. Select your TV provider when prompted.
- 3. Enter your TV subscription username and password.

## **Text Message Alerts & BAND:**

We'll be sending out updates, alerts, and announcements via text message throughout the competition weekend. To sign up, text "believe" to 36698.

We are so excited to be using BAND, a free app for all competition communication throughout the weekend at the UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship! There will be important information, schedules, directions and much more, along with the ability to share pictures throughout the event in the UCA & UDA College Nationals BAND. Click HERE to join.

Good luck next week and travel safely. If you have any questions please call our Customer Service Specialist at 1-888-CheerUCA (1-888-243-3782) or 1-800-DanceUDA (1-800-326-2383).

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Berry Event Coordinator

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