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The 2019 UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship is less than a week away! We hope you are as excited as we are. Before you begin your journey down to Orlando, we wanted to share some exciting things happening this year at our Championship.

UCA & UDA College Game Day Championship

We are so excited to kick off the event once again with the UCA & UDA College Game Day Championship on Friday, January 18th - this year with both cheer and dance divisions on Friday night! There will be an exclusive LIVE show featuring the Game Day Competition broadcasted on ESPN3 from 2:00PM until 10:30PM EST including event coverage, interviews, team features and more. Access to live programming on the ESPN3 channel of WatchESPN.com is available at no additional cost to fans with subscriptions to participating high speed internet service providers. To start watching:

1. Download the WatchESPN app on the App Store, Google Play Store, Roku Channel store or visit WatchESPN.com. 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.

The growth of the College Game Day divisions have far exceeded our expectations and we can't wait to see everyone's traditions and spirit on stage.

The Arena at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex

Last year we celebrated the grand opening of the NEW Arena at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex at the Walt Disney World® Resort during the UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship. We are so excited to be back in the Arena and think you will enjoy some improvements we have made to the venue over the past year.

- The stage backdrop will be a very large video wall in addition to two fly screens on either side of the stage. Rather than entering from the center, teams will enter on the audience's left and exit to the audience's right. We will also have NEW special priority viewing for families and fans.
- Because the Arena is so much larger than any of our other venues, we anticipate having plenty of room for seating for everyone to cheer on their favorite teams and divisions. There is also additional space in our warm up room so your athletes will have plenty of practice space to prepare for their performance of a lifetime.
- In Arena South, we moved the music table from the old location near the judges risers to the front corner of the main stage, stage left. We made this improvement so coaches are closer to their athletes during their performance. This will be very similar to the set up in the HP Field House or Visa Athletic Center.
- Disney has also made several improvements since the opening of the Arena including directional signage, additional delicious menu options and more.

ESPN Shows

We are so excited to be producing our ESPN television shows from the Arena for the very first time. Below is a list of the shows that will be airing in addition to the LIVE ESPN3 coverage of Friday's Game Day Competition.

2019 College Cheerleading National Championship - Division IA

2019 College Cheerleading National Championship - Division IA All Girl

2019 College Cheerleading National Championship - Division I and II

2019 College Dance Team National Championship - Division IA Pom

2019 College Dance Team National Championship - Division IA Hip Hop

2019 College Dance Team National Championship - Division IA Jazz

2019 College Dance Team National Championship - Division I and Open Dance

Once we know the air dates, we will share them with you all.

Championship Celebration Party at the Disney Magic Kingdom® Theme Park

For those of you on the travel package or if you purchased a wristband, Sunday evening we have planned an incredible Celebration Party at the **Disney Magic Kingdom® Theme Park**. The park will be closed to the public. There will be a DJ at Rocket Tower Stage with audio patched into event areas such as Main Street, Tomorrowland, etc. The DJ will play 10:00 pm – 2:00 pm. The following attractions will also be open from 10:00 pm - 1:30 am.

- Astro Orbiter
- Space Mountain
- Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin
- Seven Dwarfs Mine Train
- Mad Tea Party
- Tomorrowland Transit Authority PeopleMover
- The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh

For those not on the travel package, be sure to purchase your wristband during registration hours at Celebrity Hall while supplies last. Wristbands WILL NOT be available for purchase the night of the party at the Magic Kingdom® Theme Park.

See you soon in Orlando!

