



Dear Coaches, Team Members and Family:

We are so happy that you will be joining us for the 40th anniversary of the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship. I hope you and your team are ready to experience the Championship of a lifetime. I would like to once again congratulate you and your team on qualifying for this prestigious event.

Enclosed in this email is VERY IMPORTANT information for you to go over with your team members and family traveling to Orlando with you. We suggest giving a copy of this letter to every participant to share with their parents even if they have been to our Championship in the past.

Hotel Registration – IMPORTANT:

When you arrive at the lobby you will register with the Hilton first to receive your room keys. Next you will register with the UCA Staff. You will receive all tickets, meal vouchers, schedules and name tags at registration as well as other pertinent information concerning the Championship.

Hotel Assignment:

Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista
1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
(407) 827-4000

Event Registration:

After you check in with the hotel, you will next check in with the UCA / Varsity Spirit Staff to receive all tickets, meal vouchers, schedules and name tags for the Championship as well as other pertinent information concerning the weekend's events.

UCA Registration times are listed below:

Thursday, February 6th – 8:00 am – 10:00pm

Friday, February 7th – 8:00 am – 10:00 pm

* If you arrive at the hotel later than these hours you will register with Hilton at the front desk to receive your room keys and then register with Varsity Spirit the next morning to receive tickets, meal vouchers, etc. If you arrive to the hotel after the Event Registration has closed Friday evening, you will register with the Varsity Staff Saturday morning beginning at 7:00 am in the Championship 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.

**Missing Forms:**

Tickets, nametags, etc. will not be given out at registration until all forms are received (rules and regulations and release waiver forms) and balance of payments are taken care of.

UCA Championship Office:

The designated office for the Championship is located in the South Ballroom. Office hours during the event are:

Saturday, February 8th – 7:00 am – 11:00 pm

Sunday, February 9th – 7:00 am – 11:00 pm

Monday, February 10th – 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.

Competition Venues:

This year we will be utilizing SIX competition venues, all at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex: The Arena at ESPN Wide World of Sports (four competition venues), the Visa Athletic Center and the HP Field House. On Friday and Saturday, we will also be using The Stadium (Baseball Stadium) for most Semi-Finalist and Finalists Announcements. Be sure to check your schedule for your announcement location. Some announcements have been left in the performance venue to allow ample time for athletes to prepare for the next round of competition.

ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex Admission:

Admission into ESPN Wide World of Sports is included only for those on the NHSCC hotel travel package and anyone purchasing Disney tickets from the NHSCC. Only those NOT purchasing tickets from the NHSCC will be charged an admission of \$40.00 per day into ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Once you have entered the Complex you may go into any of our competition venues. These tickets are available only at the ESPN Wide World of Sports ticket booths and will be on sale the day of our events. If you have a Park Hopper, it only takes a day off your Sports Complex admissions and does NOT take a day from your Theme Park admissions.

Advancing from Prelims to Semis:

The top two teams in each preliminary round of 20 teams and over ("A", "B", etc.) will automatically advance to finals in their respective division. One team in each preliminary round of 19 teams and under ("A", "B", etc.) will automatically advance to finals in their respective division. A minimum of 50% of the teams in each prelim group (A, B, etc. including finalists) will advance to Semi-Finals.

Please Note: You may notice that some divisions only have one round prior to finals for that category, they are classified as a Semi-Final competition. 50% of the category will advance from Semi-Finals to Finals.

Order of Competition for Teams Advancing:



The order of competition for all teams advancing will be done by a random draw. Random draw will be based on the number of teams estimated to advance. If for some reason we advance more teams than estimated, any additional teams will be drawn from the total number of teams. The remaining teams will be added into the order and all other teams will move down.

NEW LOCATION! Friday Night UCA Night at Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park:

This is only for those purchasing the NHSCC Hotel Travel Package. **Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park** will extend its hours on Friday evening for the NHSCC from 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Only those with a YELLOW wristband will be allowed to ride select attractions during this time frame. The Park is currently planning on having the following attractions available to experience:

- *Expedition Everest – Legend of the Forbidden Mountain®*
- *DINOSAUR*
- *Primeval Whirl®*
- Triceratop Spin
- *It's Tough to be a Bug!®*
- *Na'vi River Journey™*
- *Avatar Flight of Passage™*

With the popularity of *Avatar Flight of Passage™*, this attraction will be limited to those who receive a timed return voucher. Voucher distribution will begin at 8:00 pm at the Festival of the Lion King Theatre. Guests will be required to show their Varsity Extra Magic Hours wristband to receive a voucher. Each voucher will indicate a return time. Guests are to proceed to the entrance of *Avatar Flight of Passage™* at the indicated return time.

Note: Voucher quantities are limited and subject to availability. Vouchers are not a FastPass+; are non-transferable; and not valid for days or times other than that listed on the voucher. Attraction availability subject to change without notice.

Please use the Walt Disney World Buses to visit Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park on Friday.

Everyone, regardless of the time that you go to Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park, must have a WDW Park Hopper Pass to gain entrance into the park. This will use one day of your park admissions on your park hopper. Once again, the YELLOW wristband will be in effect for those rides listed above from 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

Sunday Night Championship Celebration Party:

For those purchasing the UCA hotel travel package or if you purchased a GREEN wristband, Sunday evening we have planned an incredible Celebration Party at the Magic Kingdom® Park. The park will be closed to the public. The following attractions will also be open from 10:00 pm - 1:30 am.

- Tomorrowland®
 - Astro Orbiter
 - Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin®
 - Space Mountain®



- Tomorrowland Speedway
- Fantasyland®
 - Seven Dwarfs Mine Train
 - Mad Tea Party
 - Under the Sea - Journey of the Little Mermaid
 - The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh
- Frontierland®
 - Big Thunder Mountain Railroad®
- Liberty Square
 - Haunted Mansion®

Dance the night away with one of our two DJ Dance Parties from approximately 10:00 pm – 2:00 am.

- Cinderella Castle Stage
- Frontierland Stage near Country Bear Jamboree

Dress is casual. The cost of the Celebration Party is included in the NHSCC hotel travel package. For those teams or family members who didn't purchase the travel package, admission into the Celebration Party is \$45.00. Extra tickets (wristbands) are VERY limited and will be for sale only during the registration times listed on the previous page. Wristbands will NOT be sold the night of the party at the park. TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED FOR THOSE PURCHASING EXTRA TICKETS.

Celebration Party - Transportation and Parking:

If you are staying on the hotel travel package, championship buses will shuttle guests from all Championship Hotels. You will be dropped off at the Ticket and Transportation Center and will then need to take the Ferryboat over to the Magic Kingdom® Park. When departing the Magic Kingdom® Park please go to the Bus Loop directly in front of the Magic Kingdom for Championship buses returning to the your resort.

Celebration Party - Charter Buses or Individual Cars:

Walt Disney World buses DO NOT shuttle to Magic Kingdom® Park this evening due to the park being closed to the public. Those purchasing extra wristbands must provide their OWN TRANSPORTATION. For those taking their cars or vans to the Celebration party please self-park in the Magic Kingdom® Park parking lot; proceed to the Ticket and Transportation Center; then take the Ferryboat to the Magic Kingdom® Park. If a team is using their own charter bus, they will need to park in the Charter Bus lot adjacent to the Ticket and Transportation Center and then use the Ferryboat to ride over to the Magic Kingdom® Park. PLEASE NOTE: Bus parking lot at 10:00pm will be quite busy with regular guests exiting the park. Be prepared to have your bus driver drop you off and wait to find a parking spot. When returning to your cars or buses at the end of the party you will need to ride the Ferryboat back to the Ticket and Transportation Center, do not plan on any pick ups at the bus loop in front of the Magic Kingdom® Park.

PLEASE NOTE: Each group of minors attending the Celebration Party must be accompanied by an adult chaperone (21 years or older) in order to be allowed into the Party. No liquids of any kind will be allowed in the park. Liquid medication should be reported to the front gate Disney Cast Members.

**Photography and Video Policy:**

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. 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 snoone@varsity.com.

Universal Event Photography:

Each team will have the opportunity to have their team portrait taken prior to their **first** rehearsal. Order forms are available on uca.varsity.com if you would like to purchase them. You may make as many copies as needed. Please have the completed order forms with you when you have your picture taken. [Here is the UEP form.](#)

Live streaming on [Varsity TV on Varsity.com](http://VarsityTVonVarsity.com):

Watch the National High School Cheerleading Championship LIVE, routine videos, future events, documentaries and more on [Varsity TV on Varsity.com](http://VarsityTVonVarsity.com), with an annual or monthly membership!

Coverage includes:

Friday February 7th

The live stream will begin at 8:00 am EST from the HP Field House, the Visa Athletic Center, Arena South and Arena West, 8:30 am EST from Arena North and Arena East and 11:00 am EST from The Stadium (Baseball Stadium).

Saturday February 8th

The live stream will begin at 8:00 am EST from the HP Field House, the Visa Athletic Center, Arena South and Arena East, 8:30 am EST from Arena North and Arena West and 11:00 am EST from The Stadium (Baseball Stadium).

Sunday February 9th

The live stream will begin at 9:00 am EST from the HP Field House and 10:00 am EST from the Visa Athletic Center and Arena South.

*The live stream from The Stadium on Friday and Saturday with Semi-Finalist and Finalists Announcements will be free from the Varsity TV NHSCC Announcements hub.

Competition Routine Videos:

Competition routine videos will be available to Varsity TV members during the championship weekend and for the duration of their membership. 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 members.

BAND the App:

We are so excited to be using BAND, a free app for all competition communication throughout the



weekend at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship! There will be important information, schedules, directions and much more, along with the ability to share pictures throughout the event in the [2020 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship BAND](#).

BAND is for everyone! Invite your team's parents, athletes and fans who are joining you in Orlando. BAND is also giving away prizes to those who download the app and follow the instructions given inside the app prior to the start of the competition. Take a few seconds to download the app by clicking the [link here](#).

Travel safely and good luck at the Championship!

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Berry
Senior Vice President
Special Events and Competitions