



Dear All Star Cheerleaders & Dancers, Gym Owners, Coaches, Parents and Friends,

Welcome to The Summit, Varsity All Star's Cheer and Dance Championship at the *Walt Disney World*® Resort. We would like to congratulate you and your team for taking the climb and qualifying for this prestigious event. With the overwhelming response to this event, we anticipate over 1500 teams will travel to Orlando to compete.

Enclosed in this letter is some very important information for you to go over with your coaches, team members and families traveling to Orlando with you. PLEASE READ THIS VERY CAREFULLY! We suggest you make a copy of this letter and give it to every team member to take home to their family.

1. Arrival into Orlando – If you are flying, you should have already booked your DME reservation. If you have not made your reservations for transportation, you must do so immediately (1-866-599-0951). You cannot use Disney's Magical Express without making reservations prior to your arrival. Download the [Disney Magical Express reservation form here](#).

2. Event Transportation (for competition days) – This is provided ONLY for those purchasing The Summit Travel Package. You will receive a detailed bus schedule when you register with the Varsity All Star staff at the hotel.

3. Early Arrivals – If your flight arrives in Orlando earlier than 2:30 pm, or you are driving and arrive before 4:00 pm, your hotel rooms may not be ready. The hotel will store your luggage for you until the rooms are available. Every effort will be made to have your rooms cleaned and ready upon your arrival.

4. Late Arrivals – Hotel check-in is not guaranteed until 4 pm. If your flight arrives at 10 pm or later, you will need to proceed to baggage claim and claim your luggage to carry with you on the bus. Disney's Magical Express does not provide luggage assistance for flights that arrive after 10 pm. The Summit Registration may be closed by the time you arrive at the hotel. Please get your room magic band and return the next day to register with The Summit staff in Celebrity Hall.

5. Registration/Check In – Anyone that purchased The Summit Travel Package will check in at the front desk of the resort they have been assigned to. (i.e.: Sports, Music, Movies, etc.)

Step 1: Check in and register with Disney at the front desk where you will receive your hotel room keys (Disney Magicbands).

Step 2: **Please have your confirmation email and registration number for a smoother check in.** Enter The Summit Registration Tent located at Celebrity Hall and check in with the Varsity All Star staff where you will pick up your Summit Credentials/Lanyards, *Walt Disney World*® Park Hopper Passes, schedules for the weekend as well as other pertinent information concerning the Championship. If you arrive at Disney's All Star Resorts and have a balance due, no tickets or lanyards will be given out until your invoice is paid in full.



Registration hours are:

Wednesday, May 1, 2019	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday, May 2, 2019	8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Friday, May 3, 2019	7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

If you arrive at your resort after 10:00 PM on Friday, May 3, 2019, you'll register with the Varsity Spirit staff Saturday morning beginning at 7:00 AM at the Championship Office located in Celebrity Hall.

6. Hotel Assignment and Address – You will be housed at the following hotel listed below:

Disney's All Star Movies Resort
1901 West Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407-939-7000

7. The Summit Championship Office – The designated office for the Championship is located in Celebrity Hall at Disney's All Star Resorts. Office hours during the event are:

Wednesday, May 1, 2019	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday, May 2, 2019	8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Friday, May 3, 2019	7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Saturday, May 4, 2019	7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
Sunday, May 5, 2019	7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
Monday, May 6, 2019	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 7, 2019	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)

8. Event Schedule and Order of Competition – The event schedule and order of competition are available on varsity.com. This schedule is still tentative and is subject to change. You will receive a final and detailed schedule once you arrive in Florida.

9. Cheer Competition Outline – The following are the rounds that will take place each day of the event. Please review the [Block Schedule](#) and [Order of Competition](#) on varsity.com for more details.

- Thursday – International divisions, with final performances on Friday
- Friday – Wild Card teams, with final performances on Sunday
- Saturday – At Large & Paid teams, with final performances on Sunday
- Sunday – All final performances

10. Dance Competition Outline – Please review the [Block Schedule](#) and [Order of Competition](#) on varsity.com for more details.

- All At Large & Paid teams will perform on Saturday, with final performances on Sunday



11. The Summit Reveal – After evaluating the Reveals from last season, as well as feedback from gym owners, coaches, and parents, we’ve updated The Summit Reveals process and added a variety of ways for teams and fans to watch. Here’s how you’ll be able to experience The Summit Reveals:

- The majority of Reveals will be taking place at Champions Stadium (Baseball Stadium). Reveals taking place at Champions Stadium will be streamed for FREE on Varsity TV.
- All outdoor screens on the property of the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex will broadcast the live feed of The Summit Reveals from Champions Stadium. Two screens on the Varsity Fan Zone Field, one screen beside The Arena and the video screen above the Joffrey’s Coffee Shop.
- Channel 79 in your Disney hotel room will show a live feed of the Reveals in Champions Stadium.
- Teams will now receive their medals and banners right after they compete, so you’ll be able to watch the Reveals from wherever you choose.
- Divisions that are closing out their venue will still have their Reveals in venue.

12. Live Streaming on Varsity TV on Varsity.com – Watch the Summit Championship LIVE, routine videos, future events, documentaries and more on Varsity TV on Varsity.com with an annual or monthly membership!

• **The Summit** –

- **Thursday, May 2nd** - Live stream begins at 10:00 am EST from the HP Field House and 9:00 am EST from the Visa Athletic Center
- **Friday, May 3rd** - Live stream begins at 8:00 am EST from the Visa Athletic Center, 8:30 am from the HP Field House, 9:00 am EST from Arena North & 10:00 am EST from Arena West & Arena East. Free live stream for Summit Reveals begins at 10:00 am EST from Champions Stadium.
- **Saturday May 4th** - Live stream begins at 8:00 am EST from the HP Field House, 8:30 am EST from the Visa Athletic Center, 9:00 am EST from Arena North & 9:30 am EST from Arena West. Free live stream for Summit Reveals begins at 10:30 am EST from Champions Stadium.
- **Sunday May 5th** - Live stream begins at 8:00 am EST from the HP Field House, 9:00 am EST from Arena North, 9:30 am EST from Arena West, 10:00 am from the Visa Athletic Center, 11:30 am EST from Arena East & 11:45 am EST from Arena South.

• **The Dance Summit** –

- **Saturday May 4th** - Live stream begins at 9:00 am EST from the Coronado Ballroom & 9:30 am EST from the Fiesta Ballroom, both at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort.
- **Sunday May 5th** - Live stream begins at 8:00 am EST from the Coronado Ballroom & 10:00 am EST from the Fiesta Ballroom, both at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort.

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.



13. How many teams advance from the Wild Card round?

The Wild Card round of The Summit will take place Friday, May 3rd at the Walt Disney World Resort® in Orlando, FL.

- a. In **WILD CARD** divisions with **30 teams** or less, 1st-5th place **WILD CARD** Teams will advance straight to **FINALS** on Sunday
- b. In **WILD CARD** divisions with **31 – 49 teams**, 1st – 7th place **WILD CARD** Teams will advance straight to **FINALS** on Sunday

14. How many teams advance to Finals on Sunday from Semi-Finals?

- All divisions with **10 or less teams** will have 5 teams advance to finals.
- All divisions with **11 - 19 teams** will have 50% of the division advance to finals.
- All divisions with **20 - 30 teams** will have 10 teams in the division advance to finals.
- All divisions with **31 – 49 teams** will have a MAX of 12 teams in the division advance to finals.
- All Divisions with **50+ teams** will be split into 2 random groups (A and B) and will have a MAX of 10 teams from each grouping advance to finals.

15. The Summit Competition Venues – This year we will be utilizing SIX cheer venues, all at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex: The Arena at ESPN Wide World of Sports® (four venues), the Visa Athletic Center (formally known as the J Center) and the HP Field House. We also will be using TWO dance venues at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort: Fiesta and Coronado Ballrooms. All rehearsals for Dance will take place in Veracruz C Exhibit hall. The *Walt Disney World*® Park Hopper that you receive with your travel package includes 5 days admission into the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex as well as 2 days admission into both venues at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort.

Admission into the competition venues is included only for those on The Summit Travel Package and anyone purchasing Disney tickets from The Summit. Only those NOT purchasing tickets from the Summit will be charged an admission of \$35.00 per day into the venues. For **cheer general admission** – you can only purchase tickets at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex ticket booths and they will only be on sale the day of our events. For **dance general admission** – you can purchase daily wristbands during registration hours starting on Wednesday at the SOUTH Registration Desk at the Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort Convention Center. On the days of the event, wristbands may be purchased at our customer service counter.



16. Registration & Ticket Pick-Up Information –

If You Need To:	Please Visit:
Purchase ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex General Admission Tickets Only (All Cheer Summit Competition Venues)	ESPN Wide World of Sports®: Ticket Booth beginning Wednesday, May 1 st
Purchase Discounted <i>Walt Disney World</i> ® Park Hopper Tickets – Includes admission into the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex as well as the Dance Summit Competition Venues	Disney Springs: Varsity All Star Registration Tent located in the Strawberry Parking Lot behind Disney Springs. View map for details.
Pick Up Pre-Ordered Discounted <i>Walt Disney World</i> ® Park Hopper Tickets- Includes admission into the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex as well as the Dance Summit Competition Venues	Disney Springs: Varsity All Star Registration Tent located in the Strawberry Parking Lot behind Disney Springs. View map for details.
Commuter Squads and Commuter Individual Registration	Disney Springs: Varsity All Star Registration Tent located in the Strawberry Parking Lot behind Disney Springs. View map for details.
Travel Package Squads, Individuals and Family Registrations staying at Disney’s All Star Resorts	Disney’s All Star Resorts: Celebrity Hall
Travel Package Squads, Individual registration, Family Registrations staying at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort	Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort: North Registration Desk
Travel Package Squads, Individuals and Family Registrations staying at Disney’s Caribbean Beach Resort	Disney’s Caribbean Beach Resorts: Group Registration Tent - Aruba

*Parking garages do not open until 8AM at Disney Springs. If you arrive before 8AM, you **must** park in the Strawberry lot.

17. Celebration Party at Disney’s Magic Kingdom® Park:

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 be open 10:00 pm – 1:30 am. (Subject to Change)

- **Frontierland®** • *Big Thunder Mountain Railroad®* • *Splash Mountain®*
- **Liberty Square** • *Haunted Mansion®*
- **Fantasyland®** • *Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh* • *Mad Tea Party* • *Peter Pan’s Flight®* • *Prince Charming Regal Carrousel* • *Seven Dwarfs Mine Train*
- **Tomorrowland®** • *Astro Orbiter* • *Buzz Lightyear’s Space Ranger Spin®* • *Space Mountain®* • Tomorrowland Transit Authority PeopleMover



Dance the night away with one of our two DJ Dance Parties!

- In front of Cinderella's Castle
- **Frontierland**® near Country Bear Jamboree

18. **Photography and Video Policy** - Because we take the safety and security of our participants seriously, our policy is to protect your privacy and that of all participants. Audience use of telephoto lenses will not be allowed. Unauthorized users of such equipment will be escorted from our event. 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 snoone@varsity.com.
19. **Universal Event Photography** - Each team will have the opportunity to have their picture taken prior to their first rehearsal of their first performance only. Order forms are available on 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. Click here for [The Summit UEP Order Form](#). Click here for [The Dance Summit UEP Order Form](#).
20. **Varsity TV on Varsity.com** - You can also stay up-to-date through Varsity.com's coverage of The Summit. Results from all divisions will be posted as soon as they are announced on Varsity TV on Varsity.com
21. **Connect and share your competition experience with Varsity All Star** - Follow Varsity All Star on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram today for a chance to see your team showcased. Make sure to use the hashtag #TheSummit19!

Thanks for being a part of The Summit and enjoy your time at the Walt Disney World® Resort!

Sincerely,

Melanie Berry

Senior Vice President

Special Events