



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

Welcome to The D2 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 1200 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 D2 Summit Travel Package. You will receive a detailed bus schedule when you register with the Varsity 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 D2 Summit Registration may be closed by the time you arrive at the hotel. Please get magic band (room keys) and return the next day to register with Varsity Staff at in the Group Registration Tent located in the Aruba parking lot.

5. Registration/Check In –

Step 1: Check in and register with Disney at the group registration tent in the Aruba parking lot 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 in the Aruba parking lot and check in with the Varsity 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 Caribbean Beach 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 8, 2019 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Thursday, May 9, 2019 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday, May 10, 2019 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

If you arrive at your resort after 10:00 PM on Friday, May 10, 2019, you'll register with the Varsity Staff Saturday morning beginning at 7:00 AM at the Championship Office located in Room 5432, Aruba Village.



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

Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort
900 Cayman Way
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407-939-3400

7. The D2 Summit Championship Office – The designated office for the Championship is located at Room 5432 Aruba Village. Office hours during the event are:

- Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Thursday, May 9, 2019 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday, May 10, 2019 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday, May 11, 2019 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday, May 12, 2019 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Monday, May 13, 2019 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 14, 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.

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

10. The Summit Reveal – We are excited to provide multiple options for your team to experience the D2 Summit Reveals. Whether your team chooses to stay at the Sports Complex, Watch from your hotel, or a park, here's how you'll be able to experience The D2 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 D2 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 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 but they will also be live streamed for free on Varsity TV.



11. Live Streaming on Varsity TV on Varsity.com – Watch the D2 Summit Championship LIVE, routine videos, future events, documentaries and more on Varsity TV on Varsity.com with an annual or monthly membership!

• **The D2 Summit** –

- **Friday, May 10th** - Live stream begins at 8:30 am EST from the Visa Athletic Center & Arena West, 9:30 am from Arena North, & 10:00 am EST from the HP Field House. Free live stream for D2 Summit Reveals begins at 11:00 am EST from Champions Stadium.
- **Saturday May 11th** - Live stream begins at 8:00 am EST from the HP Field House, 8:30 am EST from the Visa Athletic Center & Arena North, 9:00 am EST from Arena West & 9:30 am EST from Arena South. Free live stream for D2 Summit Reveals begins at 10:30 am EST from Champions Stadium.
- **Sunday May 12th** - Live stream begins at 8:00 am EST from Arena North, 8:30 am EST from the HP Field House, 9:00 am EST from Arena West, 10:00 am from the Visa Athletic Center, 10:15 am EST from Arena East & 11:00 am EST from Arena South.

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.

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

The Wild Card round of The Summit will take place Friday, May 10th at the Walt Disney World Resort® in Orlando, FL.

- In **WILD CARD** divisions with **30 teams** or less, 1st-5th place **WILD CARD** Teams will advance straight to **FINALS** on Sunday
- In **WILD CARD** divisions with **31 – 49 teams**, 1st – 7th place **WILD CARD** Teams will advance straight to **FINALS** on Sunday
- In **WILD CARD** divisions with **50+ teams** will be split into 2 random groups (A and B) 1st- 5th place **WILD CARD** Teams will advance straight to **FINALS** on Sunday

13. 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, regardless of how many teams are in the A or B groups. * For Example: If 37 teams are in group A, ONLY 10 teams will advance to Finals from the A group.

14. The D2 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. 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 along with your theme park admissions.



Admission into the competition venues is included only for those on The D2 Summit Travel Package and anyone purchasing Disney tickets from The D2 Summit Championship. Only those NOT purchasing tickets from the D2 Summit will be charged an admission of \$35.00 per day into the venues. For **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

15. Registration & Ticket Pick-Up Information –

If You Need To:	Please Visit:
Purchase ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex General Admission Tickets Only	ESPN Wide World of Sports®: Ticket Booth beginning Wednesday, May 8 th
Purchase Discounted <i>Walt Disney World</i> ® Park Hopper Tickets – Includes admission into the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex	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	Disney Springs: Varsity All Star Registration Tent located in the Strawberry Parking Lot behind Disney Springs. View map for details.
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 Resort: Group Registration Tent - Aruba
Travel Package Squads, Individual registration, Family Registrations staying at Disney’s Pop Century Resort	Disney’s Pop Century Resort Front Desk

*Parking garages do not open until 8:00 am at Disney Springs. If you arrive before 8:00 am, you **must** park in the Strawberry lot.



16. 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

17. 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.

18. 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 D2 Summit UEP Order Form](#).

19. Varsity TV on Varsity.com - You can also stay up-to-date through Varsity.com's coverage of The D2 Summit. Results from all divisions will be posted as soon as they are announced on Varsity TV on Varsity.com

20. 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 #TheD2Summit19!

Thanks for being a part of The D2 Summit and enjoy your time at the Walt Disney World® Resort!

Sincerely,

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