

Dear All Star Cheerleaders, 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 exclusively for small programs. We would like to congratulate you and your team for taking the climb and qualifying for this prestigious event. We are so excited for this year's D2 Summit Championship with almost 800 teams expected to 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 your room key (Magic band) and return the next day to register with The D2 Summit staff in Celebrity Hall.
- **5. Registration/Check In** Anyone that purchased the D2 Summit travel package will check in at the front desk of the resort they have been assigned to. (i.e.: Sports, Music, Movies)
- Step 1: Check in and register with Disney at the <u>front desk</u> where you will receive your hotel room keys (Disney Magic bands).
- Step 2: Enter The D2 Summit Registration Tent located at Celebrity Hall (between the Sports and Music Resorts) 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 the 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:

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM Disney All Star Resorts – Celebrity Hall Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Disney All Star Resorts - Celebrity Hall Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:00 AM – Midnight Disney All Star Resorts - Celebrity Hall Friday, May 12, 2017 8:00 AM – Midnight Disney All Star Resorts - Celebrity Hall

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

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

7. The D2 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:

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 - 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday, May 11, 2017 - 8:00 AM - Midnight
Friday, May 12, 2017 - 8:00 AM - Midnight
Saturday, May 13, 2017 - 7:00 AM - Midnight
Sunday, May 14, 2017 - 7:00 AM - Midnight
Monday, May 15, 2017 - 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)

- **8. Event Schedule and Performance Order** The event schedule and order of competition is available on varsityallstar.com. This schedule is still tentative and will change slightly. You will receive a final and detailed schedule once you arrive in Orlando.
- 9. Cheer Performance Order and Scoring The Wildcard round of competition will take place Friday, May 12th in the Hp Fieldhouse, the J Center, and ESPN Sportscenter South Arena. All teams who place 1st and 2nd in their division in Friday's Prelims (WC) will advance to Sunday's Finals Round and all 3nd place teams will advance to Saturday's Semi-Finals. Each team will compete Saturday, May 13th and their scores from that day will determine if they advance to Finals. All finalists will be announced in the ESPN Sportscenter Pavilion with the exception of the final divisions of the day in each venue. Saturday's order of competition was randomly drawn in our office. Sunday's performance order will be the reverse order of ranking from Saturday for those teams who make it to Finals. Teams that advanced automatically from the Wildcard round will perform first in their respective division in reverse order of ranking from Friday's competition. Saturday's performance will be considered the semifinal round of each division. Sunday's performance round will be the Finals of each division. For more about The D2 Summit Reveal, please read below.



- **10.** The D2 Summit Reveal The D2 Summit reveals for all cheer divisions will be held in the <u>ESPN</u> SportsCenter Pavilion at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. Be sure to check the daily schedule for the reveal times for your divisions. The following will be the breakdown of how many teams will advance from Saturday to Sunday.
 - All divisions with 10 or less teams in Semi Finals will have 5 teams advance to finals
 - All divisions with 11-19 teams in Semi Finals will have 50% of the division advance to finals
 - All divisions with 20 or more teams in Semi Finals will have 10 teams in the division advance to finals
- **11.** The D2 Summit Competition Venues All rehearsals (prior to competing) and competitions will take place at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex in the HP Field House, J Center, the ESPN SportsCenter Arena South and the ESPN SportsCenter Arena North. 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.

12. Registration & Ticket Pick-Up Information -

If You Need To:	Please Visit:
Purchase ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex	ESPN Wide World of Sports: Ticket Booth
General Admission Tickets Only (All Cheer D2	
Summit Competition Venues)	
Purchase Discounted Walt Disney World Park	Disney's Coronado Springs Resort:
Hopper Tickets – Includes admission into the	Coronado L Ballroom: Tuesday – Friday
ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex	Celebrity Hall at Disney's All Star Sports Resort:
	Saturday – Sunday
Pick Up Pre-Ordered Discounted Walt Disney	Disney's Coronado Springs Resort: Coronado L
World Park Hopper Tickets- Includes admission	Ballroom at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
into the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex	
Commuter Squads and Commuter Individuals	Disney's Coronado Springs Resort: Coronado L
Check-Ins/Registrations	Ballroom at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
Travel Package Squads, Individual registration,	Disney's All Star Resorts All Star Resort:
Family Registrations for Disney's All Star Resorts	Celebrity Hall at Disney's All Star Sports Resort

** Pre-order tickets will only be available for pick up in the Coronado Ballroom at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort:

Tuesday, May 9th - 10AM – 8PM Wednesday, May 10th - 8AM – 10PM Thursday, May 11th - 8AM – Midnight Friday, May 12th - 8AM – Midnight



On Saturday and Sunday, you may pick up your preordered tickets in the Championship Office (Celebrity Hall) from 7AM- Midnight.

13. Celebration Party at Disney's Hollywood Studios® - Sunday evening we have planned a Celebration Party at Disney's Hollywood Studios® from 10:00 PM – 2:00 AM. The park will be closed to the public. The following Activities and Attractions will be available for your group's enjoyment.

Activities and Attractions:

- LIVE DJ in Epic Stunt Theater Indiana Jones Live DJ (Club Music)
- TOWER OF TERROR
- AEROSMITH'S ROCK-n-ROLLERCOASTER
- THE TOY STORY MANIA STAR TOURS (Star Wars)
- DISNEY CHARACTER MEET & GREET: Mickey, Minnie, Buzz Lightyear & More!

The cost of the Celebration Party is included in The D2 Summit's travel package. For those teams or family members who didn't purchase the travel package, admission into the Celebration Party is \$40.00. Extra tickets (wristbands) are limited and will be for sale only during the times listed above at the Fiesta Ballroom at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. A very limited supply of wristbands will be available at the front gate of Disney's Hollywood Studios and will be sold on a first come first served basis.

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED FOR THOSE PURCHASING EXTRA TICKETS. Walt Disney World buses DO NOT shuttle to Disney's Hollywood Studios this evening due to the park being closed to the public. Those purchasing extra wristbands must provide their OWN TRANSPORTATION. * Please note that these attractions will have height restrictions. 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.

- **14. 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.
- **15. 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 varsityallstar.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 <u>UEP form</u>.
- **16. Live Streaming on Varsity TV on Varsity.com** Live coverage of The D2 Summit is available exclusively on Varsity TV. Access the live stream via monthly or annual subscription, which includes access to Varsity Spirit future live events, original documentaries on top teams, and much more.

Friday, May 12th:

• Streaming full routines in HP Field House, J Center & Arena South



Wild Card Reveals in the Pavilion

Saturday, May 13th

- Streaming full routines in HP Field House, J Center, and Arena South
- Reveals in the Pavilion

Sunday, May 14th:

- Streaming full routines in HP Field House, J Center, Arena South, & Arena North
- Awards Ceremonies in the Pavilion

Video on-demand competition routines for the divisions listed above will be available for free on Varsity TV on Varsity.com one week after the event. Once the 2016-2017 competition season is complete, the videos will be available exclusively for Varsity TV subscribers. Be sure to tell your friends and family back home to check out Varsity.com for more info.

- **17. Text Message Alerts -** We'll be sending out updates, alerts, and announcements via text message throughout the competition weekend. To sign up, text "D2Summit" to 36698.
- **18. 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
- **19. 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 #TheD2Summit17!

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

Sincerely,

Melanie Berry Vice President Special Events