

Frequently Asked Questions

An EPIC Year

2026 InterNationals

AmeriCheer / AmeriDance

March 14-15th at

Universal's Islands of Adventure in Orlando, FL

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AmeriCheer/AmeriDance InterNationals is going to be **EPIC** this year with a **new** theme park, a **new** resort, a **new** party, and a **new** venue (Sound Stage 21) which is through Suess Landing in Universal's Islands of Adventure. Join us this season and make this an **EPIC** year for your team.

We are always happy to answer your questions! In fact, we have compiled answers to the most common ones before you even ask. The following pages are those questions, and if you do not see your question there, feel free to reach out to us at Events@AmeriCheer.com. Who knows—your question might be featured in next year's FAQs!

Enter a Universe of EPIC Stories.

This season we are offering alongside Universal Studios and Universal's Islands of Adventure, a new third park, the new **Universal's EPIC Universe**.

It features five immersive themed lands –

- *Super Nintendo World
- *How to Train Your Dragon: Isle of Berk
- *Dark Universe
- *The Wizarding World of Harry Potter: Ministry of Magic
- *Celestial Park

Each land offers unique attractions, entertainment experiences, and dining/shopping options, transporting guests to fully realized worlds. This new park is truly EPIC!!



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Question # 1: What package should I choose?

We have several pricing options available to meet your budget and we have fundraising sponsors to help you (see page 8). You may choose from our resort packages which offer convenience and extra savings and include everything for you;

Lodging, Venue Admission, Registration, Victory & Vibes: The EPIC Costume Party, Universal's Shuttles for Resort-to-Park transportation, and Park-to-Park Tickets. The packages are the **New** EPIC, Ultimate, and Grand. Also available are the **New** EPIC Commuter, Florida Competitor, and Daily Packages which do not include lodging.

New this year we are offering the space themed Stella Nova Resort, inspired by space exploration and wonder. This overlooks the **New** Universal's EPIC Universe, and it has a walking path to the new park. This new futuristic designed resort has rooms with two queen beds, a beautiful large pool, and delicious dining options. We heard you; we are offering Dockside Inn & Suites again this year. A great resort for a great price.

If you choose the New EPIC Commuter, Florida Competitor, or Daily package you will need to book outside lodging and transportation to/from competition venues and parks. We highly recommend that you choose a resort package as separating out the resort will not save you money.

Flights and airport-to-resort transportation is not included in any package and is on your own (transportation options are detailed on page 6.)

Question # 2: Our parents would like to stay with us, can they sign up for a package?

Yes, the Resort Packages are for all our guests. We encourage all friends and family to enjoy the InterNationals experience with their team. We encourage you to register them with your team on a resort package to ensure availability with the team resort. You can register them with your team. This is the best way to organize and control your group. We can accommodate individual registration, but we do not recommend it.

Question # 3: My Family and Friends want to attend the competition/event, what do they need to do?

Family and Friends will need to purchase one of our packages for the best experience. Our friends and family packages include a theme park admission ticket (which is required to enter Universal's Islands of Adventure and reach the competition venue), PLUS an event credential, which allows access into the competition. Park admission ticket will also allow you to go from theme park to theme park in the same day. For example: you can go to Universal Studios Florida in the morning and then go to Universal's Islands of Adventure that night. The current four Universal Parks are: Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure, Universal's EPIC Universe, and Universal's Volcano Bay. (Universal's Volcano Bay waterpark can be added on to any package, please see pricing for options).

** All credential holders that select a package that are staying at our onsite resorts, will receive complimentary shuttle service from any of the Universal Orlando Resorts to Universal's EPIC Universe, Universal's Volcano Bay, and the CityWalk Hub that gives access to the two main parks.

** Friends/Family who are Florida Residents or who already have lodging can purchase a Daily Package which will include 1-Day or 2-Day/2-Park ticket plus admission to the competition (this does not include Universal's EPIC Universe.)

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Room Info

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Question # 4: Can we make exceptions to the room occupancy?:

- **We have a room that only has three, we are uneven. Can we pay the quad rate?**
 - No. Our packages are specific for the number of people in each room.
- **If six to a room sells out, will you honor the same rate for a quad?**
 - Unfortunately, we will not be able to. Our packages are specific for the number of people in each room.
- **We are scheduled to arrive at the resort at 11: 00 a.m., will our resort room be ready?**
 - Check-in at most resorts is 4:00 p.m. However, if your room is ready, the resort would be happy to get you all checked in! If not they will be happy to store your luggage until your room is ready so you can enjoy the park/resort.
- **We are not leaving Florida until 5:00 p.m. On check out, what can we do during the day?**
 - Since check out is at 11:00 a.m., the resort would be happy to store your luggage while you visit Universal Orlando Theme Parks or Universal CityWalk to shop and eat.

Question # 5: What is my credential?

Your credential is a special lanyard that AmeriCheer/AmeriDance will provide you. Your credential will allow you access into the competition venue located at Sound Stage 21 which is reached through Suess Landing Inside Universal's Islands of Adventure. The entrance is between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous**.



Question # 6: Do I need a theme park admission ticket to get into the Competition?

Yes! 2026 InterNationals is a special park ticketed event therefore, **all attendees must have a park ticket** to enter Universal's Islands of Adventure and to reach the competition venue. Most packages have a theme park admission ticket included as part of the package. If you do not purchase a package, you will need a park ticket to scan at the entrance of Universal's Islands of Adventure. Spectators will then need to purchase an entry ticket to the competition venue. The entrance is between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous** and there will be a tent to purchase venue only wristbands, however we recommend you purchase venue tickets through AmeriCheer before arriving in Orlando.



Question # 7: Can I upgrade my park ticket?

Yes if you want more park days you can request additional park days, however we highly recommend that you do this prior to arriving in Florida as we will have limited quantities for sale there. You can upgrade to a 4-Day or 5-Day/ 3-Park Park-to-Park ticket. EPIC Resort Package includes a 4-Day/3-Park Park-to-Park ticket. The EPIC Commuter, Ultimate Resort, and Grand Resort Packages include a 3-Day/3-Park Park-to-Park ticket.

You can also upgrade your 3-Park Park-to-Park ticket to a 4-Park Park-to-Park ticket. The 4-Park Park-to-Park ticket will grant you access to Universal's Volcano Bay.



We will have limited availability of additional day tickets in Florida, so please upgrade as early as possible before you leave, contact: Events@AmeriCheer.com. It is mandatory to upgrade with AmeriCheer before leaving with tickets at registration. Once tickets leave the Fun-in-the-Sun Room, or have been used, they cannot be upgraded. You will not be able to upgrade at the Universal Park's ticket window.

Question # 8: If we do not use all the days on our ticket, can we use the remaining days next year?

No. These are special event tickets that are only valid from March 10–22. Once activated, they must be used within 6 days of first use and cannot be carried over to next year.

Question # 9: What do I need to attend the Victory & Vibes EPIC Costume Party?

Wear your credential to get into the park for the EPIC Costume Party. Costume is casual; You can go full Princess Peach or just wear a Yoshi hat. Put on your Hogwarts colors or find your inner dragon riding Viking. Or just wear your favorite Universal character T-shirt. It's all part of the fun.

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Question # 10: When do I find out when we will compete?

Approximately 3 weeks prior to the competition a preliminary performance order will be emailed to coaches via RegChamp. If you have any concerns or conflicts, please contact us as soon as possible. If payment is incomplete, your team will not appear on the performance schedule until payment is received in full.

2026 Competition format:

This schedule is tentative and may vary based upon registration. Saturday, March 14th: All Dance Categories (compete once). Then School, YCADA, Rec Flat Mat Divisions, and Game Day divisions perform for the first time. Floor is changed and all Spring Floor Divisions including All-Star and School, and Rec performs for the first time. Then all individual, duo/trios stunt groups and partner stunts will compete once. Sunday, March 15th: All Spring Floor Divisions will perform in reverse order for the second time, including novice & prep followed by floor change to flat mat in reverse order performing for the second time.

Question # 11: What if I speak a different language?

For your convenience we will have Spanish speaking staff members available during the event. If you need a different language translator, please email info@americheer.com. However, it is highly encouraged to bring your own translator.

Question # 12: Is there available practice time prior to the competition?

Yes, **new** this year we will have both Flat and Spring floor practice times on Friday, March 13th at Sound Stage 20 in Universal's Islands of Adventure. Practice time is from 9am-3pm in 30-minute increments. \$250.00 per 30 minutes. This is the only time available. Sessions are available on a priority basis for those who pay in full. Each team is allotted one 30-minute session, with additional last-minute slots possible if they open.

Question # 13: Will we need a park ticket for Friday's practice?

Yes, all athletes and coaches will need to use their park ticket to get through the turn-style/park entrance at Islands of Adventure. We suggest for you to stay and enjoy the parks. This will use one of your Park Day Tickets. Since this is a Park-to-Park Pass, after practicing you can go to Universal Studios, Universal's Islands of Adventure, and Universal's EPIC Universe.

Question # 14: Will there be a place to store our belongings after practice and competing?

There are various sized pay lockers between the entrance and exit of Islands of Adventure where you can store your items, or you can take them back to your resort.

Question # 15: How will the judging be executed?

Competing only one day; Dance (Saturday) and Novice/Prep (Sunday). The rest of cheer will compete two days and will have a 40/60 split – 40% of the day 1 score and 60% of day 2 score = final score.

Rules/Regulations are available at:

<https://americheerfamilyofbrands.com/information/rules-regulations/>





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Question # 16: I have individuals that would like to compete. Are there additional costs?

The competition is open for Individuals (\$100 per person) as well as dance ensembles, cheer duo, trios, partner stunt, & stunt groups (\$175 per performance not per person). However, if not a part of a team, this cost is covered in the initial package. High School Juniors and Seniors competing as an individual are eligible to qualify for our Athlete Honors Scholarship Program. Additional divisions are \$275.00. These divisions will only compete once on Saturday.

Coaches Continued

Question # 17: Is there an athlete scholarship program?

Yes, AmeriCheer Athlete Honors Scholarship Program recognizes cheer and dance athletes for their achievements in leadership, skill, and community service by awarding \$500- \$1000 scholarships to assist in their college education. Juniors and Seniors who compete individually are eligible for a scholarship. Visit the webpage for the full entry criteria: <https://americheerfamilyofbrands.com/information/scholarship-opportunities/>

Question # 18: Will there be a coach's meeting/reception?

Yes, we will have a coach's meeting/reception on Friday evening at approximately 7pm at a to be determined location. We are thinking of changing it up this year, more to come. It is required that at least one representative from your organization attends this informational meeting. Refreshments will be provided. This is your opportunity to ask questions.

Question # 19: Do we need to have a bid to attend?

No, InterNationals is open to any organization. We do offer Paid and At-Large InBids at all of our competitions.

Question # 20: What is the InBid?

AmeriCheer & AmeriDance award an exciting opportunity for organizations to earn savings to the InterNationals with our InBid! A special bid that recognizes top honors.



Paid InBid banner and certificate –

- Every athlete and two coaches receive \$200 savings on Resort Packages.
 - To earn this award, a team must receive a minimum score of 80% or receive a judge's recommendation.
- At-Large InBid certificate –
 - All teams that place first and second at selected events.
 - All first place teams will be awarded \$30 savings for every athlete and two coaches on Resort and Commuter Packages.
 - All second place teams will be awarded \$15 savings for every athlete and two coaches on Resort and Commuter Packages.

Question # 21: What if we do not have a competition in our region? Can we still get an InBid?

We heard you and we are now offering 4 Virtual Cups this season to earn Bids to InterNationals and other great awards.

November 9, December 14, January 18, & February 18

Register for this event at <https://americheerfamilyofbrands.com/virtual-spirit-cup/>





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Transportation

Question # 22: Will there be transportation provided between the resort, parks, and competition venue?

Yes, For those staying on an EPIC, Ultimate, or Grand Resort Package, complimentary shuttle service is available between any of the Universal Orlando Resorts, EPIC Universe, Volcano Bay, and the CityWalk Hub (where you can go to Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios.) Shuttle buses run about every 30 minutes.



Cabana Bay Beach Resort and Loews Sapphire Falls Resort have a garden path to CityWalk. Stella Nova has a walking path to the **New** Universal's EPIC Universe. Water Shuttles are available from Loews Sapphire Falls Resort to CityWalk.

Question # 23: Will there be transportation provided for the Victory & Vibes EPIC Costume Party?

Yes, as stated in question #22 shuttles are available between any of the Universal Orlando Resorts and the CityWalk Bus Hub (where you can go to Islands of Adventure) the party will be held at Sound Stage 20, where Warm-up will be, and can be reached through the entrance in Sues Landing between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous**. AmeriCheer may have an additional bus looping for the Victory & Vibes EPIC Costume Party.

Question # 24: How do we arrange our airport transportation to and from our resort?

These arrangements are organized and paid for by you. For **groups of any size** our preferred and recommended transportation company is Connexions. You will collaborate directly with them to arrange and book your busing pick up from and back to the Orlando International airport (MCO).

As soon as you make your flight arrangements, reach out to Connexions to secure your transportation. Connexions will work to get you the best price and can combine groups that are arriving at similar times. Please mention you are participating in the AmeriCheer 2026 InterNationals, and they will apply their best rate. Make sure to fill out the Travel Information Form, so we can know when you are arriving and departing.

If pricing for your small group is costly and Connexions is not able to join you with another group to bring down the cost. We recommend Uber or Lyft or the Super Star shuttle service available through your Universal Resort (resort reservation is required. You can call for this number).

Contact Connexions by calling (407)602-1000 and press option one or email the following information to reservations@connexionsbus.com :

Organization / School Name:
Address:
Organization / School Phone Number:
Contact Name:
Contact Cell Phone Number:
E-Mail:

Arrival Date:
Number of Passengers:
Service: Transfer from Orlando Int'l Airport-to-Resort
Flight Information: Flight Number, Arrival Time
Resort Name and Address:



Departure Date:
Number of Passengers:
Service: Transfer from Resort-to-Orlando Int'l Airport
Pick Up Time: The resort pickup time will be scheduled about 3 hours before departure.
Flight Information: Flight Number, Departure Time
Resort Name and Address:



Universal Stella Nova Resort, 4500 EPIC Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819
 Universal Endless Summer Resort - Dockside Inn and Suites, 7125 Universal Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
 Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort, 6550 Adventure Wy., Orlando, FL 32819
 Loews Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando, 6601 Adventure Wy., Orlando, FL 32819



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Question # 25: How do we get to the warm-up and competition venue?

Competition Day Logistics

will be provided.

Maps with pick-up locations at Resorts and CityWalk will be in the confirmation packet you

1. Transportation to CityWalk
 - a. Coming by car, you will park at the CityWalk Hub.
 - b. Transportation from the resorts is covered on page 6.
2. CityWalk Hub
 - a. From the Hub you will be guided through Universal Orlando security screening hub. Please visit Universal's Policy and Restrictions webpage for any security questions:
 - i. <https://www.universalorlando.com/web/en/us/plan-your-visit/hours-information/policies-restrictions>
 - b. From there, you will proceed into CityWalk where you can walk to the main entrance of both main parks. Athletes, Coaches and Spectators going straight to the competition venue should follow signs to the main entrance of Universal's Islands of Adventure which will be to the left. *Please allow 20 minutes from the Hub to the main entrance of Universal's Islands of Adventure.
3. Park Entry
 - a. Athletes and Coaches with an early warm-up time will have access to the park prior to the official park opening time via a dedicated entry lane. Please proceed to the Islands of Adventure lighthouse and look for directional signage.
 - b. All Spectators must enter through the park's main entrance once the park is officially open. Rest assured, there will be plenty of time to reach the competition venue prior to the first performance.
 - c. All guests, including Athletes, Coaches and Spectators, MUST have their physical valid theme park admission ticket with them upon entry to the theme park turnstiles.
 - d. **Tip:** All guests are encouraged to take a photo of the barcode on their physical ticket. A physical ticket is required to enter the park. If a guest should lose their park ticket, they can present the photo of their barcode to Guest Services and get their ticket reprinted if available.
 - e. Universal Orlando Events Staff, and directional event signage, will be in place to direct guests to the right from the entrance of Universal's Islands of Adventure to the competition venue through the entrance in Suess Landing between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous** to Sound Stages 20 (warmup) & 21 (performance).
4. Onsite Ticket Sales
 - a. If you need to purchase a theme park admission ticket and admission for competition onsite, please visit the AmeriCheer table in the Fun in the Sun Room on the second floor of the Cabana Bay Beach Resort 3/12 & 3/13. After that you will need to contact an AmeriCheer staff member in the Band App.
5. Logistics for Teams
 - a. **Important:** You will need your credentials to get into warm-up (Sounds Stage 20). (No bus to warm-up this year.) and when not performing into the venue (Sound Stage 21).
 - b. The competition is taking place inside Sound Stage 21, which is located inside of Universal's Islands of Adventure through the entrance in Suess Landing between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous**, and is a 5-10 minute walk from the main entrance of the park. Sounds Stage 20 is right next to Sound Stage 21.
 - c. Teams should arrive to Sound Stage 20 NO EARLIER than 10 minutes prior to their scheduled arrival time. If teams arrive earlier than this time, Universal Orlando Event Staff will ask that they proceed to enjoy the park or the performances in Sound Stage 21 and return closer to their scheduled arrival time.
 - d. At their scheduled arrival time, teams will be greeted by the Universal Orlando Event Staff and directed to warmup in Sound Stage 20.
 - e. Only Athletes and Coaches are permitted in the warm-up area. All Spectators must remain in the Sound Stage 21 for the competition performances.
6. Competition Entry
 - a. All Spectators with a special AmeriCheer event credential will have access to the competition venue, Sound Stage 21.
 - b. Florida Spectators that are Season Park Pass Holders can purchase a wristband for access to the competition in the tent in Suess Landing between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous**.

Example



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Fundraising Sponsors

Question # 26: Do you have any help for us with Fundraising?

Yes, we have great sponsors who can help you raise money to go to 2026 InterNationals!

**We want to help you reach your goals by connecting you with our:
2025-2026 Sponsorship partners!**

<https://poppinpopcorn.com/sign-up-today/>



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Buttery Caramel
Caramel &
Cheese Mix
Cheddar
Jalapeño

Cinnamon Toast
Cookies & Cream
Dill Pickle
Fruity
Pizza
Ranch

Salt & Vinegar
Sriracha
Texas Cheddar
Habanero
Movie Theater
Butter
White Cheddar

Strawberry
Shortcake
Three Cheese
Nacho Cheese
Kettle Corn
Cheesy Cheddar

<https://specials.mrsfieldsfundraising.com/mrsfields-fundraiser-page-1714>



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Meal Vouchers/ Gift Cards

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Question # 27: Are there meal vouchers available for purchase?

You may order gift cards with your initial registration. The gift card is the perfect way to pre-pay for your meals. This way athletes are not carrying cash. Universal Orlando's Theme Parks and Resorts are known for great dining options. Gift Cards are \$25 per card, they do not expire and can be used to purchase anything. We recommend that you tell your attendees to purchase food with them and then at the end tell them they are also good for merchandise. This will prevent them from spending their food money on souvenirs. Please take a picture of the Bar Code on your Gift Card. There is a \$1 processing fee per card.

Universal Orlando Resort gift cards can be used at CityWalk restaurants. However, there may be exceptions, especially at some of the more upscale dining options or specific locations within CityWalk. It is recommended to double-check with the individual restaurant or visit the Universal website for the most up-to-date information on which locations accept the gift cards.

Question # 27: What if I want to know more about Universal Parks and Resorts?

General Universal Theme Park FAQs:

<https://www.universalorlando.com/web/en/us/faqs/park-information>

General Universal Orlando Resorts – Resorts FAQs:

<https://www.universalorlando.com/web/en/us/faqs/resorts>

Universal Park and
Resort information

Contact Us

Question # 28: How can I contact AmeriCheer?

Phone: 614.898.1000

Toll-Free: 1.800.966.5867

Fax : 614.898.0404

Email: events@americheer.com

Office Hours: 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, EST, Monday through Friday

Address: AmeriCheer Family of Brands: 20 Collegeview Road, Westerville, OH 43081

<https://americheerfamilyofbrands.com/>

