



AmeriCheer / AmeriDance 2026 InterNationals



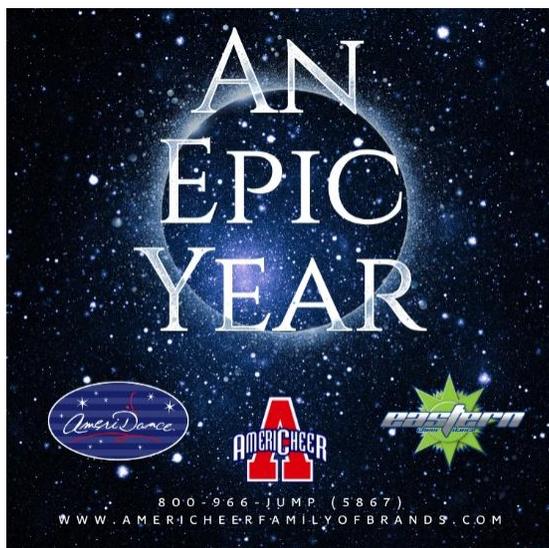
InterNationals

Please share this information packet
with your staff, friends, and family.

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Epic Commuter
Florida Competitor
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Letter from the President and Founder

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 31st AmeriCheer / AmeriDance InterNationals! We are thrilled to once again return to Islands of Adventure at Universal Studios Florida for another unforgettable year of competition, celebration, and memories in the making. This year is truly going to be **EPIC!**

Universal Orlando Resort has unveiled the exciting new **Epic Universe**, and many of our AmeriCheer guests will have the opportunity to experience this incredible addition.

You'll be joining teams from near and far as you take the floor and showcase your hard work. Whether this is your first InterNationals or you've been part of this tradition for many years, get ready for a one-of-a-kind experience that places you right in the heart of the action.

For more than 40 years, AmeriCheer and AmeriDance have proudly provided comprehensive instruction and competitive opportunities for athletes and coaches. I am incredibly proud of our staff for consistently exemplifying our core values of integrity, cheerfulness, and excellence, while always advocating for the best interests of coaches, cheerleaders, and dancers.

Best wishes to all of you as you take part in this pinnacle event. Be sure to take time to spread cheer, connect with fellow athletes, and soak in every moment — you've practiced, sacrificed, and worked hard to earn your place here.

A special thank you to our sponsors: **Podium Sports Photography, Rebel Athletics, Poppin Popcorn, and Victory Wear**. Your support plays a vital role in making InterNationals such a success.

Cheerfully,



Elizabeth Rossetti
President and Founder
AmeriCheer Family of Brands

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Stay informed!

BAND App: [Coaches](#), please download the app or visit
<https://band.us/n/aca6b5Y7f5XdN>

Coaches you will use this as your main source of communication with AmeriCheer Corporate Staff.
We will respond during business hours.

You can search for the group or simply scan the QR code here to join. BAND allows us to take polls, upload pictures, have contests, and much more during the event.



Follow us all week long on **social media** and use our hashtag
[#2026AmeriCheerInterNationals](#) and [#AnEpicYear](#)



Live Stream this event with **NBC's Sports Engine Play**
<https://sportsengineplay.com/AmeriCheer-AmeriDance/InterNationals-828070>
Share this link with your friends and family so they can watch the event LIVE
from home! Plus, they'll have unlimited replays all month long!

If an Emergency arises –

Please reach out to our corporate staff on the Band App during business hours.

If it is a life-threatening emergency call 911 first.

Event Registration:

Picking Up Your Credentials
(Lanyards or Wristbands) and Universal Park Tickets



For those staying at **Endless Summer, Dockside Inn & Suites**: Registration will take place at The Wave Room in the Resort. You may come from 10 am - 8 pm on Thursday March 13th or 10 am – 6:30 pm on Friday March 14th.

For those staying at the **Loews Sapphire Falls & Universal's Aventura Hotel**: Registration will take place on the lobby level of the Resort, towards the Conference Center. You can come from 10 am - 8 pm on Thursday March 13th or 10 am - 6:30 pm on Friday March 14th.



For those staying at the **Cabana Bay Beach Resort**: Registration will take place in the Fun in the Sun room, located on the 2nd floor of the resort. You can come Thursday 9 am – 8 pm and Friday 9 am – 8:00 pm

For the attendees who are on a **Commuter, Florida Competitor, or Daily (Admission Only) Package**: You will pick up your admission credentials (lanyards or wristband) and park tickets at the resort that your team is staying at. If your team is not staying onsite at a resort hotel then registration will take place in the Fun in the Sun room, located on the 2nd floor of the Cabana Bay resort. You can come Thursday 9 am – 8 pm and Friday 9 am – 8:00 pm

** For those arriving outside of these times, please make arrangements in advance by having the coach contact us on the BAND app to pick up your event registration items.

It is highly recommended that group leaders or coaches obtain registration materials for the entire group.

We will distribute credentials (lanyards) and Universal Park tickets to individual attendees 18 years old and over (photo ID required). Individual attendees are required to sign for any credentials and Universal Park tickets that are distributed to them.

Items such as **performance orders and team information** will **ONLY** be distributed to coaches or group leaders.

Coaches are cordially invited to a Reception & Meeting

Objective: Meet key staff, managers, and legality as well. Welcome, Rules/Guideline. Review, and Q & A session.

Where: 2nd Floor of Cabana Bay Beach Resort in the Fun in the Sun Rec Center.

When: Friday March 13th, 7pm-8:15pm

Note: We will provide a light meal and beverage.

You will have the opportunity to shop for Victory Wear for great AmeriCheer gear and the official custom event t-shirt.

Additional gifts will be available. **Please RSVP in the band app.**



We have a unique award the whole organization can win!!



Show Your Spirit Award – This is the award that Friends and Family can help your team win! Bring your enthusiasm, signs, and loud cheering voices for your chance to win your athletes' tickets to Hershey Park with their paid registration for Hershey Open Nationals in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We are awarding Show your Spirit Winners at each ceremony!!

This will be a One Prime Finals Paid Bid Event –

Virginia Beach, VA - April 11-12, 2026, Sandusky, OH - April 18-19, 2026,
Las Vegas, NV - April 18-19, 2026, Orlando, FL - May 2-3, 2026



Primary Event Headquarters Location
Merchandise Location

Cabana Bay Beach Resort - Fun in the Sun Rec Center

The Fun in the Sun Rec Center is the ultimate stop for all event attendees! **We encourage all families and athletes to visit and join in the excitement.**

Here you'll find a full selection of event merchandise, including the official custom event t-shirt

But that's not all! We've set up plenty of fun opportunities throughout the day:

Meet Cheerful! Our mascot will be making special appearances for photos and high-fives.

Snap & Share! Strike a pose at our fun photo backdrop and capture memories with your team.

Be a Star! Sports Engine Play information will be available for you to share with families on how they can live stream the event!

We highly encourage all athletes and families to stop by, check out the excitement, and make the most of your event experience!

Hours of Operation: Thursday 9 am – 8 pm and Friday 9 am – 6:30 pm

Resort Check-in

Cabana Bay Beach Resort

Group leader or individual attendee's check-in at front desk (1 on map below) – Rooms may not be available before 4:00pm



Resort Parking per day (tax not included) for overnight guests:

- Cabana Bay Beach Resort – Self-parking discounted rate \$12
- Loews Sapphire Falls Resort – Self-parking discounted rate \$12
- Universal's Dockside Inn & Suites – Self-parking discounted rate \$12

Resort Check-in (continued)

Loews Sapphire Falls Resort

Group leader or individual attendee's check-in at front desk (8 on map below) – Rooms may not be available before 4:00pm



Resort Check-in (continued)

Universal's Dockside Inn & Suites

Group leader or individual attendee's check-in at front desk (A on map below) – Rooms may not be available before 4:00pm



Universal Park Hours

March 12, 2026	March 13, 2026	March 14, 2026	March 15, 2026
 Universal Studios Florida 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Early Park Admission: Not Available	 Universal Studios Florida 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Early Park Admission: Not Available	 Universal Studios Florida 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Early Park Admission: Not Available	 Universal Studios Florida 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Early Park Admission: Not Available
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 Universal CityWalk 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	 Universal CityWalk 8:00 AM - 1:00 AM	 Universal CityWalk 8:00 AM - 1:00 AM	 Universal CityWalk 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Credentials & Park Tickets

Take a picture and write down the number on the back of your Universal Park Ticket. Guest Relations can reprint a lost ticket. AmeriCheer/ AmeriDance cannot replace a lost ticket.

Universal Park Ticket Information

2 Park Tickets: Universal Studio's & Universal's Islands of Adventure

3 Park Tickets: Universal Studio's, Universal's Islands of Adventure, & the all-new EPIC Universe!

Park Days: You can have up to 4 days on a single ticket. The standard ticket with a package is a 3 Day Ticket. An additional day can be added at \$70 a day at Event Registration. This must be done before park tickets are used. Upgrades are not guaranteed and are limited.

We encourage you to upgrade prior to March 3rd, please call 1-800-966-5867 or 614-898-1000

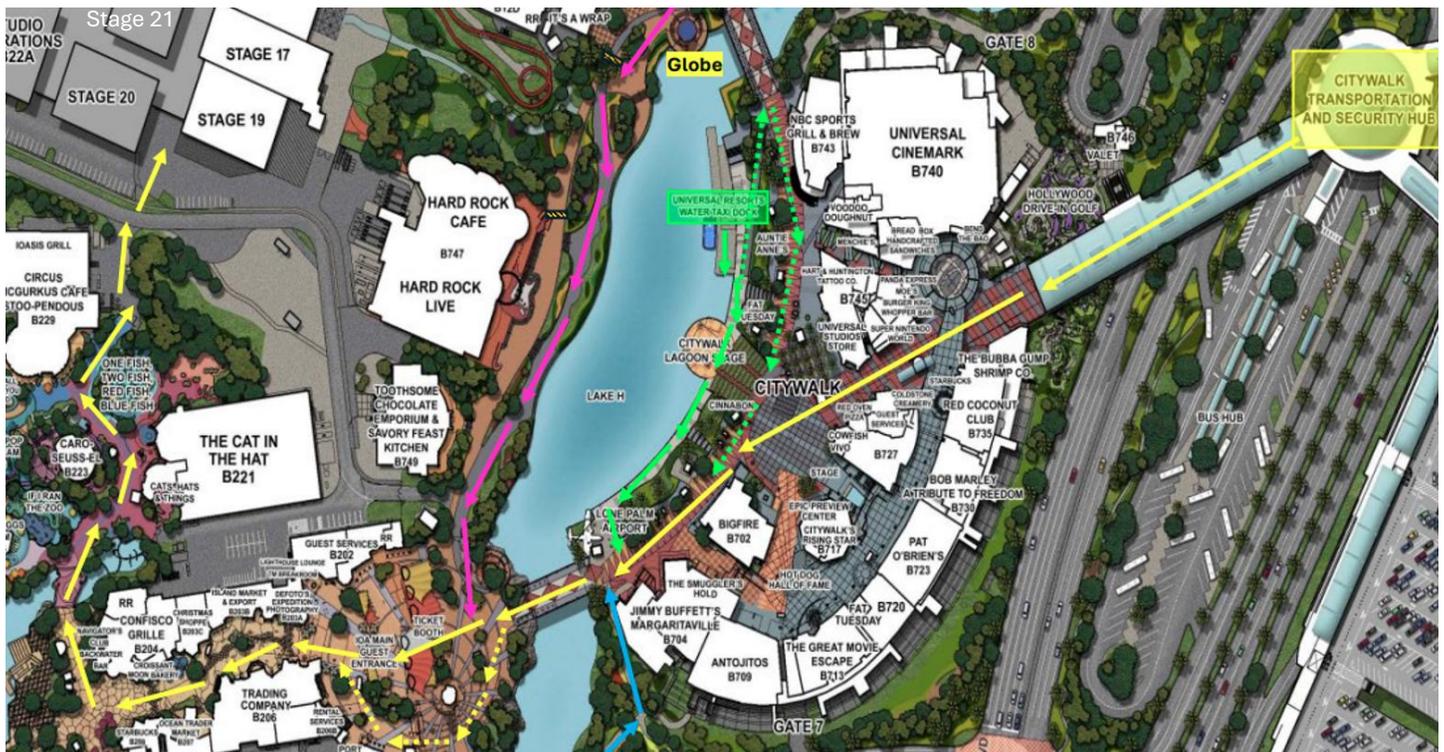
Children 2 years old or younger can enter the Parks and Competition for free (no ticket needed).

Your park tickets are valid from March 10th through the 19th.

The Competition Venue

Competition will be held at Sound Stage 21 with warmups located at Sound Stage 20.

- You will need a Universal Park Ticket to get to the venue.
- You will need a Credential (Lanyard) to get into the venue.



Competition

Competition Times –

Preliminary performance times have been sent out to coaches. Please let us know if you have not received this.

Final performance times will be distributed by March 6th.
Any revisions will be distributed at event registration.

Rules/Guidelines & Performance Surfaces –

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

Interviews / Pictures –

Before or after your team performs an AmeriCheer/ AmeriDance staff member may want to interview and take pictures of you or your athletes. These will be live or recorded. The staff will direct you to the interview area.

Team Photos –

We are excited to welcome Podium Sports Photography as the official photographer of the upcoming 2026 AmeriCheer Internationals. Below are the purchasing options:

Pre-Paid Team Cheer Performance Package 1 Day - \$145 | 2 Days - \$195

Professional Action Photography for 1 or 2 Days. All the action photos are delivered to your phone to share, print, and enjoy! All players on the team will be able to download and enjoy the photos. We traditionally deliver photos the same day (usually within a few hours) of the performance.

Team Cheer Performance Package (not pre-paid, Purchase options after performance ends) 1 Day - \$150 | 1 Photo - \$25 | 5 Photos - \$75

Follow this link to Register: <https://photos.podium-photo.com/register>

Studio Prints

We will have a studio set-up on Saturday. We offer composite Team Photos and several options for Individual Photos in various sizes. Package Options are **Digital** or **Print + Ship** (free shipping). We will have samples of our studio products on display at our photo table.

Digital: 8x10 Individual & 4x5 Sheet (4-4x5 photos) \$35

Print + Ship: 8x26 Individual \$40

Print + Ship: 8x26 Team \$40

Print + Ship: 8x10 Individual, 4x5 Sheet, 8x26 Individual, 8x26 Team \$70

***Team Discount **Print + Ship:** 8x10 Individual, 4x5 Sheet, 8x26 Individual, 8x26 Team only \$50 per player – must be a full team order. Bonus: also includes Digital package photos. Email us or stop by our photo table for information on how to order.

To view Performance, Awards, Interview, and or Studio Photos (once they are posted), follow this link: <https://photos.podium-photo.com/login>

Please email us or stop by our photo table during the event with any questions.

info@podium-photo.com



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Scoring Guidelines & Criteria

Cheer Teams:

Performance Order Placement –

- Day 1 – performance order placement is computer generated.
- Day 2 – performance order will be in reverse order.

Score Check:

Score Check is an opportunity we offer our coaches to see ranges and deductions. We have certified legality judges available to consult with any legality penalties you receive. You will also see where your routines fall within range. This system allows you to work with your team to better your routine for Day 2!

- Score Check will be located near the judging table. Please do not approach the judges. We will email your sheets once your division has been completed.
 - You will have a 10-minute window to review your scores. If you need a consultation with a legality judge, please be patient and one will be available.
- Our Score Check official **WILL NOT** discuss other teams scores, placement, ranges, or legalities/penalties. Score Check is for you to be informed about **YOUR** team only.
- Video playback is available for all judging personnel to review anything that may be in question or need a second look.
- **IMPORTANT:** Score Check is just one tool to help you as the coach to feel well informed. Make sure you have reviewed your routines and know they follow NFHS rules and/ or USASF guidelines prior to attending InterNationals! We love to see the legality and deduction judges give out our “Hit Zero” buttons!

Scoring:

Scoring is a 40/60 split for final score placement.

- Day 1: 40% of your score will be used for final score placement.
- Day 2: 60% of your score will be used for final score placement.
- Final Placement is sum of day 1 percentage and day 2 percentage.

Scoresheet distribution:

All scoresheets, ranges, deductions, and legalities will be emailed to the contact you have listed in Reg Champ. Please see Score Check for more details.

Day 1: available 1 hour after division

Day 2: available after the award ceremony



Competition Event Transportation on Competition Days

Options:

Shuttle Bus:

Cabana Bay Beach Resort
Dockside Inn & Suites
Universal's Aventura Hotel

Shuttle Bus or Water Taxi:

Loews Sapphire Falls



Shuttle Buses will take you from the Resorts to the Universal Hub at CityWalk. You'll then walk to Islands of Adventure.

Loews Sapphire Falls and Cabana Bay can use the Garden Path to go directly to Islands of Adventure.

Complimentary transportation will be provided by Universal's Shuttle Buses. Transportation to all theme parks and CityWalk is provided for guests at all three package Resorts. There is no Resort-to-Resort transportation.

Commuter and Daily Packages (those not staying on property) can park in the lot by CityWalk and enter through the CityWalk Hub.

The competition venue is in Islands of Adventure, so you must travel to the main gate and walk in from there. Turn to the right and go into Sues Landing. You will enter the courtyard between the One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish Ride and Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous follow the banners back to the Sound Stages – Athletes and Coaches follow signs and directions to the warm up in Sound Stage 20 and everyone else follow the signs and directions to Sound Stage 21.

It is important to leave enough time to get to the competition venue.

We recommend 2.5 hours before your performance.

***A supplemental bus to be ordered if necessary.**



🎉 **Victory and Vibes Epic Costume Party at Sound Stage 20** 🎉

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm

This year, we're doing things a little differently... and it's going to be **EPIC!** You've conquered the parks, rocked your Harry Potter robes, Luigi hat, and Princess Peach crown. You've explored every corner of Universal... now it's time to **be the characters themselves!**

Come as your favorite Minion, Universal Monster, or iconic Universal hero. Show off your Slytherin or Hufflepuff pride. Bring your Cat in the Hat, Things 1 and 2, or roar into the room as a T-Rex or Triceratops. Super Mario Land is full of stars, who will you be?

💎 **Group costumes? Absolutely!** 💎

- Assemble the ultimate Minion crew!
- Recreate the French Witches from *Goblet of Fire*
- Go wild—let your imagination run free!

Not into full costumes? No problem! Rock your favorite Universal character T-shirt and still be part of the fun.

🏆 **Prizes await!** 🏆

- Best Costume
- Best Group Costume
- Most Creative Costume
- Maximum Effort Costume

Get ready to dance, vibe, and **make this the most unforgettable night of the year!**



Special Guests will be in attendance and small refreshments will be available.

Coach of the Year will be awarded at the party so be sure not to miss it!

Fun Stuff



Let the Good Times Roll at Universal's Mardi Gras!

Step into a world where New Orleans spirit meets theme park thrills — **Universal's Mardi Gras: International Flavors of Carnival** transforms Universal Studios Florida into one giant, colorful celebration bursting with music, food, and nonstop energy.

A Parade Like No Other

As the sun sets, the party rolls into high gear with the spectacular Mardi Gras parade. Massive, hand-crafted floats glide through the streets while performers dance, music pumps, and thousands of beads fly through the air.

Flavors from Around the World

Food is a star attraction here. Inspired by global Carnival celebrations and classic New Orleans cuisine, festival kiosks serve dishes from more than a dozen countries. Think Cajun mac & cheese, sweet beignets, international street food, creative desserts, and specialty drinks that make every bite feel like a passport stamp.

Live Concert Vibes

On select nights, the park becomes a concert venue featuring chart-topping artists and fan favorites performing live — all included with admission.

Concert line up for our weekend:

Friday, March 13th: **Tyler Hubbard**

Saturday, March 14th: **Bebe Rexha**

Sunday, March 15th: **Zedd**

Featured Entertainment — Secrets of Sound (SOS)

We're thrilled to welcome Secrets of Sound to InterNationals 2026! This dynamic girl group, also known simply as S.O.S., has been making waves since their debut in 2022 with powerful vocals, high-energy performances, and seamless harmony that captivates audiences of all ages.

Comprised of six exceptionally talented performers - SOS blends singing, dancing, and instrumental skill in every performance. Each member brings a unique artistic background, ranging from musical theatre and acting to songwriting and social media creativity, resulting in a fresh and unforgettable live experience. <https://www.sosgirlgroup.com/>

Secrets of Sound will be performing live at both awards ceremonies on Sunday, and they'll be available for a meet and greet that evening. Don't miss your chance to connect with these rising stars and experience their infectious energy firsthand!



Miscellaneous

Airport Transportation –

Teams are responsible for their own transportation to/ from the airport.

If you are looking to secure travel to/from Resort/airport, we recommend Connexions.

Call (407)602-1000 option 1 or email reservations@connexionsbus.com and they will provide you a quote. Make sure to mention you are participating in 2026 AmeriCheer / AmeriDance Internationals for their special rate.

Lost & found –

Items lost at Resorts: Front Desk for the respective resort.

Items lost at the park: Contact Boomerang, (407) 224-4233.

Items lost at the sound stages: Please go to the DJ booth during the event.

Venue Tickets, Ticket Upgrades, & Package Purchases –

If you already have a park ticket but still need to purchase an event ticket, please come to the Admission Tent on the path to the event venue.

Parent Page –

Let your families know that they can always visit the Parent Page on our website for many of these details and more! <https://americheerfamilyofbrands.com/parent-page-media/>

Good luck to everyone!

We are looking forward to seeing you in Orlando.

