

Frequently Asked Questions

Own Your Moment!

2027 InterNationals

AmeriCheer / AmeriDance

March 13-14 at

Universal's Islands of Adventure in Orlando, FL

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Introduction

AmeriCheer/AmeriDance InterNationals is going to Own our Moment with a stellar international competition. We'll be in Sound Stage 21 again this year, with a different configuration to maximize spectator engagement. You will still enter through Seuss Landing in Universal's Islands of Adventure. Join us this season and make this an "Own Your Moment" for you and your team.

We are always happy to answer your questions! In fact, we've put together answers to some of the most common questions before you even have to ask. The following pages cover those questions and answers, but if you do not see yours, feel free to reach out to us at Events@AmeriCheer.com. Who knows? Your question might even make next year's FAQs!

We are offering Epic Universe again this year.

This season, along with Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure, guests can also experience Universal's newest park, **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 and shopping options, transporting guests to fully realized worlds. This new park is truly Epic!



JOIN US FOR THIS EPIC EXPERIENCE!!



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Packages

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, Party in the Park, Universal's resort-to-park shuttle transportation, and Park-to-Park tickets. The Resort Packages are Epic, Ultimate, and Grand. Also available are the Epic Commuter, Florida Competitor, Daily Packages, and Competition Only, which do not include lodging.

We highly recommend that you choose a Resort Package, as booking your lodging separately will not save you money. If you are planning to stay at a Universal Resort, we need you to stay in our room blocks so that we can continue to bring this great competition to Orlando. If you choose the Epic Commuter, Florida Competitor, Daily Package, or Competition Only, you will need to book outside lodging and arrange transportation to and from the competition venues and parks.

Flights and airport-to-resort transportation are not included in any package and must be arranged 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, Resort Packages are available for all of our guests. We encourage friends and family to enjoy the InterNationals experience with their team and register with the team on a Resort Package to help ensure availability at the team resort. This is the best way to organize and manage your group. We can accommodate individual registration, but we do not recommend it.

Question # 3: My family and friends want to attend the competition. 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 to the competition. A park admission ticket will also allow you to go from theme park to theme park on 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 three Universal parks available during InterNationals are Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure, and Universal's Epic Universe.

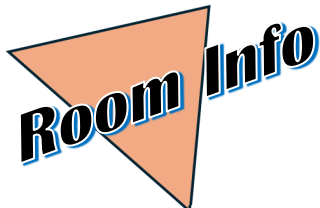
** All credential holders staying at one of our on-site resorts will receive complimentary shuttle service from the Universal Orlando Resorts to Universal's Epic Universe and the CityWalk Hub, which provides access to Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure.

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

** Universal's Volcano Bay will be closed while we are there this year.



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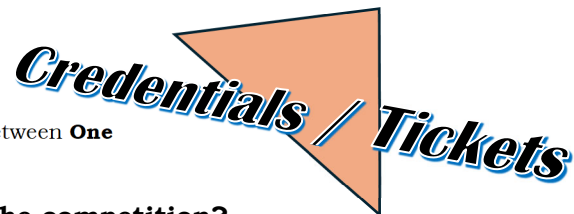


Question # 4: Can we make exceptions to the room occupancy?

- **We have a room with only three people because our numbers are uneven. Can we pay the quad rate?**
No. Our packages are based on the number of people in each room.
- **If six-person occupancy sells out, will you honor the same rate for a quad?**
 - Unfortunately, we will not be able to. Our packages are based on 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 parks or resort.
- **We are not leaving Florida until 5:00 p.m. After checkout, what can we do during the day?**
 - Since checkout 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 dine.

Question # 5: What is my credential?

Your credential is a special lanyard that AmeriCheer/AmeriDance will provide you. Your credential will give you access to the competition venue at Sound Stage 21, which is reached through Seuss 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! 2027 InterNationals is a special ticketed event inside the park. Therefore, **all attendees must have a park ticket** to enter Universal's Islands of Adventure and reach the competition venue. Most packages include a theme park admission ticket. If you do not purchase a package, you will need a valid park ticket to enter Universal's Islands of Adventure. Spectators will also need to purchase admission to the competition venue.

The entrance is between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous**. There will be a tent where you can purchase venue-only wristbands; however, we recommend purchasing your competition admission 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 days. However, we highly recommend that you do this prior to arriving in Florida, as we will have limited quantities available for sale there. You can upgrade to a 4-Day or 5-Day/3-Park Park-to-Park ticket. The 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.

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 to request an upgrade. **All upgrades must be completed with AmeriCheer before you leave registration with your tickets.** Once tickets leave the Fun-in-the-Sun Room or have been used, they cannot be upgraded. You will not be able to upgrade your tickets at Universal's ticket windows.

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 10–19, 2027.

Question # 9: What do I need to attend the Party in the Park?

Wear your InterNationals credential to enter the park for the after-hours Party in the Park. No separate park ticket is required for the party.



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

Approximately three 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.

2027 Competition Format: This schedule is tentative and may vary based upon registration.

Saturday, March 13: All Dance Categories will compete once. School, YCADA, Rec Flat Mat Divisions, and Game Day Divisions will then perform for the first time. The floor will be changed, and all Spring Floor Divisions, including All-Star, School, and Rec, will perform for the first time. All individual, duos/trios, stunt groups, and partner stunts will then compete once.

Sunday, March 14: All Spring Floor Divisions will perform for the second time in reverse order, including Novice & Prep. Following a floor change to flat mat, the Flat Mat Divisions will perform for the second time in reverse order.

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 translator for another language, please email info@americheer.com. However, we highly encourage you to bring your own translator.

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

Yes. Practice time will be available Friday, March 12th at Sound Stage 20 in Universal's Islands of Adventure. Practice sessions are available from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in 30-minute increments. The cost is \$300 per 30-minute session. This is the only practice time available.

Reservations will be prioritized for teams that have paid in full. Each team is allotted one 30-minute session. Additional sessions may become available if openings occur.

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 enter Universal's Islands of Adventure through the turnstiles. This will count as one of your park ticket days, so we encourage you to stay and enjoy the parks after practice. Since you have a Park-to-Park ticket, you can visit Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure, and Universal's Epic Universe that day.

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

There are lockers available for a fee in various sizes between the entrance and exit of Universal's Islands of Adventure where you can store your belongings, or you can take them back to your resort.

Question # 15: How will the judging work?

Dance will compete one day on Saturday, and Novice/Prep will compete one day on Sunday. All other cheer divisions will compete both days and will use a 40/60 scoring split. The Day 1 score will count for 40% of the final score, and the Day 2 score will count for 60%.

Rules/Regulations are available at: <https://americheerfamilyofbrands.com/information/rules-regulations/>





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Coaches Continued

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

The competition is open to Individuals (\$120 per person), as well as dance ensembles, cheer duos, trios, partner stunts, and stunt groups (\$200 per performance, not per person). However, if the athlete is not part of a team, this cost is covered in the initial package. High school juniors and seniors competing as Individuals are eligible for our Athlete Honors Scholarship Program.



Teams may also compete in additional divisions, such as Traditional and Game Day, for \$300 per additional division. These divisions will compete only once on Saturday.

Question # 17: Is there an athlete scholarship program?

Yes. The AmeriCheer Athlete Honors Scholarship Program recognizes cheer and dance athletes for their achievements in leadership, skill, and community service by awarding \$500 to \$1,000 scholarships to help with college expenses. High school juniors and seniors who compete individually are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Visit the webpage for full entry criteria: <https://americheerfamilyofbrands.com/information/scholarship-opportunities/>

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

Yes, we will have a coaches' meeting/reception on Friday evening at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Fun-in-the-Sun Room on the second floor of Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort. At least one representative from your organization is required to attend 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 offer organizations an exciting opportunity to earn savings toward InterNationals through our InBid, a special bid that recognizes top honors.

- **Paid InBid banner and certificate –**
 - Every athlete and two coaches receive \$250 in savings on Resort Packages. This amount has been increased to \$250 to celebrate our country's 250th anniversary.
 - To earn this award, a team must earn a minimum score of 80% or receive a judge's recommendation.
- **At-Large InBid certificate –**
 - All teams that place first or second at selected events.
 - All first-place teams will receive \$50 in savings for every athlete and two coaches on Resort and Commuter Packages.
 - All second-place teams will receive \$20 in 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 four Virtual Cups this season where teams can earn InBids to InterNationals and other great awards.

November 12, December 10, January 21, and February 11.

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, and the CityWalk Hub, which provides access to Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios Florida. Shuttle buses run approximately every 30 minutes.

Cabana Bay Beach Resort and Loews Sapphire Falls Resort have a Garden Path to CityWalk. Water shuttles are available from Loews Sapphire Falls Resort to CityWalk.



Question # 23: Will there be transportation provided for the Party in the Park?

We are still working out the details for this year's Party in the Park, including transportation. Stay tuned for more information.

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 work directly with them to arrange and book your transportation from Orlando International Airport (MCO) to your resort and back to the airport.

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 may be able to combine groups arriving at similar times. Please mention that you are participating in the AmeriCheer 2027 InterNationals, and they will apply their best available rate. Make sure to fill out the Travel Information Form so we know when you are arriving and departing.

If transportation through Connexions is costly for your small group and they are unable to combine you with another group to reduce the cost, we recommend using Uber, Lyft, or the Super Star shuttle service available through your Universal Resort. A resort reservation is required for the shuttle service. Contact AmeriCheer for additional information.

Contact Connexions by calling (407) 602-1000 and selecting option 1, or email the following information to reservations@connexionsbus.com:

Organization / School Name:

Address:

Organization / School Phone Number:

Contact Name:

Contact Cell Phone Number:

Email:

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

Pickup Time: The resort pickup time will be scheduled about 3 hours before departure.

Flight Information: Flight Number, Departure Time

Resort Name and Address:

Universal Endless Summer Resort - Dockside Inn and Suites, 7125 Universal Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819

Universal Aventura Hotel, 6725 Adventure Way, Orlando, FL 32819

Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort, 6550 Adventure Way, Orlando, FL 32819

Loews Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando, 6601 Adventure Way, Orlando, FL 32819



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Competition Day Logistics

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

Maps showing pickup locations at the resorts and CityWalk will be included in your confirmation packet.

1. Transportation to CityWalk

- If you are arriving by car, you will park at the CityWalk Hub.
- Transportation from the resorts is covered on page 6.

2. CityWalk Hub

- From the Hub, you will be guided through the Universal Orlando security screening hub. Please visit Universal's Policy and Restrictions webpage for any security questions:
 - <https://www.universalorlando.com/web/en/us/plan-your-visit/hours-information/policies-restrictions>
- From there, you will proceed into CityWalk, where you can walk to the main entrances of Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure. Athletes, Coaches, and Spectators going directly to the competition venue should follow the signs to the main entrance of Universal's Islands of Adventure, which will be on the left. **Please allow 20 minutes from the Hub to the main entrance of Universal's Islands of Adventure.**

3. Park Entry

- Athletes and Coaches with an early warm-up time will have access to the park before the official park opening via a dedicated entry lane. Please proceed to the lighthouse at Universal's Islands of Adventure and look for directional signage.
- 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.
- All guests, including Athletes, Coaches, and Spectators, **MUST** have their valid physical theme park admission ticket with them at the theme park turnstiles.
- 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 loses their park ticket, they can present the photo of their barcode to Guest Services to have their ticket reprinted, if available.
- 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 and toward the competition venue. Guests will enter through Seuss Landing between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous** and proceed to Sound Stage 20 (warm-up) and Sound Stage 21 (performance).

4. On-Site Ticket Sales

- If you need to purchase a theme park admission ticket or admission to the competition on-site, please visit the AmeriCheer table in the Fun-in-the-Sun Room on the second floor of Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort on March 12 or March 13. After that, you will need to contact an AmeriCheer staff member through the BAND app.

5. Logistics for Teams

- Important: You will need your credentials to enter the warm-up area in Sound Stage 20. There will be no bus transportation to warm-up this year. You will also need your credentials to enter Sound Stage 21 when you are not performing.
- The competition will take place in Sound Stage 21, located inside Universal's Islands of Adventure. The entrance is in Seuss Landing between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous**. Sound Stage 21 is approximately a 5–10-minute walk from the main entrance of the park. Sound Stage 20 is located directly next to Sound Stage 21.
- Teams should arrive at Sound Stage 20 NO EARLIER than 10 minutes prior to their scheduled arrival time. If teams arrive earlier, Universal Orlando Event Staff will ask them to enjoy the park or the performances in Sound Stage 21 and return closer to their scheduled arrival time.
- At their scheduled arrival time, teams will be greeted by Universal Orlando Event Staff and directed to the warm-up area in Sound Stage 20.
- Only Athletes and Coaches are permitted in the warm-up area. All Spectators must remain in Sound Stage 21 for the competition performances.

6. Competition Entry

- All Spectators with a special AmeriCheer event credential will have access to the competition venue in Sound Stage 21.
- Florida Spectators who are Season Park Pass Holders can purchase a wristband for admission to the competition venue. Wristbands will be available at the tent in Seuss Landing between **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** and **Circus McGurkus Cafe Stoo-Pendous**.

Example





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Question # 26: Do you have any help with fundraising?

Yes, we have great sponsors who can help you raise money to attend 2027 InterNationals!

**We want to help you reach your goals by connecting you with our:
2026-2027 Sponsorship Partners!**

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



Bacon Cheddar

Birthday Cake

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

More Sponsorship Opportunities coming soon!



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Meal Vouchers/ Gift Cards

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

Yes. You may order \$25 Universal Orlando Resort gift cards with your initial registration to be used as meal vouchers. This is a convenient way to pre-pay for meals so athletes do not have to carry cash. We recommend that you direct your athletes to use the cards for food first and let them know that any remaining balance can be used for merchandise afterward. This helps prevent them from spending their meal money on souvenirs before they have eaten. Please take a picture of the barcode on each gift card in case the card is lost. There is a \$1 processing fee per card, and the cards do not expire.

Universal Orlando Resort gift cards can be used at many locations throughout the theme parks, resorts, and CityWalk, though some locations may have restrictions.

Question # 28: What if I want to know more about Universal Parks and Resorts?

Universal Theme Park FAQs:

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

Universal Orlando Resorts FAQs: <https://www.universalorlando.com/web/en/us/faqs/resorts>

Universal Park and Resort information

Contact Us

Question # 29: 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 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday

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

<https://americheerfamilyofbrands.com/>



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