

UCA/UDA Philadelphia FAQ's

Year to year these are the most frequently asked questions! Hopefully some of these questions and answers will help you. Hope you are having a great Fall and we can't wait to see you!

Q- What if I have family/friends that want to come spend Thanksgiving with us in Philly?

A- They are more than welcome to come! They can watch the parade from anywhere along the parade route. They can also purchase additional meal tickets for the Thanksgiving Lunch! However, be sure to purchase those as soon as possible as there are a limited number of extras! They are \$40 each.

Q- Can family/friends come eat any other meals with us?

A-YES! We do have additional meal tickets for the Welcome Dinner Tuesday night, Thanksgiving Lunch and the DJ Party on Thursday night. The Welcome Dinner is \$25, the Thanksgiving Lunch is \$40 and the DJ Party is \$20. These can be purchased from UCA/UDA at any time! However, there are a limited number of Thanksgiving Lunch tickets!

Q- I am unsure about what size uniform to order. Can I exchange them?

A- YES! Uniforms will be shipped out around the end of August. For any reason if you would like to exchange any pieces of your uniform, you can! This also gives you plenty of time to make any alterations you would like!

Q-When will we learn the Performance Routine?

A- Around the end of October, you will receive your uniform box and there will be a Routine DVD included. You will have more than enough time to learn the routine before you arrive in Philadelphia. Once you are there, we will have one rehearsal to put everyone in their groups and lines. We will also have additional rehearsal on Wednesday!

Q- Is every All Star required to have a Chaperone?

A- Yes, however one chaperone can watch up to three All Stars!

Q- I am the only All Star coming from my team. Will I be by myself?

A- Absolutely not! You will meet several new friends throughout the week! The majority of the All Stars that attend are the only ones from their school! By the first night, you will have many new friends! Get ready to make some new friends for LIFE!

Q- What is the dress for the week?

A- The dress for the week is very casual. Most wear jeans and sweaters. It all depends on the temperature. The only time that you would wear different is for the Dinner Boat Cruise. That dress is Sunday dress (no jeans). Everyone can wear nice pants and sweater, skirt and sweater, or dress.

Q- What is the weather like?

A- It changes every year! It has been cold, rainy, warm, snow...you name it, we've had it, so be prepared and check the weather before you leave!

Q- I am a parent/chaperone going on the trip. Will get to do everything that my All Star does?

A- YES! As a chaperone on the trip, you will travel with your All Star at all times. The only time you will be separate is on parade day. While the All Stars are performing in the parade, the chaperones will watch the parade from the Grandstands. You will meet up and ride back to the hotel together on the bus after the parade.

Q- What time can we check into our rooms?

A- The Sheraton Society Hill does its very best to have the rooms ready when you arrive. However, if your room is not ready, they can hold your luggage if you would like to visit Philly until your room is ready!

Q-Can I have 5 people in my hotel room?

A-No. Unfortunately, the hotel does not allow more than 4 people in a room due to fire code. Infants and children count as a person in the room as well!

Q- What do the All Stars wear to rehearsal?

A-For rehearsal Tuesday night at the hotel, the All Stars can just wear whatever practice clothes they are comfortable in. For the rehearsal at the Art Museum on Wednesday, the All Stars can wear WARM practice clothes (sweatpants, sweatshirts, anything that they can move in that is warm).

Q- What kind of shoes should the All Stars wear?

A-Any white cheer/dance shoe is fine, if your shoe has a colored Nike swoosh or the colored panels that is fine as well. No colored shoes, thick soled Sketchers or dance slippers.

Q-What kind of jewelry can the All Star wear?

A-They can wear small stud earrings only. No hoop or dangly earrings. Hair should be out of their faces and make up should be kept to a day makeup. No need for "performance" makeup.

Q-What is the parade route?

A- The parade winds through the streets of Philly You will receive the parade route map when you check in to the hotel. However, the parade will end in front of the Art Museum.

Q-Is the parade on TV?

A-Yes, the parade is televised on the Philadelphia on the ABC station. There are select other stations that it will be broadcast on, however we have not received that information from the Parade. Check with your local ABC station to see if they will show it.

Q-What if it rains?

A-The parade happens rain or shine! We will provide some rain ponchos in case it rains, but we will keep our fingers crossed for sun!

Q- Who gets Grandstand tickets?

A- Only the non participants (spectators) on the UCA/UDA Travel package get Grandstand tickets. These cannot be bought anywhere. They are given to us by the Parade and we can only get one for each non participant on our package, no extras. These tickets cannot be purchased anywhere. The Parade gives these to the groups who perform in the Parade, bands, etc. These will be given out during Registration on Tuesday and must be signed for.

Q-If I do not have a Grandstand ticket, where is the best place to watch the parade?

A- Anywhere along the street is a great place! The performance the All Stars are doing is moving and stationary so we will be performing during the entire parade route! However, the most popular place to watch is along the Ben Franklin Parkway (see enclosed parade map).

Q-If we are watching from the Grandstands, what should be be prepared for?

A- It all depends on the weather! Check the weather before you leave, but you can bring: a blanket (not one from the hotel!), thermos for coffee, rain poncho and something to dry the bleachers off in case of rain, stadium back chair, maybe some snacks (the parade is long!) and as much warm stuff as possible! It can also get windy. It just all depends on the weather! Lets hope for sun!

Q-Where are the Grandstands located?

A- They are located directly in front of the Art Museum in the Parade television area. You will see the All Stars from there!

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 1-888-CHEERUCA or 1-800-DANCEUDA!