

COMPETITIVE TEAM MEMBER FAQ'S

What upcoming events do I need to be prepared for?

As the season begins, there are many events on the calendar. Below are some upcoming important dates. PLEASE CHECK YOUR GOOGLE CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS, DUE DATES, ETC.

- Friday, February 15 - UM Company Pictures @ MJPAA
(An email with specific times will be emailed soon)
- Saturday, February 16 - UM Pep Rally - 2:30-5:30pm @ MJPAA
(This is the kickoff pep rally to our season!!)
- Sunday, February 17 - UM Showcase of the Arts - 12:00pm-6:00pm @ Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel
(This showcase will serve as a dress rehearsal for all competition routines. Students will receive red tags if there are any incorrect costumes, accessories, etc)
- Friday, March 15 - Night of the Arts - 7:00-9:30pm - Higgins Hall
(This is a fun night of music, dance, games and more!)

Do I need tickets for the UM Showcase of the Arts?

Yes, all attendees will need to purchase a ticket. UM members and children under 2 are FREE. Tickets can be purchased in your parent portal under events.

Does my child need to stay for the entire Showcase?

You will receive an event sheet with specific call times and performance times for each routine. Members may leave after their final routine, however we encourage everyone to stay and cheer on their team!

Do I need tickets for the Night of the Arts?

Yes, all attendees (including performers) need a ticket. These can be purchased at TBTTT.org.

Is my child performing at the Night of the Arts?

An email has been sent with a list of routines performing at the Night of the Arts. An event sheet will be sent 1 week prior to the event.

When will we receive group costumes?

You will receive an email when group costumes are ready for pick up. All costumes will come with an instruction sheet that will include hair, tights, shoe, hair piece and jewelry requirements for each routine. Please carefully label all costumes, shoes, tights and accessories. We suggest having a back up pair of tights for those routines that require tights. You must have plenty of bobby pins to secure any headpieces.

How many competitions will we be attending? Where and when are they?

We will be attending 3 regional competitions and 1 national competition this season. Below are the dates and locations.

- March 22-24 - Revolution - Orlando (Ocoee High School)
- April 5-7 - Starpower - Lakeland (RP Funding Center (formally The Lakeland Center))
- April 12-14 - Nexstar - Orlando (Orange County Convention Center)
- July 2-6 - Starpower Nationals - Orlando (Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort)

Do I need a hotel room reservation for these competitions?

Hotel room reservations are optional and made by the parents. For regionals, students in 1 to 2 routines will most likely compete 1 to 2 days. Nationals may be 1 to 3 days. Commuting is an option if you would like. Some parents will make a hotel reservation for the entire weekend/week then cancel as needed. We will not receive a detailed schedule until 1 week prior to the competition. You will receive an event sheet with call times, performance times and more. PLEASE read these carefully.

What time do I need to have my child at competition?

Each routine will be given a specific call time. This will be listed on the event sheet. All call times are 2 HOURS prior to the estimated performance time. This will allow your child to prepare and warm up properly prior to their performance.

Do I stay with my child at the competition?

Parents are responsible for their child between routines however there should be no loitering in the dressing areas. Also, please remember there should be NO boys in the girls dressing areas and vice versa. This includes younger siblings. A director will gather each group prior to each routine. We ask that when you are sitting in the audience, you sit as a group.

What do members wear to competition?

Members MUST wear their UM leggings and jacket to and from the venues and in between routines. Group costumes will be distributed soon with detailed information regarding tights, shoes, accessories and more. PLEASE read these carefully.

Do I have to pay to watch competition?

All the competitions we attend are free for spectators. Some venues will have parking fees.

Are there places to eat while at the competition?

Some venues will have food options, but they can be minimal. Many parents will pack snacks, light meals and water. Please remember that some venues do not allow outside food, therefore you must go outside to eat. Members MAY NOT be in costume while eating or outside.

Can members leave after they have performed at competition?

Members are required to stay until after the awards ceremony for their session. Although they are dismissed after awards, members are welcome and encouraged to stay and support the rest of their team.

Who picks up awards at competition?

Each routine will be assigned a team representative to accept the award for each group routine. These will be listed on the event sheet.

Can I take photos or videos at competition?

No, competitions do not allow photos or videos to be taken at the event. Each competition will have photos and videos available for purchase.

Can I post videos of choreography on social media?

For the protection of our students and choreographers, choreography may not be posted on ANY social media site.

Will there be extra rehearsals prior to competition?

Some routines may have extra rehearsals or a modified schedule prior to competition. You will receive an email with all details. Please remember that the rehearsals prior to any performance or competition are mandatory.

Will competition routines perform in the annual concert?

Select competitive team group pieces will be performing in the concert.