

**Board Policy #C500 - FIELD AND OTHER
CORPORATION-SPONSORED TRIPS
OUT OF STATE/OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST**



CHECKLIST

WHO: Mt. Vernon High School Dance Team

WHAT: Universal Dance Association High School Nationals

WHEN: February 2-6, 2023 (February 2 and 6 are travel days)

WHERE: Orlando, Florida

CHAPERONES: Ellen Jones HS Coach, Christina Halcomb MS Coach

Parents: .Parent chaperones will be included but unsure of names at this time. Names will be provided following trip approval.

**all chaperones will have a background check on file with MVCSC prior to departure or will be deemed ineligible to attend the trip*

Teacher: Coach - Ellen Jones

Tour Directors: UDA will be providing a daily competition schedule/ itinerary once in Orlando.

TRANSPORTATION: We will travel to Orlando by plane. UDA provides transportation between the hotel and competition venue for participants and coaches.

COST: 4 Nights (Based on 2022 prices): \$780 each for room of 4 at Disney All-Star Resort - this includes a 3 day Disney Park Hopper Pass. Airfare: Based on current travel prices approximately \$400. We will work with a travel agent to get the best price/airline. Additional spending money approximately \$150.

WHY: Compete at Universal Dance Association High School Nationals. This team has earned 6 state champion titles since 2014 with the most recent in 2022. We would like the opportunity to push ourselves to a higher level and introduce our dancers to a broader dance platform. One objective of our dance program is to provide the training and background necessary to prepare Mt. Vernon dancers for dancing collegiately or for a pro team. Many college coaches attend high school nationals looking for good programs from which to draw dancers. Not only will we compete with top teams across the country, we will have the opportunity to grow and be inspired by watching pom, jazz, and hip hop performances filled with creativity, passion, and talent. Our dancers will observe performance and communication skills to enhance their own performance abilities. They will have the opportunity to meet peers from other programs across the country. Many Indiana high school teams are broadening their programs by competing at national competitions; mainly Universal Dance Association or National Dance Association, both Varsity companies. These are the two most respected high school national competitions available.

The team earned a bid to nationals at UDA summer camp in June by placing first in the Home Routine competition and by earning all blue ribbons in their routine evaluations.

Parents were given information regarding a possible nationals opportunity at auditions in April to ensure they would be supportive of this trip.

MEDICAL RELEASES/PARENT PERMISSION ON FILE: These will be collected once the trip is approved. All dancers have physicals on file through the athletic office.

SAFETY AND SUPERVISION PROVISIONS: Dancers will travel together and be supervised by the coaches and/or approved parent chaperones at all times as outlined in the corporation field trip procedures. The competition is held at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Bus transportation from the hotel to the complex is provided by UDA and is for dancers and coaches with badges only. If attending a Disney park the dancers will be in groups and under the supervision of an approved chaperone.

All coaches, choreographers, and team personnel attending Varsity events must be credentialed through USA Cheer. This includes a background check and completion of the Athlete Protection Course. Christina Halcomb and Ellen Jones were credentialed in June 2022.

Trip Itinerary:

Thursday, February 2, 2023: Depart for Orlando

- Register and check into the hotel
- Practice on the Disney grounds
- Prepare for competition on Friday

Friday, February 3, 2023: Preliminary Competition

- Based on the schedule preliminary competition
- Watch other teams compete

Saturday, February 4, 2023: Semi Final Competition

- Compete in semi-finals if we make the cut
- Watch other teams compete
- Visit Parks as fitting to our schedule

Sunday, February 5, 2023: Division Finals

- Compete or watch finals
- Attend Post Competition Party at Walt Disney World following the competition on Sunday evening. The park is open to only UDA badged coaches and participants and included in their registration/hotel fees.

Monday, February 6, 2023

- Return Home

Dancers will be required to communicate with teachers on missed work and due dates prior to the trip. Work will be completed ahead of time if possible or as required by the individual teacher.

Dancers are expected to attend school on Tuesday, February 7, 2023