



**OASSA
CHEER OHIO 2016
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)**

Q: My child is registered for another camp (sports, 4-H, etc.) that meets immediately before/after Cheer Ohio camp date. When must he/she arrive at CO camp? How soon on the final day can I pick him/her up? Is there a requirement to stay until a certain part of the awards?

A: The first day of camp begins at 1:00p.m. The teams will meet the staff and begin learning material. The home dance evaluation occurs at 3:00p.m. on the first day as well. If your child is coming from another camp, it is important you communicate with your coach so he/she may plan accordingly. On the final day at Cheer Ohio camp, the teams are evaluated for the last time and compete in camp championships. Again, if you anticipate your child leaving early, please communicate with your coach so that he/she may plan accordingly. Students may leave **ONLY** with parents/coaches from camp at any time.

Q: How are the dorm rooms assigned?

A: Dorm rooms are assigned first-come, first served based on the date your school deposit is received at the OASSA office. Most dorm set-ups are 2 to a room (coaches are usually paired 2 or 3 to a room, often in the larger "end" units on a hall). However, some dorms are set up 3 to a room. Camp Director Lenee' assigns dorm buildings/floor spaces just before your camp begins, when Denison U. allocates our final dorm buildings for each camp. But, ***each school's coaches (or its campers) will decide which campers room with whom.*** Coaches should come to camp prepared with advance roommate plans which anticipate both 2 campers to a room, and 3-to-a-room schemes for some or all of your campers, so you can quickly adapt to whichever building configuration you are assigned to. *Special provisions will be made to ensure male attendees have separate sleeping quarters, bathrooms and shower facilities. Registering coach should be sure to indicate male student campers or coaches on the registration form.*

Q: Are the dorms air-conditioned?

A: Most sleeping rooms are not air-conditioned. Most all of the residence halls do have air-conditioned lounges where campers may congregate. We strongly encourage campers to bring an electric fan (as listed on the "Camp Checklist—Things to Bring" list posted on the Camp webpage at http://www.oassa.org/index.php/Site/cheer_ohio/)

Q: What about shower arrangements?

A: Depending on the dorm building assigned, there may be shower facilities on each floor with 6-8 individual shower areas, or you may be housed in room suites which share a shower/bath room between the two suites. Campers can expect a private area to disrobe/shower. *Separate provisions will be made for male campers/coaches; please note gender on registration form.*

Q: Is the field house air-conditioned?

A: No, the field house is not air-conditioned but utilizes a cooling system. Water coolers are provided and filled daily to keep the campers hydrated throughout the camp.

Q: Can we bring banners or signs to decorate our dorm?

A: You are most welcome to bring banners and signs to decorate your dorm hall. Denison requests that there be **NO GLITTER** on any of your signs. Denison also requests that you do NOT use “Duck” tape; please use only masking tape for decoration, or string to hang things.

Q: What about banners for the field house?

A: There is no requirement to bring a banner to camp. However, you are welcome to bring one if you wish. If you have a banner you want to hang in the field house during your camp, it can be hung with rope or string; no tape allowed in the field house. Again, **NO GLITTER**. Please see Cheer Ohio staff for assistance in hanging banners in the field house in order to comply with Denison’s rules.

Q: Is there internet access while on the campus at Denison (in-room and/or wireless)? Do I need a special user name or password to sign on?

A: Wireless (wi-fi) access is open on campus but can be “spotty” in places due to the hilly terrain. For “wired” access, coaches can request a guest user name and password at registration check-in the day you arrive. Your computer should have an up-to-date operating system and up-to-date virus protection installed PRIOR to trying to connect to the Denison system (this includes MAC laptops). If you have any special security on your laptop, that sometimes causes sign-on issues.

Q: The 2016 Camp Theme is “SURVIVOR.” What do we do with the camp theme?

A: You can do whatever you would like. Some schools bring outfits or shirts in the style of the theme. Some teams like to dress up in the theme on pizza party night. It is your choice. The staff will dress on either day 2 or 3 in the theme (*we’ll tell you once you arrive at camp*), and we base some of our classes on the theme.

Q: What should we expect at the pizza party?

A: For the pizza party teams sometimes come dressed up that evening. Some prefer to practice up to the time of the pizza party and come in cheer clothes. Again, your choice to do what you prefer. The staff will change into “regular” clothing that evening to enjoy a non-instructional setting.

Q: Do we have to attend all classes?

A: Some classes are optional. If you chose not to attend, we just ask that you follow the schedule closely and are in attendance at the next meeting time so you don’t miss anything.

Q: Can coaches video material while at camp?

A: To ensure retention of material by your team members, you are welcome to video any of the review sessions to take back home (use your smart phone, iPad, etc.) Camp staff will provide video tips and guidelines and advise of any restrictions once you are on-site.

Q : Do we compete against other schools while there?

A: On your daily evaluations you are only “competing” against yourself. For the Final Day competition, the Dance competition and Intermediate Dance/Fight Song, you do compete against other teams (*refer to Daily Schedule for more info*).

Q. What categories of awards are given at camp?

A. **Cheer Ohio** offers awards for each division (Varsity, JV, and Freshmen) at all four cheer camps. We also give separate awards for Jr. High/Middle Level (*Grades 7 and 8*) at Camp #2 (June 24-27) and Camp # 3 (July 11-13). (*At these 2 camps, Jr. High/Middle School awards may be awarded for both 7th and 8th Grade or combined into one MS award, based on team registrations at your particular camp.*) At Camps #1 and #4, Jr. High/Middle Level squads will be combined with the Freshmen for the purpose of awards.

Q: Do you select All-Stars?

A: Yes, we select Camp “All-Stars” based on all-around talented individuals with a great attitude.

Q: How do you get a “spirit phone”?

A – Spirit phones are awarded each day and on the last day. This award is given to teams who work hard and have a great positive energy. We look for teams who follow the rules in the evening and are overall just very spirited. We only give a few each day (approximately 5 or 6.) Sometimes every team in attendance is great – but we limit the daily “spirit phone” to the top schools each day. On final day we award those who showed these qualities all week.

Q. What is the “Spirit Key”?

A. The “Spirit Key” is the most prestigious award offered at camp. At the end of camp, each school nominates the teams they think exhibited the best positive team attitude and sportsmanship all week.

CHEER-CAMP SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

Q: Will our squads be separated at camp?

A: It is up to the school to combine or separate their squads as they wish during camp. It is recommended that you consider separating or combining your squads into the same configurations that you will be using when you are cheering back at home. For further guidance or assistance, contact OASSA Cheer and Dance Consultant/Camp Director Lenee’ at lenee@oassa.org

Q: What is the Home Dance competition? Are we required to participate in the Home Dance session?

A: Home Dance is an optional dance competition (*participation is not required*). We will evaluate your team and judge them for placement. Your routine should be at least 45 seconds but not longer than 2 minutes. NO tumbling in the dance – *but if you already have it in the dance and can’t change it for camp, we just don’t judge that part of it.* **Tip:** You may do the music segment of your new competition routine or make up a fun dance to bring to camp.

Refer to the Cheer Ohio 2016 Information Sheet (Doc. #6) for details and guidelines; visit our Cheer Ohio webpage at http://www.oassa.org/index.php/Site/cheer_ohio/

Q: Is participation in the Home Cheer required?

A: It is recommended that you participate in the Home Cheer; please come to camp prepared with a Home Cheer (*many schools bring their tryout cheer*) Mounting teams **MAY** stunt in Home Cheer. We do give an evaluation on your home cheer and will award ribbons. Refer to the Cheer Ohio 2016 Information Sheet (Doc. #6) for details and guidelines; visit our Cheer Ohio webpage at http://www.oassa.org/index.php/Site/cheer_ohio/

Q : Do we need to bring our own Cheers and Chants?

A: No, we will teach you everything you need to learn. (*As mentioned previously, we do recommend bringing a HOME CHEER for the first day evaluation.*)

Q: When we do the Home Cheer and/or the Home Dance, can we do that as a full (combined) squad, and then break up for individual freshmen, JV and varsity evaluations?

A: For the Home Dance, you may combine or split your group however you want to. For the Home Cheer, we recommend you set your group up according to the way you want them to be evaluated for the rest of the camp functions. For more clarification, refer to the CO 2016 Information Sheet or contact Lenee' at lenee@oassa.org

If you have a special need or question not addressed here, please contact Cheerleading Coordinator Jeri Dill at 614-430-8311, ext. 13 or jdill@oassa.org, or OASSA Cheer and Dance Consultant/Camp Director Lenee' at lenee@oassa.org

Please note that Denison University has a "no pets on campus" policy.