

ELITCH GARDENS – SPIRIT FEST | 299 Walnut Street | Denver, CO 80204 or email to

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21st Annual Spirit Fest Championships!

Saturday, September 8, 2018

- A variety of cheer and dance divisions to fit any performance group.
- GRAND CHAMPION will be honored in cheer and dance --- both at the All-Star and High School level.
- Awards in each division for first, second and third.
- First place teams competing in a category with a minimum of 3 or more teams will receive a team award, plus one 2019 Elitch Gardens Season Pass per competitor.
- Second and Third place teams competing in a category with a minimum of 3 or more teams will receive a team award, plus one 2019 one-day ticket per person.
- Competitor Fee: Special discount price of only \$32.99 per ticket (general admission price is \$59.99) and includes competition fees, plus a full day of fun! **Competitors MUST pay competition fee. Season passes may not be used.**
- Registration starts at 8am with competition beginning at 9am. Park will be open and fully operational to the public from 10am to park close.
- Family and friends can avoid waiting in line and save money by pre-purchasing tickets at the discounted rate of \$27.99. Non-competitor tickets are also available online with promo code: SPIRIT.

Registration and Ticket information, contact Lisa Miller at 303-572-4531 or email lmiller@elitchgardens.com

Competition information regarding rules and divisions, contact Angela Ottmann spiritfest@comcast.net

For general park information, visit our website at ElitchGardens.com

2018 SPIRIT FEST MEDICAL WAIVER AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Include forms with your Team registration form

Competitors participating in multiple categories must submit a separate waiver for each team/category. I understand that by agreeing to allow my child to participate in Spirit Fest, I/we are assuming the risk of possible sickness or injury of my child as a result of said participation and hereby waive the right to pursue legal action against Elitch Gardens and/or AO Entertainment, LLC, on behalf of my child or myself or my family for any injuries or illness suffered by my child as a result of participating in Spirit Fest 2017.

With the express knowledge of the possible risks involved in participation in the Spirit Fest event, I hereby agree to allow my child to participate and agree on behalf of myself, my child and my family to completely indemnify, defend and hold harmless Elitch Gardens and AO Entertainment, LLC, and their employees, directors, shareholders, agents successors and assigns from any and all possible personal injuries, illness, claims, counterclaims, liability or causes or actions of any kind whatsoever which may arise from or be related in any way to my child's participation in the 2017 Spirit Fest competition.

Participant Name: _____ Team Name: _____

Coach Name: _____ Cheer or Dance (circle one) ~Division: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Number: (____) _____ Cell Number: (____) _____

Insurance (Name & Policy): _____

Allergies to medications: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Parent Name: (please print) _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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RULES OF THE COMPETITION

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS For divisions and rule expectations: www.elitchgardens.com/spiritfest

ALL – STAR TEAMS For divisions and rule expectations: www.usasf.net

SPRING FLOOR FOR ALL STAR CHEER!

RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL TEAMS/DIVISIONS

ENTRANCE/EXIT

- Entrance Time 15 seconds per team
- Exit Time 15 seconds per team
- Maximum Performance Time 2 ½ minutes

PENALTIES

- 3 points will be deducted from the final team average for EACH illegal move
- 1 point will be deducted from the final team average for EVERY 10 seconds over the time limit
- Out of bounds will be given warnings and NOT assessed a penalty infraction

CROSS OVER ALLOWANCE

Individuals may cross over between two different age categories, but may not compete on two different teams within the same division. For example, an individual could compete on both a Senior team and a Junior team, but they could not compete on both a Junior Novice and a Junior Elite team.

NOTE: If you chose to participate in one or more divisions, you need to pay an additional cross over entrance fee and provide a registration form/medical release form for each division.

NO SOLOS WILL BE OFFERED THIS YEAR

CHEERLEADING ROUTINES

- Staging: 42 X 54 Foam Mats (9 Mats)
- Strips will be used for warm ups. Due to limited space, we cannot set up a full floor warm up.
- Routine: 1:30 music max; with a total routine not to exceed 2:30.
- No props (other than signs and poms).
- No special costumes (Official uniforms ONLY)
- Time will begin on the first note of music, the first vocal command, or the first cheer movement and stop with the end of the cheer or last note of music.

POM/DANCE/HIP-HOP/JAZZ ROUTINES

- Staging: 42' 42' Sports Court
- Floor area available for warm up.
- Dance Lifts: Will be permitted and defined as an action in which the dancer is elevated from the performance surface and set down. No hip over the head rotation is allowed. Base must

maintain direct contact with the performance surface and the dancer that is being lifted at all times.

- Knee drops are prohibited.
- No Props (other than poms)
- Landing all jumps, kicks, and leaps must include at least one foot on the ground. Appropriate school affiliated uniforms/costumes are acceptable.
- Time will begin on the first note of the music and will stop with the last note of the music or last movement.
- No inappropriate choreography and/or music

STUNT GROUP DIVISION

(32.99/person, additional registration)

- You may compete as a team entry and be part of one other stunt group.
- Maximum of one minute (all music) and no more than five participants.
- Timing will begin on the first note of music and will end with the last note of music.
- Staging: Same as Cheer Floor (9 mats).
- Please specify Junior Varsity or Varsity.

JUDGES

- Penalty Judges for Cheer and Dance will be USASF certified
- All Star Rules will go into effect from the June, 2015 USASF Postings
- There will be a minimum of 3 certified panel judges per division; an average score will be determined for awards
- SpiritFest Judging Sheets can be found at www.elitchgardens.com/spiritfest
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DETAILS Cheer & Dance Championships

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS

CHEER

- Varsity Cheer (5A)
- Varsity Cheer (4A)
- Varsity Cheer (1A-3A)
- JV Cheer
- Freshman /Jr. High Cheer
- Varsity Co-Ed Cheer (1+males)
- Stunt group

DANCE

- Varsity Pom/Dance (5A)
- Varsity Pom/Dance (4A)
- Varsity Pom/Dance (1A-3A)
- Freshman /Jr. High Dance
- JV Pom/Dance
- Varsity Jazz (All classifications)
- Open Studio Dance
- Varsity Hip Hop (All classifications)

ALL STAR DIVISIONS (For more information go to www.usasf.net)

CHEER

- Mini Prep Cheer (Level 1,2,3)
- Mini Cheer (Level 1,2,3,4)
- Youth Cheer (Level 1,2,3,4)
- Small Junior Prep (Level 2,3,4,5)
- Junior Cheer (Level 2,3,4,5)
- Junior Co-Ed Cheer (Level 2,3,4,5)
- Senior Cheer (Level 2,3,4,5)
- Senior Co-Ed Cheer (Level 2,3,4,5)
- Rec Divisions

STUNT GROUP DIVISION (31.99/person, additional registration)

- Junior Girls (9th grade and under): A total of 5 team members, including spotters
- Senior Girls (9th grade and up): A total of 5 team members, including spotters
- Senior Co-Ed: one male, one female, and one additional spotter
- All stunt groups must follow High School Federation rules. This includes High School and All Star Divisions

DANCE

- Tiny Dance (Level 1, 2,3)
- Mini Dance (Level 1,2,3,4)
- Youth Dance (Level 1,2,3,4)
- Junior Dance (Level 2,3,4,5)
- Senior Dance (Level 2,3,4,5)

ELIGIBILITY

- All participants MUST be registered students in the school gym they are representing and/or full-time members of the team.
- All participants MUST be in proper uniform or costume.
- Each participant should have his/her own personal insurance or school insurance. This information must be included on the Medical Forms per participant.

MUSIC

- **Please note – Our sound system depends on the quality of your recording**
- All teams MUST provide their IPOD/MP3 as their music source
- Music for each performance must begin at the start of the track. A sound system will be provided. Please have a back-up in case of an emergency. Please no cassette tapes or CD's
- Entries will be expected to be in the warm-up area at least 10-15 minutes prior to performing. Music MUST be turned into the Sound Table at that time.
- It is MANDATORY that a coach or a parent be at the Sound Table during the performance to assist the sound technician.
- **Elitch Gardens endorses ASCAP/BMI and other music licensing to allow coaches to use original music!**

DRESSING ROOMS

- You are strongly encouraged to arrive at Elitch Gardens already in your uniform. You may rent lockers and have members change before they perform.
- No dressing room is available. Restrooms are accessible throughout the park.
- Elitch Gardens will not be responsible for any lost or stolen articles.

FOOD

- Meal deals are available for \$12.00 – a great savings on combo meals throughout the park.
- Concession stands will be available for your use throughout the park. No outside food is permitted. **Water bottles are permitted and encouraged!**

AWARDS

- Divisions must have a minimum of 3 teams in a category to receive the 2018 Season Passes and the 2018 One-Day admission tickets.
- Only one season pass per competitor. If a competitor wins in more than one category, they will not receive additional season passes.
- Grand Champion awards are based on the average high point scores with all divisions combined, in both cheer and dance divisions.
- First place teams will receive a trophy and one 2018 Elitch Gardens Season Pass for each squad member (per paid admission on the order form) and one coach.
- Second place and third place teams will receive a trophy and one 2018 Elitch Gardens one-day admission ticket for each squad member (per paid admissions on the order form)

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the event of inclement weather, the event producer, along with Elitch Gardens, will make the final decision regarding competing for the safety of the athletes and participants. If the competition is cancelled, tickets may be used for admission into the park on another operating day in 2018

