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Farmington Competition Cheer Teams Booster Club

FAQ for 2019-2020 NHSCC Reservations / Payments

Q1. When and where is NHSCC?

A. The NHSCC is February 7-9, 2020 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Disney World, Orlando, FL

Q2. What are the travel dates for the JV and Varsity teams for NHSCC?

A. The teams/coaches will be departing Minneapolis on Wednesday, February 5, 2019 and returning on Monday, February 10, 2019.

Q3. Who makes the teams' reservations?

A. The Booster Club is responsible for making the teams' flight arrangements. Coach Jen will make the teams' hotel arrangements through the UCA / Disney reservation system.

Q4. Do athletes need to travel to Florida with the team/coaches?

A. Yes. This is a school-sponsored sports trip. All athletes are required to travel together on the same flight, with the coaches to Orlando.

Q5. Do athletes need to travel home with the team/coaches?

A. If parents/families choose to extend their trip, athletes will be allowed to return home at a later date with their parents. ***Parents must inform the coaches and Booster Club President in writing of their plans to extend their trips (please see Q6 below).***

If extending your trip, it is the parent's responsibility to book their athlete's return flight at their own expense.

If not extending the trip, athletes will need to return home with the team/coaches on the group flight.

Q6. When will we need to determine if we're extending our trip or not?

A. The ***Booster Club will need to know this no later than August 31, 2019.***

Why? We begin searching for flight options as early as September so we can obtain a low-cost fare as soon as we find one, and then make the necessary deposits. We need to know exactly how many round-trip vs. one-way travelers we have in order to make the correct reservations. If we

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don't have this information, we're unable to book and may lose out on a lower fare. Once you've notified us and we've contracted the group fare with the airline, we're very limited in any changes we can make. Any fees associated with **allowed** changes are the responsibility of the parent, not the Booster Club. Again, this is a school-sponsored, team trip. Team plans and reservations are the priority, so please make your own plans early.

Q7. Can parents fly with the team as part of the group airfare?

A. *New This Year:* No. The Booster Club will not be making any parent travel arrangements this year. While we didn't have any issues with parents/family traveling with the group, it's just more efficient for all involved for parents to manage their arrangements on their own. However, all parents and family members are still welcome to fly on the same flight(s) as the team. We will share the teams' flight information as soon as we have it, so parents can make their own reservations on the same flight if they choose to do so.

Q8. Are athletes allowed to stay in their parents' rooms at the hotel?

A. No. Following Community Ed and the coaches consulting with the FHS athletic director, other schools, and UCA, it was determined that athletes will be housed in team rooms at NHSCC. This is standard practice with other school sports and activities trips and will be for competition cheer as well. This will also allow the Booster Club better control and more uniform pricing for each athlete's room costs, given we know how many athletes there are and that they'll all be housed together.

Q9. How many athletes will be in each room?

A. *New This Year:* In the past with team rooms, we have housed 4 athletes per room in an effort to keep costs as low as possible. Given the small room size and the extremely busy competition schedule at nationals, we've received some requests to adjust the number of athletes per room. Following discussions, we are making a change to only house 2 athletes per room this year. This will allow all of the athletes more space within the room, more convenient/easier bathroom (shower) schedules, and their own beds to hopefully be able to obtain better sleep and be more rested. In the event there are an uneven number of athletes, one room will be required to house 3 athletes.

Q9a. Won't this make the trip more expensive?

A. Yes, this does add some cost. However, the Booster Club has made it a goal to incorporate more fundraising efforts to defray the extra cost of switching to double rooms.

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Q10. Are parents/family allowed to stay at the same hotel as the team, and who makes their reservations?

A. Yes. Parents are allowed to stay at the hotel and will be given the UCA/Disney reservation information once the teams' reservation is confirmed. This should come in mid-October or early November. However, parents are not required to stay at the team hotel. Parents, family or friends making the trip will be responsible for their own hotel arrangements.

Q11. How much does NHSCC cost, and when do we pay for the trip?

A. **Changed This Year:** We have estimated the cost of the trip to be about \$1,500 this year. We won't have an exact cost until UCA and Disney release their pricing and we've confirmed our airfare. We've based this estimate on past trip cost, have incorporated an anticipated increase in UCA/Disney pricing, included the increase in cost by switching to double occupancy rooms, and have also included an increased amount for team dinners and NHSCC apparel.

As stated in Q9a, the Booster Club will be working very hard to fundraise a large portion of the expenses for NHSCC through group fundraising. Our goal and hope is to create a large enough pool of funds for our teams that will allow us to make necessary deposits and other payments, while reducing the out of pocket expense to families. *However, we need ALL athletes' and families' help in order to make these fundraising efforts successful.*

Payment: The Booster Club begins collecting for the trip through installment payments, with the 1st installment being due **September 1. Remaining installments are due October 1, November 1, and December 1.** Invoices will be sent to each family prior to the payment due date, and amounts will be determined based on how much has been earned in fundraising.

NOTE: Any out of pocket expense for NHSCC will be drawn from any fundraising (group and individual) money available first. If you've been fundraising, you may have enough to cover some, if not all, of the installments due. We've had a number of athletes in the past fundraise their entire trip. If we haven't earned enough in group fundraising and you don't have any individual fundraising available, these payments become an out of pocket expense. If you have questions on what you've earned in fundraising, please contact Booster Club Treasurer Greg Kroshus at fcctbc.treasurer@gmail.com

Q12. Why do we have to pay so early, when the trip isn't until February?

A. We have deposit and payment deadlines that need to be met with the vendors (UCA, airlines). As stated earlier, we begin looking for airfare in September. The 1st installment ensures that we have the funds to be able to book airfare (if a cheap fare is found) and pay the deposit. Typically on a group fare, a deposit is due within the first 48 hours of locking in the fare. Subsequent installments allow us to make the UCA registration immediately upon earning a bid, pay the

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necessary deposit, and then pay off the balances of both the flight and hotel reservations by the vendors' payment deadlines.

Q13. How will the Booster Club contribute to the cost of the trip?

A. We host a number of Booster Club / group fundraisers (Bingo, Dew Days, Brunches, Ramble Jam, Competition, etc.) to try and raise funds to offset costs. As an added contribution, we've also provided the JV and Varsity athletes with Disney gift cards to use to help with their food expenses while in Florida. We are increasing the amount of group activities we're conducting this year in an effort to reduce payments further. Our primary goal is to try and earn enough through our various fundraisers to continue to increase our contributions in order to make meaningful and substantial reductions to out of pocket expenses.