

The 2021 UIL Spirit State Championships are not far away and with the holidays approaching, we want to get you as much information as possible! We are thankful that you have decided to be a part of this year's event in Fort Worth, TX! This is the final information packet you will receive before your arrival for the championship. Please read all the information carefully and be sure to pass along to all admins, parents, spectators, bus drivers, and any other group members who will be attending the event. This will help ensure that everyone is informed as to all aspects of the event. Also, continue to reference all the information on the UIL Spirit State Championships website as most of the questions you may have can be answered by utilizing the provided information.

All UIL competition information, rules & score sheets are located on the following website: https://www.uiltexas.org/spirit/information-for-participant-schools.

Please review carefully the following document found on this page linked above:

COVID-19 Spirit Guidelines

Important Information for Coaches, Spectators, and Teams



Enclosed in this final packet you will find information regarding:

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If you have any questions prior to the competition, you may contact your State Director or email one of the contacts below.

For any payment questions or changes in your registration, including the addition or reduction in numbers, please submit those changes via email to the Registrations Director listed below.

We look forward to seeing you and your team next month in Fort Worth!

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COACHES PACKET UIL Spirit State Championships JANUARY 13-15, 2021

CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATION

Fort Worth Convention Center 1201 Houston Street Fort Worth, TX 76102 (817) 392-6338

EVENT CHECK-IN:

A representative from each team must check-in at the Event Information Area at the designated time listed on the performance order. Registration is located in **Room 103 B (near 12th & Houston Street entrance)**. At check-in, coaches will receive the team packet, athlete and coach's credentials and will turn in required forms. All required forms must be turned in prior to your scheduled practice. Teams that do not turn these forms in will not be allowed to practice or compete.

REQUIRED FORMS:

Participant Release Form: http://www.uiltexas.org/spirit/information-for-participant-schools http://www.uiltexas.org/spirit/information-for-participant-schools http://www.uiltexas.org/spirit/information-for-participant-schools http://www.uiltexas.org/spirit/information-for-participant-schools http://www.uiltexas.org/spirit/information-for-participant-schools

Music Licensing: No form required; however, you will need to show proof of purchase

or licensing at check-in. Please see page 3 for more information.

Submission of the below forms must be submitted to UIL **prior** to the event:

Team Form: https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-spirit

**If submitted after 12.16, team may not be included in the digital Event Program

Add'l Info Form (Admin, Medals, Hotel): https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=650861

BAND APP:

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to join the official UIL Spirit State Championship BAND group. All event information will solely be provided through this group once the event begins. Please encourage your spectators and team members to join the group as well.

BUS PARKING:

School vehicle parking will be available at Farrington Field (map attached). The address is: 1501 University Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION:

Shuttles will be available Wednesday-Friday between Farrington Field and the FWCC for BUS DRIVERS ONLY. Look for designated pick-up/drop-off area and signage on Houston Street. Teams should be dropped off and picked up at the FWCC only.

SPECTATOR TICKETS:

Tickets will be \$15 per person and must be purchased online. Click HERE for ticketing website. Processing fees, which are non-refundable, will apply. Each spectator ticket purchase will generate TWO tickets with individual QR codes. ONLY if your designated team advances from the Qualifying Round, the second ticket issued at purchase will allow the spectator entrance into the final. Otherwise, the second ticket issued becomes null and void. Spectators should review ALL SPECTATOR INFORMATION prior to purchase of tickets and arrival at the venue. Due to COVID-19 social distancing and limited capacity requirements, spectators will not-be-allowed-for-live-awards-ceremonies.



PRACTICE AND MUSIC

PERFORMANCE AREAS:

All teams will compete on a 42' deep x 54' wide carpeted floor. Only soft-soled tennis shoes will be allowed on the performance surface.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS:

UIL and Varsity accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen items. We recommend that each team designate someone to keep an eye on its possessions. Because teams will be exiting the venue following performances, items should be kept with team though practice and performance rotations. Designated areas for belongings will be provided.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Check-in time for practice is located on the right hand of your performance order. Your practice check-in time will be approximately 30-40 minutes prior to your performance time in the Fort Worth Convention Center. Practice venue for ALL teams is located between both performance venues. From the practice area, you will move to the "On Deck" area to prepare for your routine. If you miss your practice time, you will not be given another opportunity to practice in the designated area. Only team members and Coaches with practice room credentials may enter the practice area. Family members and spectators will not be admitted to the practice area. A high-quality sound system will be provided for teams with music on an iPod/mp3.

PERFORMANCE MUSIC:

All teams will either need to supply their music on an iPod / MP3 music player or phone. Please make sure it is already download on your music player and not playing off the cloud or require internet to play.

iPod / MP3 MUSIC OPTION – You will be able to plug your iPod / MP3 player, phones in directly to the sound system to play your routine music. If utilizing digital music player, you will be provided the necessary cables. If using a newer model of the iPhone, you will be required to provide your own dongle. Be sure to follow these steps below prior to your performance:

Set up a playlist for each routine
Turn OFF any equalizer, sound check, notifications, and/or volume limit
Turn your volume up to 100%

If using a phone, make sure it is in airplane mode to avoid incoming calls during performance

MUSIC PROOF OF LICENSING

- Teams must be able to provide proof of licensing, in the form of a printed copy, during registration at the event they are attending. This may include:
 - ✓ Proof of purchase from a preferred provider
 - ✓ If using a single song, receipt from purchase of single song
 - ✓ If using an editor, the editor does not have to be a preferred provider; however, they must be able to provide you with proof of purchase from a preferred provider and proof of licensing for all sound effects and voiceovers included in the mix
 - ✓ If using a non-commercial music provider, documentation that assigns all applicable rights to theteam
 - Written permission from school if music is original to and owned by school
 - Compulsory licensed with written permission if using band's recording of music NOT owned by school
- If a team does not have the required paperwork, they will be given the option to count the routine verbally or perform to an approved track of music or a track with counts (provided by Varsity Spirit).
- If a team does not have the required paperwork and chooses not to count the routine verbally or perform to the approved track of music or a track with counts, the team will be disqualified from the competition and not be allowed to perform.

PERFORMANCE ORDER:

The detailed performance order link has been included on the UIL website below. The Performance Order contains VITAL information including specific designated times teams: may arrive at venue, will check in to warm-up, and must depart from venue as well as designated times for SPECTATOR arrival. Please make sure all parents and spectators understand the designated times and parameters. https://www.uiltexas.org/spirit/spirit-state-championships/schedule

SCORE SHEETS:

Score sheets from the Qualifying Round will be available approximately 45 minutes after your team has performed and may be picked up at Event Information located in 103 B. Final score sheets will be distributed following completion of the competition.

Only one coach per team should come to Event Information to pick up and sign for their team's score sheets. Rankings will be posted on the UIL website after each Qualifying Round and State Championship (Finals) Round. Emails communicating finalists will not be sent and will ONLY be communicated in the BAND app.

AWARDS:

LIVE AWARDS CEREMONIES are being planned. The entire teams will NOT be on the floor—only designated persons will come to floor to accept awards. Due to COVID-19 social distancing and limited capacity requirements, there will be no SPECTATORS for the live awards ceremonies. Coaches and athletes are encouraged to video awards ceremonies to share. The NFHS Network will live stream the event including awards ceremonies. Awards to be presented include:

- □ State Championship Team trophy, Runner-up trophy, 3rd Place Team trophy for each division.
- □ Individual medals will be provided by UIL by division as per the maximum (one coach medal is provided): 1A & 2A=13 medals, 3A & 4A=21, 5A & 6A=31. *No draping of medals this year.
- □ "Best of Category" recognition plaque for top scoring school in each of the three elements based on qualifying round scores: Band Dance, Crowd Leading and Fight Song.
- □ All schools must have completed the "Additional Information Form" prior to arriving on site for the UIL to have medal information.

NO TELEPHOTO/ZOOM LENSES ALLOWED:

Because we take the safety and security of our participants seriously, our policy is to protect your privacy and that of all participants. Still cameras with telephoto or zoom lenses will not be allowed during performances by unauthorized personnel/officials.

Spectators will have the opportunity to purchase professional action shots from their team's performances after the event at http://www.actionmoments.com/

LIVE STREAM: Will be provided by the NFHS Network. See UIL website for details.

TEAM APPAREL PREORDER: If you are interested in purchasing apparel (for your team, no individual purchases) prior to the event, please see the details on the next page. Payment by credit card is preferred, but they will accept a school check if received by January 4th. All items pre-ordered and pre-paid will be sorted by TEAM and can be picked up on site.



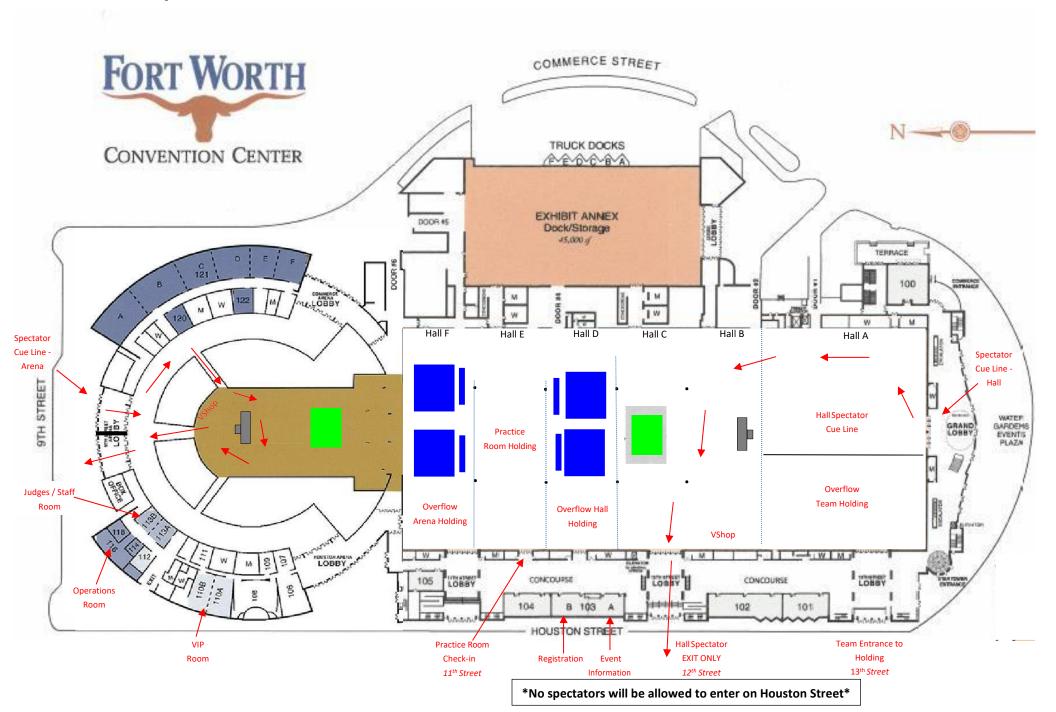


TEAMS CAN PRE-ORDER THE UIL EVENT MERCHANDISE FOR PICK UP AT THE EVENT. YOU CAN CALL AND PLACE YOUR ORDERS AT 800-354-8264, OPTION 2. MERCHANDISE WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP AT THE VARSITY SHOP PRE-ORDER AREA AT THE VENUE.

*TEAM ORDERS ONLY, NO INDIVIDUAL ORDERS.



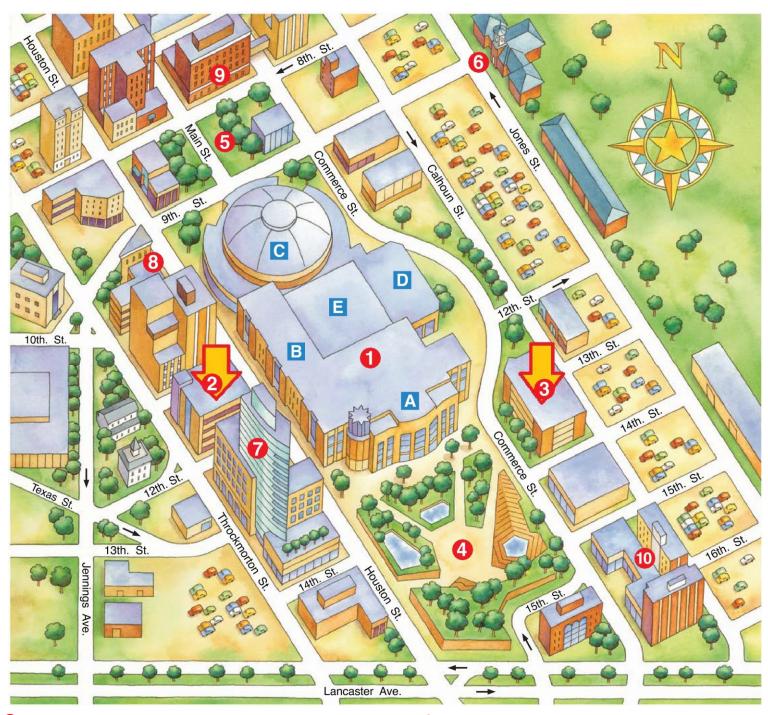
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Fort Worth Convention Center

1201 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 817-392-MEET (6338) or Toll Free 866-630-2588 www.fortworthconventioncenter.com



- Fort Worth Convention Center (FWCC)
 - rl1 Ballroom (Second Floor)
 - I]] Administrative Offices (Mezzanine)
 - !! Arena
 - **!!!** Loading Docks
 - 1:§1 Exhibit Hall
- f) FWCC Houston Street Parking Garage
- (a) FWCC Commerce Street Parking Garage

- Water Gardens
- O General Worth Square Park
- Intermodal Transportation Center
- @ Omni Fort Worth Hotel
- Park Central Hotel
- O Hilton Hotel

Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa

GIVE A COPY OF THIS FORM TO EVERY PARTICIPANT LIABILITY RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM

Every participant must have an original, completed and signed release form to turn in at registration at the door in order to participate

Minor's Name_	Name of Parent or Legal Guardian				
Address	School /Team Name				
City, State, Zip	Division				
Daytime Phone Number ()	Event Location				
Evening Phone Number ()_	Event Date	Cheer [] Dance []			
Liability Release:For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged,, a sparent or legal guardian of, a minor (hereinafter "Minor"), hereby grant the permission necessary to allow Minor to participate in the above ("Event") to be conducted by Varsity Spirit LLC ("Varsity Spirit"). I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, further agree to release and to hold harmless Varsity Spirit, Varsity Spirit's Corporate Sponsors (hereinafter "Sponsors), the hosting site, (university, hotel, convention center, high school) on whose premises the Event will occur (hereinafter the "Location"), the affiliates and brands of Varsity Spirit, the National High School Cheerleading Championships, Inc., a not for profit corporation ("NHSCC"), U.S. All Star Federation, Inc., a not for profit corporation ("USASF"), USA Cheer, a not for profit corporation ("USA Cheer") and the respective directors, officers, representatives, members, agents and employees of the preceding parties (hereinafter collectively "Releasees") from any and all liability whether caused by negligence of the Releasees or otherwise for any claim, judgment, loss, liability, cost and expenses (including, without limitations, attorney's fees and costs) arising out of or connected with the Event, all activities associated with the Event and while traveling to and from the site for the Event whether or not the Event actually occurs. I further expressly agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees and Releasees' heirs, successors, assigns, executors and administrators against loss from any further claims, demands or actions that may subsequently be brought by Minor or by any other persons on the account of damages of any character resulting to Minor in any way from the foregoing activities. I further agree to reimburse and to make good to Releasees any loss or costs Releasees may have to pay as a result of any such action, claim or demand. I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, hereby warrant that I					
I,in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, have signed this document voluntarily and of r		D.			
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: X					
Supervision: A chaperone/Adult (age 21 and over) is required to attend with participants. This Chaperone will be responsible for the participants at all times. The Releasees are not responsible for participants' supervision.					
Appearance Agreement: I understand that as participant and/ or a spectator at the Event that Minor may be included in videotapes, dvd's, pod casts and video casts or photographs taken during the Event. Therefore, without reservation or limitations, I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, hereby assign, transfer and grant to Varsity Spirit, its successors, assignees, licensees, sponsors, any television networks, and all other commercial exhibitors the exclusive right to photograph and / or videotape Minor and to utilize such videotapes and photographs and Minor's name, face likeness, voice and appearance as a part of the Event or in any other media now in existence or hereafter developed, in advertising and promoting the Event, in advertising and promoting similar future events or in advertising and promotions relating to Varsity Spirit, and for any other use or purpose whatsoever without reservations and limitations. I further understand that neither Varsity Spirit nor any third party is under any obligation to exercise any of the foregoing rights, licenses and privileges herein granted. I waive any right to inspect or approve any materials related thereto.					
Medical Release: I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, acknowledge and agree that such participation subjects Minor to possibility of physical illness or injury (minimal, serious, catastrophic and/ or death) and that I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, acknowledge that Minor is assuming the risk of such illness or injury by participating in the Event. In the event of such illness or injury, I authorize Varsity Spirit to obtain necessary medical treatment for Minor and hereby, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, release and hold harmless Releasees in the exercises of this authority. I further acknowledge and understand that I will be responsible for any and all medical and related bills that may be incurred on behalf of Minor for any illness or injury that Minor may sustain during the Event and while traveling to and from the site for the Event whether or not the Event actually occurs.					
I represent that any medication to which Minor is allergic or medications that Minor is currently taking are listed below. I agree that Minor shall bring medications which Minor is currently taking with him / her to the Event and that he / she shall consume the prescribed dosage for such medications.					
Medications (if any):					
Allergic to (if any):					
I acknowledge that the Minor suffers from the following conditions:					
I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, hereby warrant that I have read this Participant Release and Waiver Form in its entirety and fully understand its contents. I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, am aware that this Participant Release and Waiver Form releases Releasees from liability and contains an acknowledgement of my volun-tary and knowing assumption of the risk of injury or illness. I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, further acknowledge that nothing in this Participant Release and Waiver Form constitutes a guarantee that the Event will occur. I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, have signed this document voluntarily and of my own free will. Minor and I understand that Sponsors may distribute samples of their products at the Event.					
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: X	D	ate:			
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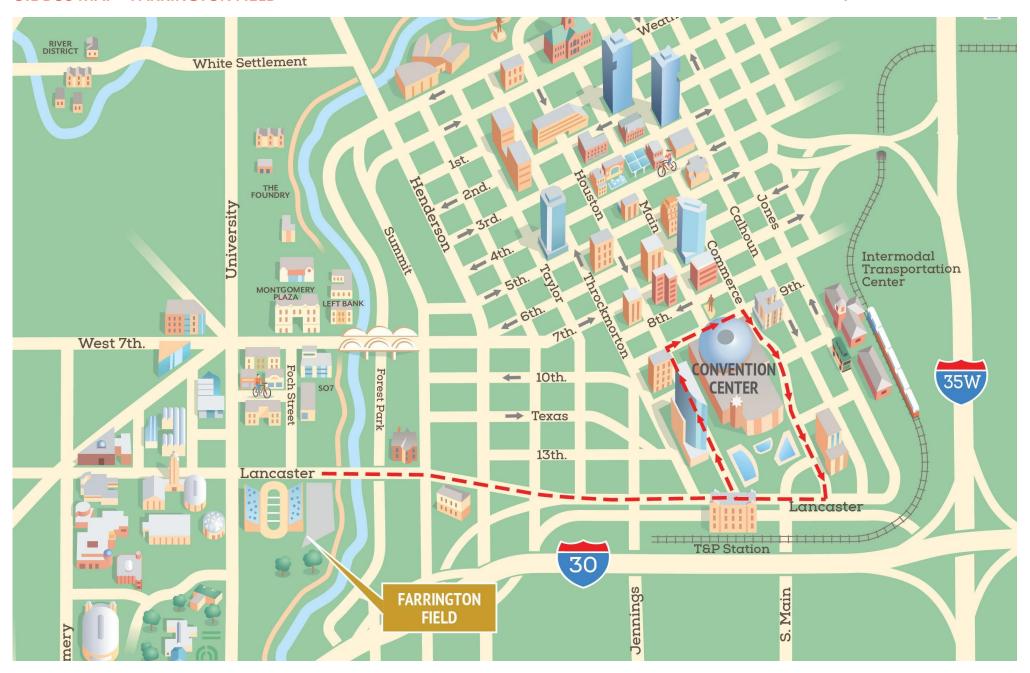
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All drop offs on Houston ONLY!

UIL BUS MAP - FARRINGTON FIELD



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ADDRESS: 1501 University Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76107

DISTANCE: 2.4 miles from Convention Center

SHUTTLE: Will be available to all bus drivers and will circle to the Convention Center and no cost.

• Dotted Red line – Indicates bus drop off route.

DIRECTIONS

I-35 SOUTH

- 1. Exit 51 B Lancaster Downtown
- 2. Turn right on to Lancaster
- 3. Turnrightonto Houston Street Drop offat Convention Center
- 4. Turn left on to 9th and then again at Commerce street to get back on Lancaster.
- 5. Takea right onto Lancaster Follow 2.4 miles to Farrington Fields located on the left.

I-35 NORTH

- 1. Take exit 51 on I-30. Stay in right lane.
- 2. Merge onto I-30
- 3. Keep right and exit 13B for Henderson Street.
- 4. Keep right and follow signs on W Lancaster Ave.
- 5. Turnleft on Lancaster and continue to Houston St.
- Turn left on Houston Street Drop off at Convention Center
- 7. Turn left on to 9th and then again at Commerce street to get back on Lancaster.
- 8. TakearightontoLancaster—Follow 2.4 miles to Farrington Fields located on the left.

I - 30 EAST

- 1. Keep right and exit 13B for Henderson Street.
- 2. Keep right and follow signs on W Lancaster Ave.
- 3. Turnleft on Lancaster and continue to Houston St.
- Turn left on Houston Street Drop off at Convention Center
- 5. Turn left on to 9th and then again at Commerce street to get back on Lancaster.
- 6. TakearightontoLancaster—Follow 2.4 miles to Farrington Fields located on the left.

I - 30 WEST

- Use right 2 lanes to take exit 13 toward TX-199/Henderson St/Summit Ave
- 2. Keep left and follow the signs for Lancaster.
- 3. Turnleft on Lancaster and continue to Houston St.
- Turn left on Houston Street Drop off at Convention Center
- 5. Turn left on to 9th and then again at Commerce street to get back on Lancaster.
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