



**OASSA  
CHEER OHIO 2019  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)**

**Q: My child is registered for another camp (sports, 4-H, etc.) that meets immediately before/after the Cheer Ohio (CO) 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 3:45 p.m. on the first day as well. If your child is coming from another camp, it is important that 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 accommodations are assigned first-come, first served based on the date your school deposit is received at the OASSA office but may also be dictated by floor configurations of Kenyon buildings and on team size. We strive to house all members of a team together on one floor, space permitting. More than one school/team may occupy a single dorm floor, based on size of teams being housed. Dorm room set-ups are predominantly two (2) Twin XL beds to a room, but most floors also offer some singles (1 bed) and triples (3 beds). Coaches should indicate willingness and preferences for doubles, singles and/or triples, space-available. Coaches should assign and provide to OASSA the desired roommate-pairings and should provide plenty of alternate choices for single and triple options from flexible campers. Please adhere to requested deadlines to provide your roommate-pairings (approximately 3 weeks prior to your camp date). *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: For 2019, the JUNE sleeping rooms are air-conditioned; the July rooms are not air-conditioned. We strongly encourage campers to bring an electric fan or other personal cooling device (as listed on the "Camp Checklist—Things to Bring" list) and posted on the Camp webpage at <http://www.oassa.org/cheer-ohio-forms-documents>

**Q: What about shower arrangements?**

A: Shower facilities with multi-stalls are located on each dorm floor; toilet/shower configurations will vary by building. Our 2019 dorms will NOT include suite-style rooms with shared bathrooms between. 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: How are special requests (dietary/allergies, medical/injured camper accommodations, etc.) handled?**

A: Please direct all requests for special accommodations to Jeri Dill at [JDill@oassa.org](mailto:JDill@oassa.org) For dietary concerns: Kenyon College offers an award-winning “farm-to-table” dining experience complete with multiple serving “stations” in Peirce Hall. Allergens are NOT noted on menu boards; campers with dietary concerns may utilize the **Net Nutrition** touch-screen computer located just outside the servery to reference calories, ingredients and allergens for that meal’s menu items. Go to [www.kenyon.edu](http://www.kenyon.edu) and search for “Dining on Campus” for more information; the Dining Hall Director invites questions via e-mail and phone call.

**Q: Is Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC) air-conditioned?**

A: Yes! Campers will receive instruction in the fully air-conditioned and modern facility known as the KAC (Building #7 on the Kenyon Campus map found at <http://www.oassa.org/cheer-ohio-forms-documents> . Campers may bring their own water bottles from home and re-fill at fountains conveniently locations within the facility and in the Dining Hall to ensure adequate hydration 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. Kenyon College requests that there be **NO GLITTER** on any of your signs. Please use only masking or other “non-permanent” tape for decoration, or string to hang things. **Please do NOT hang anything from the sprinkler heads in the dorm rooms.**

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

A: Public wireless (wi-fi) access is open on campus; more details provided at Check-In. TIPS: Ensure your device has an up-to-date operating system and up-to-date virus protection installed PRIOR to trying to connect to the Kenyon system (this includes MAC laptops). *If you have any special security on your laptop, that sometimes causes sign-on issues.*

**Q: The 2019 Camp Theme is “START YOUR ENGINES!” 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 (see “Pizza Party” below). It is your choice. The staff will dress in “theme” on either Day 2 (at 3-day camps) or Day 3 (at 4-day camps). We’ll tell you once you arrive at camp, and we base some of our classes and activities on the theme.

**Q: What should we expect at the pizza party?**

A: Attendance is optional but strongly encouraged. Team orders and CASH are to be turned in on at Check-In on Day One (orders will be placed by 5:00pm). There are options for gluten-free crust; see **Pizza Party Form (Doc. #5)** on the Cheer Ohio webpage at <http://www.oassa.org/cheer-ohio-forms-documents>. Teams sometimes come dressed in “theme” clothes; others prefer to take a break from camp attire and dress in picnic/dressy-casual (shorts, jeans, sundresses, etc.) 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. Water will be provided; you may also bring other beverages of your choice (*lemonade, sodas, etc.*)

**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 offer separate awards for Jr. High/Middle Level (*Grades 7 and 8*) at Camp #2 (June 20-23) and Camp # 4 (July 18-20). (*At these 2 camps, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and “combo” JH/MS teams may compete for combined Jr. High/Middle School awards, based on team registrations for your particular camp.*) At Camps #1 (June 17-19) and #3 \*July 15-17), any Jr. High/Middle Level squads attending will be combined with the Freshmen squads 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 (megaphones) 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 Cheer Ohio “Spirit Key” Award?**

A: The Cheer Ohio “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. (*We hope you like our sleek new acrylic design for 2019!*)

**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 (*except, see final question below*). For further guidance or assistance, contact OASSA Cheer Ohio Camp Director Kaylie Martinez at [KMartinez@oassa.org](mailto:KMartinez@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 won'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. NOTE: Teams participating in the Home Dance should mark that section on the “Terms of Agreement/Music Certification” form (Doc. # 4) and bring a proof of purchase or authenticity document for your music.

Also, refer to the Cheer Ohio 2019 “Camp Overview” info sheet (Doc. #8) for more details and guidelines; visit our Cheer Ohio webpage at <http://www.oassa.org/cheer-ohio-forms-documents> For questions regarding copyright matters (*including a list of Preferred Providers and guidelines for music purchases made from iTunes, Amazon MP3, Google Play, etc.*), please review the “**Music Copyrights Educational Initiative**” information found on the USA Cheer website at: <https://www.usacheer.org/music>

**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*). Building (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 2019 “Camp Overview” info sheet (Doc. #8) for details and guidelines; visit our Cheer Ohio webpage at: <http://oassa.publishpath.com/cheer-ohio-forms-documents>

**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 2019 “Camp Overview” info document or contact Camp Director Kaylie Martinez at [KMartinez@oassa.org](mailto:KMartinez@oassa.org)

If you have a special need or question not addressed here, please contact Cheerleading Registration Coordinator Jeri Dill at 614-430-8311, ext. 13 or [jdill@oassa.org](mailto:jdill@oassa.org), or OASSA Cheer Ohio Camp Director Kaylie Martinez at [KMartinez@oassa.org](mailto:KMartinez@oassa.org)

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For more information about the **OASSA Cheer and Dance program** (*including our OASSA Regional Qualifier events in February, 2020 and our State Cheer and Dance Championships in March, 2020*), contact OASSA Competition Director Denise Farnsworth at [DFarnsworth@oassa.org](mailto:DFarnsworth@oassa.org) or visit our Cheer and Dance webpages at <http://www.oassa.org/cheerdance>

*Please note that Kenyon College has a “no pets on campus” policy.*

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