# **Cheerleading Squad**

# **Team Organization**

The UCF Cheerleading Team typically consists of 18 men and 16 women. The team represents UCF at all home and away football games, men's and women's basketball games and all home volleyball matches. In addition, the team acts as ambassadors for the University of Central Florida in numerous community appearances each year.

#### **National Competition**

UCF is widely regarded as one of the premier programs in all of college cheerleading. Appearing in the finals of the ESPN Championship show every year since 1994, the team has finished in the top three in 10 of last 16 years including 2 national championships (2003 & 2007). UCF competes in in Division I-A which is the nation's highest level. \* For our complete record, please go to the Spirit Team Home page and click on "Records".

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#### **Scholarships**

Scholarships ranging from \$500-\$4000 per year are awarded to the top 16-20 new prospects and returning team members each year. In addition, out of state tuition scholarships are available to a limited number of out of state team members.

#### Travel

The UCF Cheerleading team travels to most away football games and post season conference championships and tournaments. The cheerleaders have traveled to some of the nation's premier sporting events including 6 NCAA basketball tournaments, the Liberty Bowl and the team spent a week at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel on Waikiki Beach for the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl. All travel expenses including meals, hotel and airfare are provided by the university.

## **Benefits**

The UCF Cheer Team enjoys tremendous support from the University administration and the Athletic Association. The team is provided with all of the services available to NCAA student athletes at UCF including but not limited to:

- No out of pocket costs. (Equipment, travel, camp, nationals etc.)
- Priority class registration
- Academic Advisor & Academic Mentors
- Tutors & study hall services
- Scholarships
- Strength coach
- Sports information director and team photographer
- · Certified athletic trainer at all games and practices

The team is sponsored by Nike and as such, all practice attire, game uniforms, shoes, warm-ups, bags etc. are provided at no cost to the student.

# **Coaching Staff**

The stability, vast experience and cohesiveness of our UCF cheer coaching staff has led to tremendous success over the last two decades. For complete bios on our staff, please see our "Staff" link on the Spirit Team Home Page.

## **Facilities**

# - THE "VENUE" PRACTICE FACILITY -

In August of '07 the existing UCF Arena was remodeled to include a dedicated practice gymnasium for men's and women's basketball, volleyball and the UCF Spirit Program. Practice area is equipped with competition cheer floor. For photos of the cheer practice area click click HERE.

- ACADEMIC SERVICES FOR STUDENT ATHLETES ASSA is home to the professional academic advisors assigned to the student athletes at UCF including our cheer team members. These advisors offer guidance into major and minor fields of study. Additional support services include organized study sessions, tutorial services, time management, study skills instruction and direction for establishing college success strategies. (for additional information click HERE)
- WAYNE DENSCH STRENGTH FACILITY This state-of-the-art strength training facility is home to all of UCF's athletic teams including the cheer team. (for additional information click HERE)

- -UCF EDUCATION GYM Cheer practice facility during winter break and for various camps and clinics. Gym is complete with competition cheer floor and spotting apparatus. Directions: From the University Blvd. entrance come straight in and cross Gemini Blvd. driving straight into the Education Building parking garage. This garage is located right next to the Education Building Gymnasium.
- ORLANDO ALL STARS and DOUBLE DOWN ALL STAR GYM Weekend and off-season practice both facilities are located 3-5 miles from the campus. Each includes spring, and regular cheer floor floors, tumble track and spotting apparatus. These gyms also offer tumbling and co-ed stunt classes. For information contact Orlando All Stars Cheerleading Gym at 407 679-6620 or the Double Down All-Star Cheerleading Gym at 407-365-8021. When you call, please let them know that we referred you.
- BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS STADIUM Home of the UCF Knights Football team. This on-campus stadium opened in the Fall of '07. (For details and directions click HERE)
- UCF ARENA Home of the UCF Knights men's and women's basketball teams. This on-campus facility opened in the Fall of '07. (For details and directions click HERE)

#### **Directions to UCF (main campus)**

#### From Tampa

Take I-4 EAST to exit # 82A onto FL-408 Take FL-408 EAST to exit #18A onto FL-417 Take FL-417 to the University Blvd exit #37 Turn RIGHT onto University Take University all the way down to UCF

#### From Tallahassee

Take I-10 EAST to exit #296A onto I-75 SOUTH Take I-75 SOUTH to exit #328 onto FL-Turnpike SOUTH

Take FL-408 to exit #18A onto FL-417 toward Sanford Take FL-417 to the University Blvd exit #37

Take University all the way down to UCF

# From Jacksonville

Take I-95 SOUTH to exit #260B onto I-4 Take I-4 WEST to exit #101 onto FL-417 toward the airport Take FL-417 to the University Blvd exit #37 Turn LEFT onto University Take University all the way down to UCF

#### **From Miami**

Take I-95 NORTH to the Orlando exit onto FL-528 Take FL-528 to exit #16 onto FL-417 toward Orlando Take FL-Turnpike to exit #265 onto FL-408 toward OrlandoTake FL-417 to the University Blvd exit #37

Take University all the way down to UCF