

Friendswood High School Cheerleading
Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
November 20th-26th, 2021

1. General Information Packet
2. Deadline to confirm participation: Sunday, May 2nd, 2021
3. Register Online: <https://spiritofamericaproductions.com/register/>
Registration Code: SOACHEER
4. Registration Fee: \$400.00 per person

2021 Performer Package Prices = per person

Quad: \$2,475 (4 to a room/2 beds)

Triple: \$2,775.00 (3 to a room/1 bed/1 roll away)

Double: \$3,375.00 (2 to a room/1 bed)

PERFORMER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Participation in the 95th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®
- Six (6) nights accommodations at the centrally located New York Hilton Midtown
- Ten (10) Meal Coupons
- Baggage gratuity for one (1) suitcase
- Empire State Building admission
- Statue of Liberty Harbor Cruise
- 9/11 Memorial Area
- Broadway Show ticket
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular ticket
- New York City Subway Metro Pass
- Professionally-choreographed performance routine
- Parade costume/uniform
- Parade costume/uniform tights
- Parade make-up kit
- Event pin
- Event book
- Event nametag
- Event bag
- Event sweatshirt
- Event jacket with commemorative Parade patch
- Event footage of activities including Parade performance
- Staff chaperone 1:25 ratio
- Event Staff on-site 24 hours a day

Note: We reserve the right to alter and adjust the itinerary, hotel, performances, and/or Broadway show in order to accommodate the size of the total group.

What The Package Does Not Include:

Transportation:

- Via plane, train, and/or automobile to/from New York City
- To and from the Hilton New York

Optional Activities:

- Activity fees such as ice-skating, carriage rides, museum admissions, etc are optional and at the performer's expense.

Cancellation Insurance:

- Visit Insuremytrip.com for more information.

Miscellaneous:

- Items of a personal nature
- Medical treatment if necessary

Clothing Items:

- Each performer will be required to purchase and bring the following items as a part of the production/performance event:
 - One (1) pair of athletic/dance shoes (color to be determined)
 - One (1) pair black athletic pants (solid, no stripes) – sweatpants, yoga pants, leggings
 - One (1) black layer to be worn for warmth underneath event sweatshirt for Monday night rehearsal

2021 Spectator Package Prices = per person

Quad: \$2,475 (4 to a room/2 beds)

Triple: \$2,775.00 (3 to a room/1 bed/1 roll away)

Double: \$3,375.00 (2 to a room/1 bed)

Single: \$4,275.00 (1 to a room/1 bed)

SPECTATOR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Our Spectator package is open to family and friends that wish to experience the excitement and energy of New York City during the Holidays with our performers. Spectators may room with performers.

- Six (6) nights accommodations at the centrally located New York Hilton Midtown
- Ten (10) Meal Coupons
- Baggage gratuity for one (1) suitcase
- Big Apple City Tour
- Top of the Rock admission
- Empire State Building admission
- Statue of Liberty Harbor Cruise
- 9/11 Memorial area
- Broadway Show ticket
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular ticket
- New York City Subway Metro Pass
- Event pin

- Event book
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What The Package Does Not Include:

Transportation:

- Via plane, train, and/or automobile to/from New York City
- To and from the Hilton New York

Optional Activities:

- Activity fees such as ice-skating, carriage rides, museum admissions, etc. and are optional and are at the spectator's expense.

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Miscellaneous:

- Items of a personal nature
- Medical treatment if necessary

2021 Ticket Package - \$1,175.00

TICKET ONLY PACKAGE INCLUDES:

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- Top of the Rock admission
- Empire State Building admission
- Statue of Liberty Harbor Cruise
- 9/11 Memorial area
- Broadway Show ticket
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular ticket
- New York City Subway Metro Pass
- Event pin
- Event book
- Event nametag
- Event Staff on-site 24 hours a day

Does not include hotel accommodations, meals, airfare or transportation to and from hotel and airport.

Itinerary: Saturday, Nov. 20th – Friday, Nov. 26th

What you can expect for the week: Check outs/ins with parent or approved guardian

**subject to change*

Saturday

Arrival Day: Orientation, Evening Rehearsal, room check immediately following rehearsal.

Sunday

This is NOT a check-out day: Performers have a busy schedule consisting of 2 rehearsals and their Broadway Show!

Monday

Check-out day: 9:30am-6:30pm - Check-out is in the morning, check-in is at the evening Macy's/NBC Rehearsal.

Tuesday

Check-out day: 8:30am-11:00pm - Check-out is after the Today Show, check-in is at evening room check.

Wednesday

Check out day: 12:30pm-11:00pm - Check-out is late morning immediately following Dress Rehearsal, check-in is at evening room check.

Thursday

Check-out day: Check-out is immediately following the Parade performance, check-in is at evening room check.

Daily Itinerary:

Saturday, November 20 Itinerary

Arrival in New York City. All performers and spectators must attend an orientation meeting between 10am-5pm. Meetings are held every half hour starting at 10:00am. Please note, hotel rooms are not guaranteed until 3:00pm. At 6:00pm meet your assigned Staff Chaperone followed by rehearsal.

Sunday, November 21

Performers start the morning off with a coupon breakfast prior to rehearsal. Enjoy lunch in Times Square followed by a fabulous Broadway Show. Dinner in Times Square then return to the hotel for evening rehearsal. Performers will be with their Staff Chaperone all day.

Monday, November 22

Begin the day with breakfast followed by Statue of Liberty Harbor Cruise. Experience the New York City Subway for the first time, visit the 9/11 Memorial area and shopping at Times Square or you may be checked-out by an approved individual listed on your form. Dinner followed by performance rehearsal for Macy's and NBC. Tonight you'll feel like a "movie star" on a movie set! Return to the hotel for rehearsal.

Tuesday, November 23

Today you may be checked-out by an approved individual listed on your form for the entire day. Otherwise you will travel with your Staff Chaperone for today's activities. Attend Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, 5th Avenue Shopping, Grand Central Station or ice skate at Rockefeller Center. This night is a great night to take in an extra Broadway Show. If no family or friends will be in New York, performers will be with their Staff Chaperone.

Wednesday, November 24

Today you may be checked-out by an approved individual listed on your form for the entire day. Begin the day with breakfast then entertain your parents with your premier performance in the Grand Ballroom. Experience the NYC subway to Macy's for an afternoon of shopping and visit the Empire State Building, then return to Times Square for dinner. This is another great night to take in an extra Broadway Show if you are checked-out. If no family or friends will be in New York, performers will be with their Staff Chaperone.

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving! An early morning wake-up call for a quick rehearsal before your subway ride to the line-of-march. The 94th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade® begins at 9:00am EST and ends at 12:00 noon...and you're one of the featured "stars"! After lunch rest in your room then enjoy dinner prior to the "Spread the Spirit Celebration!" in the Grand Ballroom. This afternoon and/or evening, you may be checked-out to a parent, director, family member or friend allowing you to enjoy a Thanksgiving Day meal together. If no family or friends will be in New York, performers will be with their Staff Chaperone.

Friday, November 26

Today breakfast is on your own. Hotel check out is no later than 11:00am. Return home.

General Information

This performance opportunity is being organized for performers by Spirit of America Productions for award-winning individuals and teams.

Spirit of America Productions produces two performances in the Parade.

The CHEER performance consists of cheerleaders selected at camps, competitions and auditions nationwide. Performers must be 13 years and older.

The DANCE performance consists of dancers from high schools & studios from across the country selected at camps, competitions and auditions. These performers must be between 13-18 years of age.

Placement of performers in each production is at the discretion of Spirit of America Productions.

When Spirit of America is asked to perform in the OPENING PRODUCTION of the Parade, the group may or may not have the opportunity to walk the entire Parade. Macy's makes this decision on the needs of the Parade.

OPTIONAL Airport / Hotel Shuttle Service

*****Depending on our numbers FHS Cheerleaders may have alternative bus arrangements**

If you are traveling alone or would like to have a Spirit of America Productions staff member meet you at the airport, a meet and greet service will be provided for an additional charge. A shuttle service return to the airport will also be provided on departure day for an additional charge. Arrival and departure times must be considered when booking a flight as our transportation is only offered during the following:

- Upon arrival on Saturday, November 20th transportation to the hotel from LaGuardia International Airport will be provided only between 9:00am and 5:00pm. We do not pick up at JFK, Newark or Islip airports.
- Upon departing New York Hilton on Friday, November 26th, transportation to LaGuardia International Airport will be provided only between 3:30am and 12:00 noon. In order to qualify for these services you must book your flight reservation arriving and/or departing from LaGuardia International Airport.
- You must have your flight itinerary submitted online, on or before September 15. It is your responsibility to update any schedule changes, flight number changes, etc. Services to include:
 - Arrival Day (\$50 per person)
 - Staff member to meet and greet individual(s) at baggage claim at LaGuardia Airport
 - A charter bus to the New York Hilton Midtown
 - Departure Day (\$50 per person)
 - A charter bus to LaGuardia Airport
- Spirit of America will provide a charter bus to your designated terminal at LaGuardia International Airport. At least one (1) staff member will be on the charter bus to assist as needed.

Spirit of America Productions will not provide transportation to or from the hotel for those taking the train, bus, or those flying into or out of JFK, Newark or Islip International airports.

LUGGAGE

Each person is allowed one (1) suitcase. You may check the one (1) suitcase and carry onto the plane your event bag and one other small item (i.e. purse.) The hotel portage provides for only one (1) piece of checked luggage. Carry-ons must stay in your possession. Please note the following airline luggage regulations (and check with your specific airline prior to departure for updates).

- Your one (1) piece of checked luggage can weigh no more than 50lbs.
- The linear inches of this one (1) piece cannot exceed 62 inches. To determine the linear size of your luggage add together the length, plus width, plus height.
- Please note that if your checked luggage weighs more than 50lbs or is oversized the airline will charge you additional fees.
- Check with your airline provider concerning checked luggage charges.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

\$400.00 Deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE but is transferable to someone NEW taking your place. It is NOT transferable to someone already registered on the event. Transfer must happen at time of cancellation and prior to October 1st. Notification of cancellations and request for transfer must be made in writing by a parent/guardian or coach/director, and should be emailed to Macys@SpiritofAmericaProductions.com. We strongly recommend cancellation insurance.

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS

- Performers and Spectators on our package may room together.
- The Hilton limits the number of people in a room to 4 individuals. The Hilton does not permit roll-a-way beds to be added to a room.
- If your school/studio has 5 performers traveling together:
 - Room 4 together and we will put the 5th in a room with 3 other individuals. This allows everyone to pay the QUAD rate.
 - Room 3 as a TRIPLE and 2 as a DOUBLE.
 - Room 3 as a TRIPLE and 2 as a QUAD with 2 other individuals.
- If your school/studio has 1 or 2 total performers and NO adults traveling with your group, we will assist you in placing you in a room with other performers traveling without adults.
- Performers and spectators will be responsible for any increase in supplement pay if someone from your school/studio cancels.
- Spirit of America Productions will NOT assist any Spectator in locating roommates.
- Please indicate on your application form the one point of contact for your school/gym/studio (This must be an adult.) The ONE person per school/gym/studio should be the ONLY point of contact to Spirit of America Productions regarding your rooming questions.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Meal Coupons include a variety of items from which to select. Participating restaurants include: McDonalds; Sbarro (pizza, pasta, salad); COSI; Chick-fil-A; Pax/Europa and Cafe' Metro [subject to change].
2. We **STRONGLY** encourage trip cancellation insurance. Log onto www.insuremytrip.com for purchasing procedures. This information is provided to you as a courtesy and protects the event performer and /or spectator if you cancel the trip.
3. It must be purchased within seven (7) days of registration deadline in order to qualify for pre-existing conditions. Note: Your \$400 deposit is NOT refundable by Spirit of America Productions. Once your final payment is made, no refunds are issued by Spirit of America Productions regardless of circumstances. Note: In the event the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is cancelled after the refund period, participants and spectators may still take advantage of the amenities offered in this package.
4. Please note that Spirit of America Productions and Macy's offers **NO SPECIAL PARADE SEATING**. You may enjoy the Parade by standing on the street (more information will be offered once you arrive in New York).
 - Wheelchairs and crutches are not available through Spirit of America Productions. Information can be provided on where to rent these items in New York by contacting the Spirit of America Productions office.
 - Performers must be able to walk down the line-of-march without assistance in order to participate.
 - Please arrive in New York in good physical and healthy condition; the week is demanding. We provide First Aid staff and Athletic Trainers and the hotel does provide an "on-call" doctor at your expense.
 - If a performer arrives in New York without an adult and the hotel "on call" doctor advises us that they are contagious we will automatically place the participant in a single room and charge the single room supplement or return the participant home at the parent's expense.

Check-out Procedures

There are select days and times where Spectators have the option to check out Performers. Any adult (21 and older) listed on the Performer's Medical Release Visitation Form may be allowed to check out the Performer. Names cannot be added once the Performer turns in their Medical Release Visitation Form at the first rehearsal.

Please be aware there will be specific daily check-out and check-in times. Typically, check-out times are at the start of the day and check-in times are at evening room check. Spirit of America does not permit checking in and out throughout the day.

Checked-out Performers are welcome to follow our itinerary, follow our mass movements as well as, use their tickets included in the package. Being checked-out allows you to create your own schedule of times and activities.

Performers that are not checked-out will enjoy a full day of scheduled activities with their Staff Chaperone.