

Nationals at Lagoon 2014

(Farmington, UT)

Nationals is here! That crazy weekend is upon us once again. Here are the things you need to know to help things run more smoothly and to be less stressful. If you have ANY questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Location/Directions

Lagoon Amusement Park 375 Lagoon Dr. Farmington, UT

-Northbound Directions

Lagoon is located 17 miles north of Salt Lake City. Take the "Lagoon Drive" exit #322.

-Southbound Directions

Lagoon is located 17 miles south of Ogden. Take the "Park Lane" exit #325.

Time

Friday: Competition 10:00am -7:30pm (Adv, Champ, Pro ind./duets)
*All-American Dance Offs~4:45pm
Saturday: Gates open at 7:15am Competition 8:00am - 5:00pm (Teams & Nov, Beg, Int ind./duets) Awards Spectacular ~7:00pm



Admission

Friday: No Admission or parking fees! **Saturday:** Admission & Discount All-Day Ride Passes:

Don't forget your coupon or purchase online.

Competitor admission	FREE
Spectator admission	\$12.00 plus tax
Competitor Ride Ticket	\$32.95 plus tax
Spectator Ride Ticket	\$32.95 plus tax
Parking Pass	\$6.00 with pass
-Programs will be available	e for purchase. (You can print
your own online at gemclo	ggers.com/competitions or
www.americaonstage.org)	

Don't forget your Gem Cloggers t-shirts!!!!

What Time To Be There

If your Individual Events are before your Team Arrival Time, you will need to be at the competition at least 1 hour before your first Individual Event!*

Individual Event Times (4 different Stages!) You are responsible for getting yourself to line up for individuals.

Go to <u>www.gemcloggers.com/competitions</u> Look under the heading "What Time Do I Dance", click the link, find our studio, find you name/team. Events can begin at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time. Look for the different events on the separate stages! It is

recommended that you line up to dance 30 minutes prior to your listed event time if possible.

Arrival & Team Practice Times

**Some of you may need to arrive BEFORE your Team Arrival Times!

Teams must be <u>Stage Ready</u> and prepared to practice at the designated Team Practice times even if your teacher is not ready for you or not there. Make sure you are all ready BEFORE practice times. There will not be time after team practice for hair and makeup!

Team	Be at tent by:	Team Practice (Be fully costumed!)
**Sapphires	Saturday 11:30am	12:00pm (as soon as A New Age is done)
**Rubies/Starbursts	Saturday 12:30pm	1:00pm
Red Hots/Jades	Saturday 8:15am	9:00am
**Rockstars	Saturday 1:30pm	2:00pm (right after Unpredictable)
Eclipse	Saturday 8:15am	8:45am (as soon as Lunch Break is done)
Emeralds	Saturday 9:30am	10:00am (don't be late!)
Topaz	Saturday 1:00pm	1:30pm (AC/Star as soon as Dan can) 2:45pm (RIGHT after Star)
Diamonds	Saturday 7:30am	8:00am(LB, Howdy) 11:00am (NewAge)

Competition Etiquette:

Do not eat or drink anything that will color your mouth.
No jewelry on stage.
Good
Sportsmanship Only say positive things about your teammates, other Gem Cloggers and other competitors.
Poor sportsmanship can ruin a competition experience.

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Instructions for when you get there:

- 1. **Go to the Ticket Window or Entrance Gate.** If you have not purchased tickets and only have coupons you must got to the ticket window first, then go to the entrance gate. If you purchased tickets online go straight to the entrance gate. Once in the park head straight back and take a left just after the "Jumping Dragon" Ride. Our tent will be in the far back left corner behind the Rocket. Please add extra time to get through the gate.
- 2. Find our Studio gathering area, and check in with your Teacher and/or Team Parent. We will have a tent for changing in and a canopy with our Studio banner where all Gem Cloggers competitors will meet.
- 3. Pick up your Competitor Numbers for individual events and duets. There are Competitor Numbers printed on large pieces of paper you will need to wear for your individual events and duets. Leah, Dan, or your Team Parent will have them.
- 4. Get <u>Stage Ready</u> at the tent. We have a tent at our area to change in. Stage Ready means you are ready to dance- hair, make-up, & <u>costumes pinned</u> (MUST do!).
- 5. STAY at our Studio/Team gathering area! Stay with your team parent unless they give you permission to go somewhere. You need to be ready to practice or line-up to dance as soon as you are called. We are going to have to be magicians to get through the mid-day crunch. Please be patient and ready. ⁽ⁱ⁾
- 6. After you dance, immediately get ready for your next event.
- 7. After you are done competing, check your Scores and pick up your Awards! Once your scores are posted, you can pick up your pins for individual events and your medallion from the Awards Table. We will have your team award ribbons at your next practice.

NEW! Novice-Champ Team/Studio Overall Awards will be announced at Canyon Stage at 5:30pm.

8. Relax with your Team, Cheer on other Cloggers, or go on Rides!

Rides

We ask that you not go on rides until you are finished competing. Remember you are at the Lagoon to compete first. We don't want anyone getting sunburned, heat exhaustion, or stuck in line before having to compete. After you are done with your last event you are free to go. Most everyone is done by 4pm on Saturday if not sooner! Rides are open from 10am-10pm (some later). If you aren't sure about rides you can purchase standard admission and upgrade your pass later.

After the competition is over you are responsible to <u>clean</u> <u>up</u> after yourself in the tent area. The tent will be taken down around 5pm. We will not be responsible to clean up your costumes, garbage, coolers, etc. If you brought it with you please take it home.

All-American Team (Individuals and Duets)

Freestyle, A cappella and Solos will Dance off Friday night Who can sign up- Advanced 1st places, Championship

1st and 2nd places, all Pro

Cost is about \$20 for 1 or more events. You must register to be considered. Winners receive an All-American jacket and are honored at the Awards Show on Saturday evening.

Stage Ready Checklist

□*Shoes* Check taps, clean and polish.

□*Makeup* Blush, Eyeshadow, Mascara and Lipstick. (*We want you to look professional.*)

□ Hair-Please come with your hair already done. Sapphires, Starbursts & Rubies- Done nicely and out of your face (wear headband or lace hair tie) Red Hots-half up, half down and flipped or curled Jades, Rockstars, Eclipse, Emeralds, Topaz & Diamonds - Low, side pony-tail on the dancers LEFT side; wear the hair accessories that came with your costume

□Costumes- Tights and Leotard, No Socks! Sapphires- Black/White/Pink Unitard, Headband Starbursts, Rubies- Pink Capri Unitard, Lace Crop Top, Pettiskirt, Pink Mitts, Lace Hair Tie Red Hots-Black Cap Sleeve Leo, Fuschia/Black Tops, Metallic Skirts and Hand Mitts, Black Capris Jades- Black Cap Sleeve Leo, Striped Capris & Hand Mitts, Yellow Leo w/ attached skirt, Sequin Scrunchie,

Rockstars- Black Cap Sleeve Leo, Black Capris (shirred sides), Black Top w/ attached pettiskirt, Headband, Black & Teal dress

Eclipse- Black Cap Sleeve Leo, Yellow Top, Black Shorts, hair ties, white and black polka dotted dress, with bow and hair flower

Emeralds-Black Cap Sleeve Leo, Black/White/Pink Top, Black Capris (Weissman's brand), White Boot Spats, Teal Top

Topaz- Leotard, Gold Tops, Jeggings, A cappella T-shirt, Dresses (bring accessories)

Diamonds- Leotard, Black Cargo Pants, A cappella T-shirt, Denim Shorts, White Rhinestone Tank Top, Plaid Shirt, Robots-Copper Pants, Copper and Black Tops, Humans-Dresses, Hot Shorts

Pinned Costume- Pin pants and skirts to your leotard. Pin tops at shoulders as necessary.

Competitor Number- (Ind. And Short Duets Only) Pin your number to the front of your costume so judges can see it.

Tips

-Feel free to bring coolers, lawn chairs, and blankets and leave them at the tent while you go ride rides or watch the cloggers.

-If you need to make registration changes, do so at the registration table. The fee to add an event is \$17.00.

-Familiarize yourself with where the stages are. There are 4 stages all running at the same time.

-Smile and roll with it. Things won't always go perfectly, but it will be much less stressful if you keep a positive attitude.