

2004 National Championship Week

December 5 – 11, 2004 · Disney WWOS™ Complex

2004 Advisor Manual



November 2004

Dear Principal, Teacher, and/or Staff Member:

We are pleased to announce that a child or group of children from your school has earned the right to represent his/her local Pop Warner association at the **2004 Pop Warner Super Bowl and National Cheerleading & Dance Championships** at *Disney's Wide World of Sports™ Complex* in Orlando, Florida from December 5th through December 11th, 2004.

Pop Warner Little Scholars is the only youth sports organization in the United States that requires its participants to maintain certain academic standards in order to be eligible for participation. While we understand that not all student-athletes meet our scholastic requirements, we ask that schools sign a Scholastic Eligibility Form at the beginning of the season to determine whether participation in the Pop Warner program is a benefit to the child in question.

We are striving to work in accordance with the school systems around the country and prepare children for the guidelines and criteria that lie ahead of them pertaining to the National Federation of High Schools and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

We will have classrooms available at the Milk House as well as several rooms provided at the hotels on Disney property throughout the week that will serve as Study Hall Rooms. Coaches will sign up for access to these Study Hall Rooms at the Registration Center when they register their team and/or squad. These rooms will have computer workstations that may be used, as well as internet access for the students to use. *Email access is strictly to be used for school-related activities only!*

If you feel that it is not in the best interest of the child to make the trip to our national championships at WALT DISNEY WORLD® RESORT, please contact the child's parents to further discuss the matter. We do not want to jeopardize the academic status of any of our participants.

The Pop Warner Little Scholars staff and volunteers will continue to emphasize the importance of education as an equivalent with athletics by making sure the participants that come to our national championships have study sessions in a classroom setting available to them everyday during their stay in Orlando.

Thanks you for your assistance regarding this outstanding educational, social and athletic experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel D. Balthaser".

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