

CheerExpo Nationals 2008 Feature Judges and Instructors

Katie Baker – Robinson, IL

Katie has over 25 years of experience in the cheer and dance industry. She is the State Director and Certifier for NCSSE and she is an AmeriCheer Rep. She is a Nationally Certified judge for AmeriCheer, ASE, COA, Cheer Ltd, AAU and UPA. She is safety certified through AACCA, NCSSE, USTA and USAG. As the owner of Baker's All-Stars she coached all levels of dance, power tumbling and cheer. She has judged Regionally and Nationally for AAU, America's Best, Champion Spirit Group, Cheer Champion Express, WCA, Cheer Ltd and UPA.

Craig Callaway – Rockwall, TX

Craig had over 22 years experience in the cheerleading industry. He is the Tumbling and Stunt Editor for American Cheerleader Magazine and CheerBiz News. He has been a speaker at many national coaches conferences. Craig is a two time NCA Colligate National Champion with Oklahoma State & Trinity Valley Community College. He has judged Regionally and Nationally for All Star Challenge, American Championships, American Cheer & Dance Association (ACDC), American Cheer Power (ACP), American Cheerleading Association (ACA), Cheer Gyms Association (CGA), Cheersport, Contest of Champions, Golden State Spirit Association (GSSA), Spirit Sports, and World Spirit Federation (WSF).

Dean Cavero – Aiken, SC

Dean has over 14 years of experience in the cheerleading and dance industry. As former staff member for NCA, CCA and US Cheer, Dean has traveled all over the US teaching cheerleading to teams of all levels. As a highly experienced Point Deduction Judge, he has judged at the National Level with USA and Cheersport. He has coached and choreographed for over 12 years on all levels for both scholastic and allstar teams.

Linda Schmitz - Hamburg, PA

Linda has been coaching cheerleading for 17 years. She has been an NCA Camp Manager and Instructor for the past 11 years. She is a founding member and former VP of the Berks County Cheerleading Association. She has judged all levels including allstar and scholastic competitions for NCA/NDA, UCA, COA, Pop Warner, Mid-Atlantic Cheer, CheerFest and many state level organizations. She currently teaches and coaches at Conrad Weiser High School.

Billy Browdy - Opelika, AL

Billy been judging Regional and National competitions for over 13 years for multiple organizations and companies including WCA, IOCC, ScotCheer and Champion Cheer. He is USASF Rules and Regulations certified and his specialty is infraction and rules judge. Billy cheered at Troy State University and has been a World Cheerleading Association instructor since 1993 teaching cheerleading all over the US and Scotland.

Jeff Laber – Independence, KY

In his 17 years of cheerleading experience, Jeff has judged Regionally and Nationally for KY Coaches Association, NLCC, Final Destination and AmeriCheer. As a cheerleader for the University of Kentucky he claimed 2 UCA National Championships in '95 and '96. He has coached University and all levels of All-star and has won numerous Championships, including bids to Worlds in 05 and 06. He has been an instructor for UCA and AmeriCheer, a speaker at National Conferences and a writer for American Cheerleader Magazine.

Jessica Sayde – Halifax, NS

Jessica has trained with Halifax Dance, Just Dancin, Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, Millennium Dance Complex/The Edge in LA, The Fame Dance Centre in Orlando Florida, Barry Youngblood, FreeZone Dance Company, The Boys Workshop, and the Career Power Workshop with Tony Award Winner Grover Dale in LA. She has performed all over North America. She has won many awards as a dancer, instructor and choreographer including two back to back CheerExpo Championship titles in 2006 and 2007 in the Open Dance category.

Matt Null – Denver, PA

Matt has over 19 years of experience and has been coaching High School, All-star and Collegiate cheerleading for over 12 years, earning several local and national awards. While cheering at Millersville University 12 years ago, he became an instructor for NCA (Top Veteran Instructor 2002; Top Head Instructor 2003) and is a member of Team NCA. This team of the Top 10 NCA instructors travels to all over the US to train other NCA instructors. Matthew has been a featured speaker in NCA Coaches' Videos and is the creator of TEAM ESTEEM. His work can be found in the NCA Coaches Handbook, the NCA Spirit Book and the NCSSE Handbook.

David Clark – PEI

David has 15 years experience in the gymnastics industry. He is a National Level 6 Gymnast and he has won 4 National medals in gymnastics. At his first National competition (Canada Games) he was just 11 years old (the youngest competitor at the event). He has trained with some of the best tumblers and coaches in Canada. He has traveled all over North America for gymnastics and cheerleading. David has been coaching cheer tumbling with East Coast Spirit PEI's Cheer Club since it's inception.

Rebecka Hendrickson – Kingston, NS

Rebecka began her training in dance at age 9 in classical Jazz but hip hop is her passion now. Rebecka won numerous competitions and awards both as a dancer and instructor. Rebecka has worked with many world renowned choreographers and dancers including the Larkin Dancers, Chris Moss, Frank Hatchett, Liz Imperio, Jesse Lee Santos, Brian Friedman, Dave Scott, CHIO, Rhapsody, Wade Robson, Shane Sparks, Tyce Diorio and Laurie Ann Gibson to name a few and she has been recognized with an award from Dance Teacher Magazine. Rebecka has received over 150 choreographic awards.