



## Opening Ceremony Cheer Line Description

### Coordination

Volunteer Coordinator → Cheer Line Volunteer Lead → Cheer Line Captains

### General Description

The Opening Ceremony Cheer Line will line two pathways leading from the UW dorm buildings on West and North campus all the way to Husky Stadium. The distance of roughly one mile per pathway. This will require a minimum of 800 people and as many as 2,000.

### How it will work

- Group captains will meet in front of Husky Stadium at 8:30am to receive your trail assignments and either walk or shuttle to your location. Group captains will be provided with chairs to wait comfortably until your group arrives.
- Volunteers will meet in front of Husky Stadium at 9am for check-in, instructions, and orientation then will walk onto the path until they find their group captain or an appropriate cheer location.
- Larger groups who want to cheer together can walk out onto the path as a group, find their captain and cheer in one general vicinity.
- Individuals not with a group are welcome to join in anywhere along the pathway.
- Volunteers should expect to walk up to 1 mile based on your trail position assignment. (If you are unable to walk that distance you will be assigned a location closer to the stadium.)
- Volunteers will line up along both sides of the trail spaced a minimum of 6 ft apart or as determined by group size.
- The athlete procession will span approximately 10:30am-12:00pm so volunteers will only have about 45 minutes to get to your location following a brief orientation.
- As soon as the last athlete has passed the last volunteer on the trail, volunteers can trail behind the athletes until they arrive at the main entrance to Husky Stadium. At that point, the athletes will head toward their staging area and the volunteers are invited to proceed into the stadium to find general seating. **Only those cheer line volunteers who are pre-registered and check-in prior to the shift will receive complimentary entry to the Opening Ceremony.**

**Skills,  
Qualifications &  
Requirements**

Volunteers should be able to walk up to one mile to your position along the path. If you will need any sort of food or nourishment between 9am-12:30 you should plan to bring it with you in a backpack. Some water will be provided. You must pack out what you pack in. All ages are encouraged to participate. Accommodations can be made to those with mobility challenges.

**What to Bring**

Bring pom poms, cowbells, cheer cards, musical instruments, etc.  
Bring any water and snacks that you may require during the 3 hour period.  
Dress for the weather-rain or shine. Umbrellas are okay, something warm and or waterproof is encouraged.

Questions regarding this position should be directed to:

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