



May 30, 2022

Dear Dance Campers and Parents,

Welcome to Dance Camp grades 4 - 8! Our goal is for the campers to embrace dance while meeting new friends and enjoying their mini dance experience. As the summer quickly approaches, it means it is almost time for camp to start! Below you will find some useful information campers and parents need to know.

- ☺ Our camp orientation is scheduled for Saturday, June 11 from 11 – 12 pm at the Community Arts Center, 225 McHenry Road in Buffalo Grove. This will be an open house format and a chance for you to come meet our staff, ask any questions you might have and sign off on any paperwork needed for camp this summer. Camp groups will be posted for 1<sup>st</sup> session only.
- ☺ All further correspondences from camp will come through email using the main contact email you indicated on your registration form. If you wish to change that email, or are unsure what email we have on file for you, please let us know at [dancecamp48@bgparks.org](mailto:dancecamp48@bgparks.org)
- ☺ Please fill out the pick up permission form/self arrival and release form and print it out. You can locate this mandatory form on our website <https://www.bgparks.org/programs/camp/>. All campers will need to be signed out at the end of each day by someone listed on the pick up permission form. **If you would like your child to leave camp without being signed out, you need to fill out the bottom portion of the form titled "self arrival and release form"**. If you would like your child to be in the pick-up line and escorted to your car, please sign the bottom of the form and make a note of that request.
- ☺ If you have any friendship requests, please submit them in writing by Monday, June 6. **We will only be allowing one request and it must be a mutual request from each party.** Please keep in mind that camp is a place to meet new friends and to have a great time socializing with others in a positive environment. You can email friendship requests to [dancecamp48@bgparks.org](mailto:dancecamp48@bgparks.org).
- ☺ Each camper needs to supply their own jazz (or ballet) and tap shoes. You can purchase shoes at Toe the Line in Buffalo Grove or any other dance supply store.
- ☺ We will meet every day at the Community Arts Center. Drop off and pick up will be in the back of the building. There will be one line for drop off and pick up. We will have plenty of staff available directing traffic for the first few days. Please do not bring your camper any earlier than 8:50 am and please be sure to pick them up promptly at 3 pm. If you want to escort your child to the door, you must park your car in the parking lot in the front of the building, and join us in the back of the building.
- ☺ Your child will receive a camp shirt and backpack during the first week of camp.
- ☺ If your child has any dietary restrictions and/or if you have any concerns please address them in writing to the head counselor at [dancecamp48@bgparks.org](mailto:dancecamp48@bgparks.org).
- ☺ If your child will need to take medication during the camp day, please visit <https://www.bgparks.org/programs/camp/> to get a medication dispensation form PRIOR to the first day of camp.
- ☺ Every day, your child will need to bring to camp:
  - o Dance shoes.
  - o Camp attire comfortable enough to allow full movement.
  - o A water bottle.
  - o The BGPD camp backpack (once given out)
  - o Healthy snack for mid morning.
  - o Sack lunch and a drink. We have no access to refrigeration for lunches, so please plan accordingly.

- o Closed toe shoes. This is a Park District wide policy. If your camper does not come to camp with closed toe shoes, you will be called to bring them a pair.
- ☺ We will have open swim at Willow Stream Pool on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please make sure your camper has a swimsuit and towel as well as a full change of clothes. Campers can wear flip flops only at the pool. They need to have closed toe shoes for the rest of the camp day. All campers will be swim tested the first day at the pool and placed into appropriate swim groups that will be adhered to at all times when at the pool. Children who test with a red band will only be allowed in the wading pool area of Willow Stream. Children with a yellow band will be allowed in the main pool but not in the diving well. Children with a green band may use any part of the pool. If you have any concerns about your camper and the pool, please address them in writing to the site supervisor.
- ☺ We will be going on the following field trips. Campers need to wear their camp T-shirt for all field trips. Details about each field trip will be sent home in the weekly camp letters.

June 17	Painted Penguin
June 24	Morke's Chocolate Shop
July 15	Marriot Lincolnshire's Wizard of Oz
July 29	Bowlero Bowling

- ☺ Campers will be putting on a final show at the end of each session where family and friends are invited to come and see all the hard work the dancers have been doing.
  - o The final performance for the 1<sup>st</sup> session will be Friday, July 8 during the day (Time TBA).
  - o The final performance for 2<sup>nd</sup> session will be Friday, August 2 during the day (Time TBA)
  - o Campers who are attending camp for both sessions will be in both performances.  
More information will be sent home in the weekly camp letters.
- ☺ We have a wonderful staff of counselors/dancers this summer. Chloe Lucido will be returning this summer and will be in the role of Head Counselor Dance Camp 4-8. There will be a whole bunch of new and familiar faces as our counselors.
- ☺ We will have a camp cell phone should you need to reach our staff during camp hours. Please make sure you call the camp cell phone if your child will not be at camp for any reason. The cell phone number will be available at orientation.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call us or extend an email. We are looking forward to a fun and fabulous summer!

Thank you,

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