

May 16, 2011

Dear Dance Campers and Parents,

Welcome to Dance Camp 2011! We are very excited to be bringing back this successful program revamped for the older girls. We have combined our many years of dance experience to create a multi faceted dance program for our community. We will expose the campers to various styles- including tap, jazz, pom-pons, hip-hop, ballet, contemporary and choreography. We will also have games, crafts, swimming, field trips and other great activities. 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 Monday, June 6 at Alcott. All campers and parents are invited to come from 7:15 - 8 p.m. for an open house style meeting to meet the staff and other campers. Camp groups will be posted for 1st session only.
- ☺ If you have any friendship requests, please submit them IN WRITING by Friday, June 2nd. This year, 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 astanczak@bgpkr.org.
- ☺ Each camper needs to supply their own jazz or ballet AND tap shoes. We will NOT be selling shoes this year.
- ☺ We will meet every day at Tripp Elementary School. Please do NOT bring your camper any earlier than 9:30 a.m. and please be sure to pick her up promptly at 3:30 p.m. If you want to escort your child to the door, you must park your car in the designated area first. We appreciate your adherence here, as it will ensure everyone's safety.
- ☺ Your child will receive a camp shirt and backpack the first day of camp.
- ☺ Every day, your child will need to bring to camp...
 - Dance shoes
 - Camp attire comfortable enough to allow full movement.
 - Water bottle
 - Backpack
 - Healthy snack for mid morning
 - Sack lunch and a drink. We have no access to refrigeration for lunches, so please plan accordingly.
 - Gym shoes & socks. This is a Park District wide policy. If your camper does not come to camp with gym shoes and socks, you will be called to bring them a pair.

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- ☺ We will be swimming at Willow Stream every Friday. Please make sure your camper has a swimsuit and towel as well as a change of clothes. Campers can wear flip flops ONLY at the pool. They need to have socks and gym shoes for the rest of the camp day. We expect everyone to swim. If you have any concerns about your camper and the pool, please address them, in writing, to your counselor.

- ☺ We will be going on the following field trips:
 - June 15- Lincoln Park Zoo
 - June 22- Enchanted Castle
 - June 29- Barefoot Bay
 - July 13- Morke's Chocolate Factory
 - July 20- "Beauty and the Beast" – This will be a late pick up dayCampers 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.

- ☺ If your child has any dietary restrictions, and /or if you have any concerns, please address them, in writing, to your counselor.

- ☺ If your child will need to take medication during the camp day, please visit our website to get a medication dispensation form PRIOR to the first day of camp.

- ☺ Campers will be putting on a final show at the end of each session where parents are invited to come and see all the hard work the dancers have been doing.
 - The final performance for the first session will be Friday, July 8 at 2 p.m.
 - The final performance for second session will be Thursday, August 4 at 2:30 p.m.
 - 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. Our returning staff includes Nicole Harris as our site supervisor and a whole bunch of 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. The camp cell phone number will be available at orientation.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 847-850-2105 or e-mail me at astanczak@bgpkr.org. We are looking forward to a fun and fabulous summer!

Thank you,

Aly Stanczak
Recreation Supervisor