

Ballet Camp

General Information Letter for Parents

Items to Bring Each Day

ALL Ballet Campers should arrive on time each morning at 9 am dressed in a short sleeved leotard and ballet slippers, (ballet tights are not recommended so please don't send your child dressed in tights, it's too hot). Hair must be neatly up and off the child's face. Being on time is very important as we start the morning off with our first ballet lesson from 9-10 am.

Half Day Camper should bring with them:

- Closed toe shoes; either sneakers or sandals with straps and toes (no flip flops allowed at camp).

Full Day Ballet Campers should bring with them

- a bag lunch (with icepack)
- a bathing suit, towel, and a plastic bag with student's name on it for the wet suit (Tues and Wed only)
- a change of clothes, cream sun block (NO SPAY SUNBLOCK) and water bottle.
- Closed toe shoes; either sneakers or sandals with straps and toes (no flip flops allowed at camp).

We provide snacks for children mid-morning and again mid-afternoon.

Food Allergies

Snacks - The YWCA will provide snacks for the children once a day for half day campers and twice a day for full day campers. Snacks will consist of a fruit or veggie option, a cracker/cookie option and a water/juice option. If your child has an allergy and you would like to provide us with your own snacks, that is acceptable and we will keep your child's snack separate and safe for the week. Friday is fun day and we will be serving the children either ice pops or frozen juice bars. These items will contain sugar.

Lunches – If your child is staying for lunch hour or is a full day camper parents are to provide lunch each day for their child. We do not have refrigeration for lunch boxes so please make sure that you include an icepack in all lunch boxes.

In consideration of the many food allergies children have today, the YWCA appreciates your cooperation with the elimination of any food products that contain nut or nut products from our camp.

IMPORTANT!

Every Friday is Performance Day (both half day and full day ballet campers)

Ballet Performances are every Friday at 3:30 pm. Dismissal will take place at 4 pm just after the performance. All ballet camp children will stay for a full day of ballet camp on Friday to rehearse and perform. Even half day campers are encouraged to stay for the whole day on Friday's so that they can participate in the weekly performances. Parents please plan on attending the performances.

Instructional Swimming (full day ballet campers only)

All campers will receive American Red Cross instructional swimming lessons twice a week. Each camper will be evaluated on their swimming ability on the first day of each camp session, or the first day they arrive at camp. Your child will be placed in either a beginner, intermediate, or advanced group. Campers will swim at the YWCA pool. Certified lifeguards are always on duty and all YWCA Aquatic staff members are CPR/First Aid certified. Ballet camp staff will remain with the children during the swimming lessons.

Special Events/Field Trips (full day ballet campers only)

Afternoon ballet camp students will participate in walking fieldtrips to various destinations. Schedule is TBD and we will let parents know week by week where we will be going. Walking field trip permission slips must be signed in order for your child to participate in these special trips.

About the Camp Staff

The YWCA Princeton Summer Camp Staff is a strong, experienced staff that loves working with young children. Staff includes experienced adult counselors and enthusiastic assistant counselors. All staff members must go through extensive training prior to the start of camp and are committed to making sure that your child has a safe, healthy and happy camp experience. Ballet camp staff is: Miss Christine (senior staff), Miss Renee (senior staff administration) Miss Jenn (senior staff ART), Miss Mariah (senior staff DANCE), Miss Jackie (senior staff DANCE), Miss Leila (high school student ART).

Location

The YWCA Princeton is located at 59 Paul Robeson Place in Princeton and is easily accessible from Route 1 North/South or Route 206 North/South. Please visit our website: www.ywcaprinceton.org if you need specific directions. Ballet Camp meets in the Dance Studio located in the Program Building which houses the nursery school. Parents must sign their child in and out each day when they are dropping them off.

NOTE: For the safety of all of our campers, it is imperative that parents inform the Camp Office if someone other than themselves will be picking up their child from camp. The YWCA will only release a child to his or her parent/guardian, unless written or verbal notification is given to the director. Pick up authorization forms are available on the first day of camp if you should need one. For the safety of your child, please call 609-497-2100, ext. 332 and leave a message with the name of the person who will be picking up your child. Proper photo identification is required when someone other than parent/guardian picks up the child.

Pre-Camp Care

Pre-Camp Care is available from 7:30 am until 9:00 am each morning for children ages 5 to 14. It is held in Bramwell Porch A & B, which is located at the far right of the upper parking lot, next to the YWCA Nursery playground. **NOTE: Your child must be pre-registered the day before for Pre-Camp Care. The YWCA Welcome Desk is not open until 8:00 am.**

After Camp 4-6 pm

Each day, after care is available from 4-6 pm each afternoon for children ages 5-14. The two locations are: Gym B and Athletic field. Gym B can be accessed through the side doors in the lower parking lot. Athletic Field is located to the right of the entrance to lower parking lot.



Should an emergency arise, the Camp Office should be notified at 609-497-2100, ext. 336. Your child will be placed in the After-Camp until your arrival. Payment is expected at the time of arrival at the YW Welcome Desk. The staff is not allowed to take any payments from parents/guardians

All campers must be current YWCA members.

All campers must have valid membership for the duration of the camp.

Immunization form must accompany registration.

NJ State mandates current immunization form for each child entering summer camps.

Any camper without current immunization forms will be denied entrance into camp.