

# Everything you need to know about competition.....

## BEFORE THE BIG DAY

- ❖ Try on all of your costumes and make sure that they fit correctly. Take in straps if needed and note where pins are needed.
- ❖ Make sure that you have the correct tights and shoes if they are needed. If you don't know what you need check the website or ask your instructor.
- ❖ Make sure that you know what hairstyle and make-up you will use. Practice if you need to!
- ❖ Pack all of your costumes and accessories in a plastic bin or laundry basket. This will make it easy to carry and organize your things. Don't forget safety pins, bobby pins, hair accessories, hair spray, hair gel, and makeup. If your costume has gloves, a special hair piece, earrings, or other special accessories put them in a Ziploc bag so that they don't get lost. Also pack your Dance Attic t-shirt and some pants or shorts to wear to the awards!
- ❖ The schedule for the competition comes out about a week before. Make sure you know the name of your dance, your number, and your dance time. Please note that the times are all approximate. The competition could run behind or ahead.
- ❖ Be sure that you know where you are going. If you need directions or a map check the website.

## THE DAY OF COMPETITION

- ❖ If you are sick or have another emergency that will keep you from arriving on time call 919-556-7755 and leave a message to let us know!
- ❖ Eat a healthy breakfast and pack some snacks to bring with you. Bring only snacks that are not messy and won't stain your costumes and only clear liquids. Water is the best!
- ❖ Get dressed in the first costume that you will wear at the competition. You should arrive fully dressed with hair and make-up done. Cover your costume with a robe or jacket. (Do not put on a t-shirt over your costume because we don't want to mess up your hair trying to get it off!) If you are not sure about the hair or make-up and would like some help you should arrive an hour earlier than your scheduled time to get help. Make sure that you remove all nail polish and that you are not wearing underwear or other jewelry. No gum allowed.
- ❖ Arrive at the competition an hour before your scheduled dance time. Check in with your assistant teacher and they will let you know what to do next. They will also tell you where to pick up your child after they dance.
- ❖ Take your child to the bathroom before leaving them with the assistants!
- ❖ If your child is in more than one routine, you are responsible for helping them to change costumes. You can leave your bins/baskets backstage and just go and help them to change between numbers.

## DURING THE COMPETITION

- ❖ There is typically no admission fee for friends and family to watch. You may come and go as you please.
- ❖ They sell programs and other souvenirs in the lobby so you may want to bring some cash for that.
- ❖ Be sure to show good sportsmanship. Be supportive of all dancers and be polite. Only enter and exit the auditorium between routines.
- ❖ Wear a robe or jacket to cover your costume in the auditorium and do not wear tap shoes.

- ❖ Be aware that they sometimes skip around in the numbers. If they are close to your child's dance, stay in the auditorium! We cannot control the times that they go on stage.
- ❖ All dancers will sit on stage for the awards and should wear their Dance Attic t-shirts. Only one dancer, chosen by the assistant teacher, will go up to accept the award. They will give all awards to the assistant to bring back to the studio. Everyone will receive their own awards at the studio the week after competition.
- ❖ If you have questions about anything please ask your assistant teacher. If they cannot answer the question, they will find a staff member to ask. There will also be a designated person backstage keeping everything in order.
- ❖ No videos or flash photography is allowed during the competition. We could be disqualified!
- ❖ We encourage you to pack a lunch to bring. If you decide to leave to go out to eat, just be sure that you are aware of the time so that you won't miss anything important!
- ❖ Be patient! It's a long day!

## **AFTER THE COMPETITION**

- ❖ We will have a pajama party for all classes the week following the studio competition. All dancers should wear pajamas to class.
- ❖ Every dancer will receive their awards in class the week following competition.
- ❖ We will go over the score sheets and the judges comments so that we can learn and improve.