

Memo To: Students and Parents attending Carolina Dance Masters Convention
From: Miss Tammy and CDA Staff
When: November 14-16
Where: Koury Convention Center, Sheraton Four Seasons, Greensboro

The dance convention is almost here! Here is some information you might find helpful. Miss Laurie or I will meet all dancers in the lobby of the Koury Convention Center at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning to distribute wristbands/tees. Students must wear the wrist band all weekend for admittance to classes, banquet, and scholarship competition. Students who are arriving on Friday and will be attending the Friday competitions must tell us in order to make arrangements to meet you on Friday.

Our group will meet in the lobby Saturday evening at 5:50PM and go to the banquet as a group. The evening's theme is "The Land of Ahhs" (based on Land of Oz) and is promised to be a real dress up affair. The banquet is included in the student tuition. Tables are assigned by studio. All of our students and staff will sit together. You will see everything from "church" dresses to formal attire at the banquet. You may dress as fancy as you wish – but please do not go out and buy a formal. No jeans!

Scholarship Competition/ Pageant starts at 8:30 PM on Saturday. Parents who are sending students to attend this on their own should make sure your dancer knows when and where to meet you. This competition may last several hours. I doubt many dancers will stay for the whole thing – including the staff! The staff will not be responsible for the students during the competition.

What to Take:

- All dance clothes with dance shoes in a dance bag (make sure everything is labeled with your name). No restrictions on colors- some instructors may allow you to wear dance skirts, shirts, or jazz pants. No food is allowed in the classrooms. Water is normally provided.
- Appropriate cover-up to wear over leotard in hotel. The hotel management has requested no students be outside the classrooms without proper cover-up. Tap shoes cannot be worn outside the classrooms.
- Nice dress, skirt, or formal to wear if you plan to attend the banquet with the staff on Saturday night.
- CDA tee shirts and or CDA LOGO JACKETS/DANCE SHORTS!!!
- Swimsuit! The hotel has an indoor pool!
- A good attitude and smile!

What to Leave at Home:

- Expensive jewelry or keepsake items
- Expensive Electronics
- All bad attitudes and poor behavior. Do not embarrass yourself, your teachers, or your classmates with disruptive or immature behavior. These teachers will not hesitate to ask you to leave class. Please do not sit during class texting or playing on your cell phone!

One hour is allotted for students to eat lunch. Chaperones will be responsible for seeing that your students get lunch and get back to class. Some (very generous) parents bring lunch to the hotel and have it ready for students to save time. I do not recommend sending junior students to the mall alone for lunch without a chaperone. Remember the food court will not be open for breakfast on Sunday morning! We've noticed that the different age groups take lunch at different hours this year. ☹

The convention is an opportunity to experience different forms of dance. This year the schedule includes Hip Hop, Tap, Ballet, Lyrical, Jazz, and Contemporary. Convention teachers are not tolerant of students who sit on the sidelines and chat/text during class. We hope that our dancers will take advantage of the instruction offered. We will not, however, act as "dance police" and force students to take classes. If your child spends the weekend in a hotel room or at the mall – that is up to you!

Our faculty will be taking classes at the convention, just like the students. They also may drop in on some of the student classes.

You may reach me by cell phone during the convention weekend at 704-467-1410. You may reach Miss Laurie at 704-425-7261. I will answer any questions you might have prior to the convention. Feel free to call the studio 704-782-1915. You can e-mail me at: tjordan@cabarrusdance.com.

We take lots of pride in being members of Carolina Dance Masters and Dance Masters of America. We are delighted that you are attending the convention. It should be a great educational weekend for all of us!