



Camp FAQs

We are so glad you are joining us for dance camp this summer. Our theme is Dance Family Reunion! Get ready for a fun-filled summer vacation with your 2023 dance family as we dance, dance, dance the week away! Camp begins on Sunday, June 11th, and our last official camp event is the Thursday night gala which ends around 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 15th.

Hotel Arrangements

If you have not already done so, please make your hotel reservations by **May 27th** at the latest. Our discounted rate is only available through that date. Call 866-44-PEARL to reserve directly with Pearl River Resort. Our great room rate is only \$69 per night. Tell them you are with All Star Ballroom Dance Camp; your CODE is **S6ASD23**. It's important to provide the code to get the best rate and for camp to get credit for your attendance. This is how Pearl River knows the amount of business we're bringing to their venue and results in continued preferential pricing. For driving directions, you'll need Pearl River Resort's address:

**13550 MS-16 E
Philadelphia, MS 39350**

Dance into Camp Workshops

On Sunday afternoon, we will have two pre-camp workshops. Warm Up with Waltz with Jenell Maranto at 2:30 and Floorcraft with Tammy Wilson and Robbie Greenwood at 3:30. You may take both classes for \$35 or just one for \$20. Please call Jill Austin at [662-213-0504](tel:662-213-0504) to register.

Welcome Party

The All Star Dance Camp Welcome Party begins at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 11th. Don't worry if you are late to the party; just join us as soon as you can. The party, held in the All Star Ballroom in the Silver Star Hotel, is a very important event. There is no meal, so be sure to eat before you arrive.

Camp starts with a fun dance party where we introduce the camp staff and pros and celebrate all who have attended camp for five, ten or fifteen years. This is the only night where there is no meal, so be sure to eat before you come. The dress is dance party casual.

Dinner and Parties on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the doors will open for dinner in the All Star Ballroom promptly at 6:45 p.m. Note that there will be no admission before 6:45 p.m. because of ongoing activities in the ballroom.

Each night has a theme.

Monday night is your opportunity to dress in costume so, if you choose, dress as your favorite game character. There WILL be a costume contest! This is a **Family Game Night** so be ready to compete in dance games.

Tuesday we will spiffy up for an **Elegant Evening**. Expect more smooth than rhythm in the playlist. Black tie is welcome but not essential.

Wednesday Night, get out your jeans and boots for our **Homecoming Hoedown!** There will definitely be a broad mix of music which will include some Country Two Step options with down home southern flavor. Dress casually – jeans and t-shirts are fine. Expect a special treat – the performance by the West Coast Swing / Two Step routine class.

Each evening, Monday through Wednesday there will be additional parties – one in the All Star Ballroom and one in the Stardust Ballroom, immediately across the hall. These parties are all included in your package. Consult the party schedule for details. A bonus is that you don't have to pick just one – you can float from party to party.

Thursday Night Gala

Our grand finale is Thursday evening. We kick off this wonderful evening enjoying the passion that has been put into the student routines; then after dinner we enjoy the pro group Tango routine and a pro show where our teachers dance for us. We do encourage you to dress up for our final night, but remember that whatever you wear needs to work for your performing, too.

Hair & Make-Up with Liz

You'll always look great at camp when you have your hair and makeup done by a stylist specializing in ballroom competition, performance, and special occasion hair. Liz Gunter, our fabulous stylist, will be with us all week. If you want appointments for makeup, hair styling or even a haircut, contact Jill Austin at 662-213-0504. Hurry, because Liz's appointment book fills up quickly!

Prices

- Hair style \$50
- Make-Up \$50
- Guys and Ladies haircut \$30

Dance Shoes of Tennessee

To protect your feet as well as the dance floors, you will definitely need ballroom dance shoes for all of the classes, coaching and parties. John and Patsy Wilson of Dance Shoes of Tennessee are always present to serve you while you are enjoying camp. John and Patsy, owners of the company, are great friends, dance promoters, and dance enthusiasts. By bringing their collection of merchandise to the All Star Dance Camp, they give you the opportunity to try on shoes and get the perfect fit. If you have an unusual size or foot problem, contact John and Patsy at [\(615\) 595-5305](tel:6155955305) so they can bring choices to best fit you.

Massages

Our massage therapist, Mia, is available for appointments at camp. Contact Jill Austin at [662-213-0504](tel:6622130504) to schedule a massage appointment. While you can also schedule a massage at camp, booking your massage before camp gives you the most options!

Private Lessons

Camp is a great time to take private lessons. During private coaching, you will have all of the dance professional's time devoted to helping you solve those problems which are hard to address in other settings. Private lessons can be scheduled for an individual, partnership or small group. They are 45 minutes in length.

If you, as an individual, are scheduling a lesson with Jim or Jenell Maranto, you must bring a partner with whom to dance. If you don't have a partner at camp we can arrange a partner for you for a nominal fee. However, you need to make arrangements for this when you schedule your private.

- Privates are \$135 for 45-minute lessons with Jim Maranto or Jenell Maranto.
- Privates with all other camp instructors are \$95 for 45-minute lessons.

No privates are allowed to be taught unless scheduled through and approved by the All Star Dance Camp administrative staff. To schedule in advance, e-mail Rubye Del at rubyedel@gmail.com before May 31st. To schedule at camp, see a staff member at the camp desk.

Encore Store

If you would like to place gently-used dance wear in our Encore Store (our camp consignment shop), please bring those items with you. (Absolutely no shoes.) Our front desk staff will assist you in placing your dance clothes in the Encore Store.

Dietary Restrictions

If you have dietary restrictions or needs, we will work with Pearl River Resorts to accommodate you. Please email Jill at jaustin.allstardance@gmail.com with the specifics of your restrictions by May 20th.

Video Policy

This year camp is not producing a camp DVD. You are invited to video whatever material you would like to keep. In each class, the teacher will teach the first 45 minutes, then for the last five minutes the teacher will review what he/she just taught and allow you to video. You may also video your private lessons.

Classroom Etiquette

Please be respectful of your teacher and the other students. It is important for everyone to hear and to see the teacher throughout each class. Do not 'teach' in the classes. If someone asks you a question, request that they ask the teacher. If your partner is having trouble with something, it is very likely that others are as well. So, it helps everyone when we let the teacher teach, and we all listen without disruption. Thanks for remembering this!

Badges

Please wear your badges at all times. Your badge is your admission ticket to all the camp events. On Thursday night, please remember to turn in your badge when leaving.

Where Do I Sign In For Camp When I Arrive?

The camp registration desk is your headquarters while at camp and is the hub for all activity. It is located in the lobby of the Convention Center area in the Silver Star Hotel. This is where you will pick up your camp packet and your camp name badge, which is your passport to all of the All Star Dance Camp events.

You may also schedule massages, private lessons, and purchase All Star Gear. The desk will open on Sunday at 2 p.m. and will remain open until 7 p.m. Please stop by when you arrive to pick up your camp materials and your name badge.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the desk will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. On Thursday, the desk will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. During the evening events, front desk personnel will be seated at a staff table. This will be the table closest to the entrance to the All Star Ballroom. If you have questions or need help during the evening parties, there will always be someone on hand to help you with your needs.

Where are the classes located?

Pearl River Resorts consists of two hotels that are connected by an enclosed, air-conditioned corridor. There are classrooms in both hotels.

Silver Star includes the All Star Ballroom, where our main parties will be, the Rising Star and Stardust classrooms.

Golden Moon includes the VIP and Magnolia classrooms. The Magnolia classroom is used primarily for private lessons.

How long are the classes?

At 8:15 each morning, we have a 30-minute exercise/warm up class taught by dance exercise specialist, Phillip Farley. Classes are taught at the beginning of each hour from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and until 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday. Each class is approximately 50 minutes in duration – 45 minutes for teaching and 5 minutes to video.

We encourage you to schedule breaks and to not try to do everything!

What class level should I choose?

You may switch from one level to another depending on your expertise in each dance. If you know fewer than five figures in a dance, you should choose Beginning Bronze. If you know six figures, but fewer than 13, then you may want to try Intermediate Bronze classes. If you know 13 or more figures in a dance, then you should choose Full Bronze. If you are an advanced dancer, you should choose Silver. If you aren't sure which to choose, ask any of the teachers and they will advise you.

Do couples have to change partners in the classes?

We strongly encourage you to rotate. We find that we all learn more when everyone participates in rotation during the classes. If you are strongly opposed to rotating, please let your teacher know at the beginning of class.

What is a Jack and Jill?

We have Jack and Jill competitions at some of our evening parties. A Jack and Jill is a dance in which you are paired with someone who is not your regular dance partner. It is lots of fun to work on your leading and following skills as you dance with someone with whom you have never danced. Judges choose the winners.

Is alcohol allowed in the ballroom?

As per our contract with Pearl River Resort, there is no alcohol allowed in the ballroom.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Rubye Del Harden, our Camp Director at rubyedel@gmail.com. She loves to answer camp questions!