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2026 All Star Dance Camp Theme

Music In Motion

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When I first started dancing, I'll be honest - I thought it was all about the steps.

Give me the patterns. Give me the names. Give me the counts. Give me the right foot on the right beat and tell me exactly what to do — and surely that would mean I was dancing. I overthought everything.

But the longer I've danced — and the more I've watched people dance — something has shifted in me. Somewhere along the way, those steps that once felt like the whole point became only the starting point.

Patterns became pathways.

Footwork became vocabulary.

And suddenly, instead of trying to remember moves, I found myself wanting to express something.

Because here's what I know now: Dance isn't built out of steps — it's built out of the fluidity of movement from one place to another.

Steps are just tiny increments. Movements are the journey.

Patterns don't live in little boxes, beginning and ending like punctuation marks. Every pattern opens the door to the next moment. It asks a question:

Where are you going now?

What does the music want next?

How will your body answer?

When we dance, we aren't marching through a checklist like I once thought I should do. When we dance we're shaping motion into music and music into movement. Our bodies become the visible form of what our ears and hearts are hearing.

And that has changed the way I think about everything we do in the ballroom.

Which brings me to camp this summer...

Our overall camp theme is Music in Motion, and it isn't just a tagline.

It's a focus.

A challenge.

A celebration.

This year, we're going to up our game in movement — not just “what steps can I do?” but “how do I move through the space between the steps?”

We'll explore:

- musicality — truly hearing the music, not just counting it

- movement intention — knowing where we're going before the feet ever leave the floor
- body awareness — using our arms, torso, breath, and balance as part of the story
- flow — discovering how one motion naturally becomes the next
- expression — letting the music live through us

Because the magic is not in how many patterns we know — but in how expressively we connect them.

So here's to the summer ahead...

To feeling the music as we move.

To knowing what happens next because we feel it, not because we memorized it.

To the joy of letting the music travel downward through our body and then outward — from the ears, to the heart, to the body, to the floor.

At All-Star Dance Camp 2026, we're not just going to dance to the music.

We're going to put the Music in Motion.

And I can't wait.

Resolutions for Camp



Happy New Year!!

This is often the time that people reflect on what they'd like to be different for their future. Have you thought about what you'd like to change about your dancing? Here are some ideas:

- Be more comfortable dancing socially
- Add a few new figures to your social dancing repertoire
- Perfect a particular dance move you enjoy
- Add or improve a dance style
- Work on a particular kind of technique
- Develop a performance routine

The good news is that you can work on all of these and more at All Star Dance Camp! To make sure you are signed up call Jill at (662) 213-0504.

Remember, your particular area of focus might be best suited to a private lesson at camp. To schedule yours, email your request to rubyedel@gmail.com.

As always, the most important resolution is to have fun dancing!! See you on the dance floor...

Videos

In each newsletter we will be showcasing one of our routines from this year's camp.

You can also check out our videos on our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@AllStarDanceCamp>. Videos are added as soon as they are available.

Here is Kendall Ward, Melissa Foster & Spenser Thompson's performance.



Comments? Questions?

Email our camp director, Rubye Del Harden at rubyedel@allstardancecamp.net.

About All Star Dance Camp



All Star Dance Camp is the best ballroom dance vacation! Dancers of all ages and abilities gather in Philadelphia, MS at [Pearl River Resort](#).

In addition to a welcome party on Sunday evening, camp features four full days of classes with dinner and dance parties every evening. As always, National Champions Jim & Jenell Maranto will be headlining camp. All Star Dance Camp offers seven or more classes daily and opportunities to take private coaching

with all our great camp staff members. Campers can choose their own classes and class levels. Class levels include Beginning, Intermediate and Full Bronze as well as Silver levels.

Camp tuition includes classes, dinner Monday - Thursday and dance parties each evening. Call Jill at (662) 213-0504 to register.

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