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Silver Foxtrot Routine Class 2019 choreographed by Jim Maranto

The Value of Routine Classes

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At camp, some people dive into routine classes while others skip them in favor of sampling lots of different styles and topics. Both approaches are totally valid - there is no "right" way to build your schedule.

That said, there are some really good reasons to consider taking at least one routine class during the week. For many campers, routine classes end up being one of the most memorable and rewarding parts of camp.

What Are Routine Classes?

Routine classes are multi-session classes (usually taught over five sessions) where the same group of dancers learns a complete choreographed routine together.

The goal of these classes is to prepare dancers to perform their routine at the Gala on Thursday evening. The focus is not just on steps, but on:

- musicality
- timing
- partnering
- styling
- confidence
- and performance skills

Even if you've never performed before, these classes are designed to be supportive, encouraging, and fun.

Routine Classes Offered This Year

- Beginning Bronze Cha Cha
- Intermediate Bronze Cha Cha
- Full Bronze East Coast Swing
- Silver Cha Cha
- Beginning Bronze Tango
- Intermediate Bronze Foxtrot
- Full Bronze Waltz
- Silver Tango
- Ladies' Routine (style to be announced)
- Men's Routine (style to be announced)

What's Helpful to Know

- You do not need a partner to take a routine class. The routines are performed twice, and many leaders dance with two different followers.
- You can take the class and choose not to perform on Thursday night. Many people love learning the routine even if they opt out of the performance.
- If you take a routine class, it's important to attend all sessions. Each class builds on the one before it, and your group is counting on you.
- It's often best to dance one level below your current working level so you can focus on choreography, musicality, and performance skills without

struggling with unfamiliar patterns.

- Many campers take more than one routine class. Once you do one, it's easy to see why people come back for more.

Why Take a Routine Class?

1. You build real connections.

Because you're with the same group of dancers for multiple sessions, routine classes are one of the best ways to form friendships at camp. By the end of the week, you don't just recognize faces — you know names, personalities, and inside jokes. There's a wonderful sense of camaraderie that naturally develops.

2. You experience what it's like to work toward a shared goal.

Learning a routine together creates a team feeling. You're all working toward the same performance, supporting each other through "Wait, what comes next?" moments, laughing at mistakes, and celebrating breakthroughs. It's incredibly satisfying to watch the routine come together over the course of the week.

3. You practice learning choreography.

Following along in a routine class helps you develop the skill of learning sequences more efficiently — picking up patterns, remembering transitions, and understanding how choreography is structured. That skill carries over into private lessons, showcases, and even social dancing.

4. You develop performance skills — not just dance steps.

Routine classes go beyond technique. You'll work on:

- projection
- expression
- musical interpretation
- connecting with your partner
- staying calm when you forget a step

These are the skills that make dancing look confident and joyful, whether you're on a stage or on a social dance floor.

5. You get a confidence boost.

Performing (or even just preparing to perform) stretches you in the best way. Many dancers walk into their first routine class thinking, "I could never do that,"

and walk out of the Gala thinking, “Wow... I actually did that.” That confidence carries into every other part of your dancing.

6. You take something home with you.

You can video your routine and bring it home as a souvenir of your camp experience. Many people continue practicing the routine back home, perform it at their studio, or use pieces of it in showcases and parties. It becomes a tangible memory of your week at camp.

7. It's just plain fun.

Routine classes are often the most laughter-filled classes of the week. There's something joyful about creating something together, seeing progress day by day, and sharing that experience with your fellow campers.

“Why Should I Bother With a Routine Class?”

This is one of the most common questions we hear.

The short answer?

Because routine classes give you something different from any other class at camp.

They offer continuity, community, growth, and a shared sense of accomplishment. You're not just learning steps — you're building confidence, developing performance skills, forming friendships, and creating a memory that lasts long after camp ends.

If you've never taken a routine class before, consider trying at least one this year. You might be surprised how quickly it becomes one of your favorite parts of the week.

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The Playlists at Camp!



The best parties have the best music. You can suggest songs to add to our camp playlists. [Click here](#) to add your favorites to the request list. There is no limit to the number of songs you can add!!

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By the time our next newsletter comes out, Early Bird Pricing will have ended.

If you've been on the fence, call Jill today! (662) 213-0504

All-Star Dance Camp includes:

- A kickoff party on Sunday
- Four full days of dancing
- Parties every night
- Dinner Monday–Thursday

That's a sweetheart of a deal!

Videos

You can check out all of our videos from our last camp on our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@AllStarDanceCamp>. Videos are added as soon as they are available.

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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