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Dance to the Music:

Our Most Exciting Costume Contest Yet!

If you've been to All-Star Dance Camp before, you already know... Monday night is no ordinary night.

This year's camp theme is Music in Motion, and on Monday night we will quite literally Dance to the Music — because 8:30 PM is showtime for our annual Costume Contest!

For many of you, this is one of the most anticipated, talked-about, and photographed moments of the entire week. Our campers don't just "throw something on." They plan. They design. They rehearse. They coordinate. They pack entire suitcases around a single idea. The creativity, humor, sparkle, and heart that go into these costumes are incredible.

And this year? We're raising the bar.

A New & Improved Judging Experience

Last year, many of you shared thoughtful feedback about the judging process. You told us how much time, imagination, and energy you pour into your costumes — and you wanted the judging system to reflect that same level of care and intention.

We heard you.

So this year, we are introducing a dual judging system:

- A team of independent judges provided by the resort
- AND our traditional People's Choice voting

This means your costume will be evaluated thoughtfully and fairly - while still keeping the fun, interactive spirit that makes our contest so special.

Three Divisions - Because Fair Matters

One of the biggest challenges in the past has been comparing apples to oranges - or rather, solo stars to full ensemble productions!

So this year, we are dividing entries into three separate divisions, each judged within its own category:

1. Solo Entries – One person, one vision, one spotlight
2. Duo Entries – Dynamic duos bringing their concept to life
3. Group Entries – Full productions with coordinated creativity

Each division will have its own moment on the floor — giving judges and the audience the chance to truly appreciate every detail.

The Music That Sets the Stage

Each division will strut its stuff to a different high-energy anthem:

- Solos: "Vogue" by Madonna
- Duos: "Can't Stop the Feeling!" by Justin Timberlake
- Groups: "The Loco-Motion" by Kylie Minogue

(Yes... we are fully leaning into the Music in Motion theme!)

Hear the music by [clicking this link!](#)

How It Will Work

We'll begin with the Solo entries. Each participant will walk the entire floor, circle back, and line up front and center so everyone can see the details up close. After their spotlight moment, they'll exit slightly offstage.

Next up: the Duos — same exciting runway experience.

Then our Groups will take the floor and parade around before lining up in front for the audience and judges to admire.

After all three divisions have had their moment, we'll bring everyone back out together for a fabulous full-cast photo — because the creativity deserves to be captured!

Then:

- Judges will step away to deliberate
- People's Choice ballots will be collected and counted
- Winners and runners up in each category will be announced later in the evening as soon as results are finalized

What Does “Music in Motion” Mean?

This year's costumes should reflect our camp theme. That could mean:

- Emulating a favorite vocalist, performer, musician, or band
- Recreating an iconic music moment
- Designing something abstract that represents rhythm, movement, sound, or performance
- Or dreaming up something completely original that, to you, captures the spirit of music in motion

There are no limits on imagination.

And as always, participation is optional. You never have to dress up.

Monday night at camp is bold. It's creative. It's a little over-the-top. It's laughter, applause, cameras flashing, and dancers stepping outside their comfort zones in the most joyful way possible.

It's one of the clearest examples of what makes All-Star Dance Camp so special: we don't just dance the music.

We become it.



Why Not Bring A Pro to Camp

Dance pros are always learning, too. They love to learn just as much as we do. So here's a thought... what if several of you teamed up and brought a pro to dance camp?

Imagine how much fun it would be to:

- Have your studio pro in your classes to support what you are learning.
- Watch the pro get excited as they learn new things to teach back in your home studio
- Have them there to dance with you in the evenings
- Share the entire camp experience as a team

Camp is especially wonderful for newer pros who are building their careers — but truly, it can benefit any pro. We all know that when a teacher is learning, they're inspired. And that inspiration comes right back to their students.

We also understand that pros can't easily leave home and lose teaching income for a week. That's why we offer a very special pro rate when students bring their pro to camp. If several of you share the opportunity, it can make it possible for your pro to attend for little or no personal expense — and enjoy a well-deserved dance “vacation” with your group.

And let's be honest... everyone loves the chance to dance with a professional. Having pros to dance with campers at the parties and in the classes adds tremendous value to the entire camp experience.

If you'd like to learn more about how the group pro rate works, contact Jill at 662-213-0504. And, of course, before you get excited about fundraising to bring a pro to dance camp, be sure to ask them if this is something in which they would be interested!!!

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Music Requests: Submit Yours Today!



Help us build the playlists for camp! 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!!

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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