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Important!! Help Us Check Twice!!

Over the past few weeks we've asked you to send emails to Jill with a number of different things. **If you have not received a confirmation email from Jill, please check back with her at jaustin.allstardance@gmail.com.** We want to be certain nothing has been missed or overlooked!

Things include things like:

- Dietary restrictions
- Travel itineraries if you are flying into Jackson airport
- Table reservations

Reminders:

- If you are a six+ year camper, please bring your jacket to the party on Sunday night so you will have it for the jacket ceremony!
- If you are flying into the Jackson, MS airport, please email Jill your flight info so she can arrange for someone to pick you up.
- If you haven't made your hotel reservation, make it TODAY. The deadline was May 15, but maybe they will give you our rate anyway if you call right now! **(866) 44-PEARL Group Code S6ASD26.**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR:

- Camp! Call Jill to sign up for camp now at (662) 213-0504!
- Tammy and Robbie's Night Club Two Step Class on Sunday afternoon click [here](#)
- Hair and Make Up Appointments with Liz click [here](#)
- Massages with Mia click [here](#)
- Private Lessons click [here](#)

If you are planning to take The Ladies Routine Class...

This year's Ladies' routine will have a mix of tango, nightclub, and cha cha. If you plan to participate, please plan to wear this top or any solid colored sequined top of your own that you may already have. I would like for you to wear the sequined top with black pants.

[Click here to see the top Tammy selected.](#)



Rule #1: Have Fun

Since the very first All Star Dance Camp, we've had one rule and one rule only:

Have Fun!

For amateurs, dancing is our hobby. And why would smart people choose a hobby they didn't enjoy? We dance because we love it. We dance every chance we get. We talk about dance, think about dance, make friends through dance, and look forward to the next time we can get out on the floor.

So for those of us who love it, spending an entire week at dance camp is pretty close to heaven! For one glorious week, we get to immerse ourselves in dance - learning, laughing, moving, growing, and sharing the experience with people who love it just as much as we do.

Over the years, I've picked up a few things that I think make camp more fun, more rewarding, and a whole lot less stressful. So here are a few of my favorite tips:

RD's Tips for a Fun & Rewarding Dance Camp

Tip #1 — Don't Worry

We humans are experts at worrying - even though we know it rarely helps anything! We worry about making mistakes, forgetting steps, or not dancing as well as we think we *should*. (In RD terms that is called 'shoulding on yourself!') But here's the truth: mistakes are often where the learning happens.

Nobody comes to camp already knowing everything. Camp is where we grow. Relax. Breathe. We laugh at ourselves. The campers having the most fun are usually the ones who aren't afraid to mess up.

Tip #2 — Focus More on Movement Than Patterns

Very few campers remember every single figure taught in every class. That's normal!

What *does* stay with you is improved posture, balance, timing, connection, movement, and technique. A week spent concentrating on how to move properly will improve your dancing tremendously. So pay just as much attention to *how* the teachers want you to move as you do to the patterns themselves.

Tip #3 — Bring a Recording Device

At the end of each class, teachers usually review and summarize the material while campers video the lesson.

That means you don't have to rely entirely on memory. You can relax, participate, and enjoy the class knowing you'll be able to review it later.

Tip #4 — Don't Try to Do Everything

Sometimes we get a little FOMO - fear of missing out - and try to do absolutely everything. The problem is that exhaustion catches up with us, and suddenly we aren't enjoying anything at all.

Remember:

1. If your feet are tired or sore, it's perfectly okay to sit and watch a class.

2. If you get brain fatigue and/or body overload - take a break and come back strong!
3. Dance lessons come back around again and again throughout your dance journey.

And here's the amazing thing: you'll hear something different each time as you take classes during your dance journey because *you* will be different each time. As your dancing grows, your understanding grows, too.

Plus, remember - the class review at the end will be on your recording device!

Tip #5 — Evaluate Yourself, But Don't Judge Yourself

It's easy to compare ourselves to other dancers, but we forget that every dancer is on a different journey.

What helped me most was learning to stop comparing myself to others and instead focus on becoming the best version of *me* that I could be.

I love watching and cheering on dancers at every level - especially newcomers. I remember when a simple box step felt impossible! What seems easy now was once completely "unfigureoutable."

I've also learned to watch advanced dancers without beating myself up because I can't dance like they do - *yet*.

And that word matters.

Y.E.T. = You're Eligible, Too.

You are absolutely capable of improving and becoming the best dancer *you* can be, based on the time, attention, and energy you choose to invest.

We all have different strengths. One dancer may excel at spins and turns, while another has beautiful musicality or connection. The key is to celebrate your strengths while continuing to work on the things that challenge you.

That's how growth happens.

Tip #6 — Make Friends

There is truly nothing better than dance friends.

Dance camp is one of the few places where complete strangers can and will become dear friends in a matter of days because you already share something important - a love of dance.

So introduce yourself. Meet new people. Dance with lots of partners. Strengthen old friendships and create new ones.

At dance camp, someone you haven't met yet is just a future dance friend.

Tip #7 — Remember Rule #1

Whenever in doubt, remember Rule #1 is to *Have Fun!*

Laugh at yourself. Laugh with your friends. Try something new. Cheer for other dancers. Celebrate all your victories large and small. Live it up! Go into each class, lesson and party ready to soak up the learning and the fun!

All Star Dance Camp is your chance to do a deep dive into dance with people who understand exactly why you love it so much. . . because they do, too. And honestly? That's pretty special.

Encore Store

Don't forget to bring your gently used dancewear to sell in the Encore Store - ladies and gentlemen's wear can be sold there. (No shoes please)



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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.



Beginner Bronze Merengue Class Performance Camp 2025

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.

All Star Dance Camp

June 7-12, 2026

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