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## Delaware Dance Company

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Dear parent or guardian,

We hope your child is looking forward to coming to camp at Delaware Dance Company this summer. We are, once again, finishing plans for what we hope will be another wonderful summer of dance and musical theatre camps. The dance camp day will run from 10:00A to 4:00P for all our campers. Daycare is available between 7:30-10:00A and 4:00-6:00P. As much as possible, daycare should be arranged and paid for in advance.

Please be aware that you must sign your child in and out of dance camp each day. The book for this purpose will be located at the front desk or in the day care room. Sometimes a line forms, as each parent must sign the book. Please be patient. It is important that all children are signed in and out. Parents of first time campers, please be prepared to spend a little extra time at the studio on the first day of camp in case your child has trouble adjusting to the new setting. Every child handles the first day in his or her own way and we would like it to be a positive experience for everyone. Your cooperation is appreciated.

In addition to taking dance classes, your child will be participating in activities centered on dance, music, theatre, nutrition and body movement. Of course, we will also be preparing for the Friday evening performance. This year, our Friday performances will be held at Mitchell Hall on the University of Delaware campus. Mitchell Hall is located at the intersection of Amstel and South College Avenues. The front doors face the college green. Additional information about the Friday performance follows. An example schedule of a camp day, a list of items your camper should bring to camp and an Emergency Health Form also can be downloaded from this site. A copy of your registration form was sent in the mail and is your receipt. Final payments and Emergency Forms are due by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to seeing your dancer very soon!

Sincerely,

Miss Sunshine and the dance camp teachers and helpers

## Friday Performances

Each week dance camp culminates with a performance on Friday evening. For Musical Theatre Camp the performance is on the final Friday. Costuming is done mainly from our costume closet although the campers are often requested to wear either light-colored or dark-colored dance clothing for the performance. They are also sometimes requested to bring in an article of clothing such as shorts or a colorful T-shirt if needed for their dance number. Campers may wear make-up for the performance. Make-up for this purpose must be supplied by the parent on the last day of camp. A list of what is needed for the performance will be sent home with your child on the Wednesday or Thursday before the performance.

The performances will be at 6:00 PM at Mitchell Hall, located at the intersection of Amstel and South College Ave. Campers stay at camp through the performance and will be transported to the theatre by bus. The dancers will have a pizza dinner at the theatre before the performance. If your child does not eat pizza, please pack an additional meal to be eaten at the theatre.

Parents should go directly to the theatre on Friday evening and will bring their child home from that site after the performance. On Thursday afternoon, sleeping bags, crafts and all extra items not needed for Friday should be taken home. At the theatre, please do not attempt to go backstage either before or after the show. All campers will be kept with their group until they are released to their parents in the auditorium after the completion of the performance.

Our Friday performances are usually the highlight of camp for both our campers and their parents. We understand that many campers have extended family that would like to come and see them perform and have chosen a large auditorium for this reason. However, we would like to ask your cooperation in helping our performances run smoothly. Please do not plan to arrive at the theatre before 5:45 PM. The audience will not be allowed into the auditorium before this time in order to let the dancers and teachers finish their preparations. For the safety of the performers, **no flash photography is allowed** during the performance. At the end of the show, each group will pose on stage for photographs. If you plan to videotape your child, please choose a seat at the back or outside aisles of the auditorium so that you do not interfere with others' view of the stage. The bright screens on phone and cameras can be very distracting to others in the audience. With your cooperation, we hope that everyone can have a chance to enjoy viewing the performance.