

Dear SPARK Dancer,

Your registration to SPARK Summer Dance Intensive 2019 has been accepted. We are looking forward to having you as a part of our electrifying dance experience!



The faculty and staff are busy making final preparations so that your SPARK Intensive will be one you'll always remember! We're excited and hope you are, too!

AGE - Dancers must be at least 8 years old and have had a minimum of three years of dance training.

EVENTS - Our exciting session will include a special events night and we'll have a COOL ending to a HOT day of dance in the beautiful pool at the Hilton. Bring your towel, bathing suit, cover-up, flip flops and sunscreen! Dancers - let your talent shine in our closing night (Tuesday) SPARK KOREO SHOW! Bring your own dances from home, we'll show some choreography from our classes and SPARK KOREO will premiere their new work! Celebrate our SPARK KOREO SHOW and the workshop end with snacks and dancing at our cast party after the show!

ATTIRE - Proper dance attire is required for all classes. Hair should be pulled back (counselors will help younger dancers), limited jewelry and no chewing gum. Check our Packing List for details! Clothing for non-dance activities should consist primarily of casual shorts and t-shirts, comfortable walking shoes and a sweatshirt or hoodie for chilly mornings. Pack wisely! One suitcase and one dance bag per dancer, please. Each dancer is responsible for his or her personal belongings. Please label everything and do not send irreplaceable items. We will not be responsible for lost articles.

MONEY - You may bring some change for soft drinks but large sums of money aren't necessary.

ACCOMMODATIONS - Dancers stay in hotel rooms with 3 students and 1 counselor per room. Older dancers may be given adjoining rooms with one counselor overseeing 2 rooms. Roommates are assigned according to age. You will be issued a room key and MUST keep up with it! We suggest bringing a small pouch to keep it in.

MEALS - Dancers are served dinner on the first day, all 3 meals the next two days and breakfast only on the last day. Breakfast is a continental type with muffins, juices, milk, fruit and a hot protein choice each day. Lunches and dinners are dancer and kid friendly. Dancers are required to attend all meals and understand that special meals cannot be provided. We know dancers get hungry in between our 3 meals so you may send healthy snacks, protein bars, water bottle, etc. along with your dancer. PLEASE make us aware of any ALLERGIES or LIMITATIONS (i.e. vegetarian/vegan) BEFORE SPARK begins.

SUPERVISION - We do everything as a group and never go anywhere alone – not even to the restroom between classes! All dancers are assigned a counselor who will stay in the room with younger dancers at night and in adjoining rooms to older dancers. Counselors provide supervision at all times outside of dance classes. Our staff is caring and qualified! We take pride in a safe dance experience!

EXPECTATIONS - Dancers are required to attend all classes and may observe the class or take in a different level if they are not trained in a particular subject. Dancers must stay with their assigned group and obey the staff and their counselor. No alcohol, tobacco or drugs, no boys in the girls' rooms and no girls in the boys' rooms. Keep a great attitude and learn a lot!

STUDENT PLACEMENT - Advanced students ages 15 and over are placed in the Senior room. Classes will be technically challenging for these advanced dancers! The Teen room is aimed at dancers ages 13-15 and the Junior room is geared for the 8-12 year olds. Except for the Advanced Student minimum age of 15, the other age ranges are simply guidelines – we take into consideration your level and years of training when placing you in class. Teachers may take class with the Seniors, observe and take their own notes & videotaping is permitted.



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REQUIRED FORM - Each dancer is required to have their notarized EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM on file with our staff. Please bring the notarized form to check-in. We cannot be responsible for distributing medication but we will remind any dancer who has scheduled medications.

PAYMENTS - All fee balances are due in full by July 1. Please mark your calendar now!

CANCELLATION POLICY - Any cancellation received prior to May 15 will be granted a full refund of all fees paid. After May 15 the \$350.00 deposit is non-refundable. In the case of no-shows, early dismissals due to conduct, early leaving by a dancer prior to the end of session and cancellations received after June 1 all fees paid are non-refundable. Refunds less the \$350.00 deposit will be granted at any time prior to SPARK if cancellation is due to accident or illness but must be accompanied by a written statement from the dancer's physician.

CHECK-IN - Dancers must arrive and check in at our registration desk between the hours of 12:30pm and 1:30pm on the opening day. No lunch is provided so please feed your dancer lunch prior to check-in. Orientation will be held at 1:30pm and the first class will begin at 2:00pm. Please make sure your dancer has dance attire, a cover-up and shoes for the afternoon classes in a dance bag separate from their suitcase. We will be securing the luggage in a holding area until we are able to move into our rooms. A place will be provided for the dancers to change into their dance attire. When afternoon classes are over, we will be able to move into our rooms.

CHECK-OUT - Dancers must be checked out from our registration desk between 11:00am and 11:30am on the closing day.

PHONE CALLS - Please discourage your child from calling home excessively. We certainly respect any parent's instructions to their children but know from years of experience that this typically leads to homesickness. As parents, we all want to know exactly what our child is doing, how their day was, etc. but late night calls to tired dancers can encourage late night drama. All hotel room phones are blocked from making outbound long distance calls, so any necessary calls must be made by cell phone. Dancers' cell phones can only be used before class in the morning, after lunch and after class at night until lights out at 10:30pm on the first night and 10:00pm on the following nights. At all other times they must be turned off. This session is only 4 days and 3 nights away from home in a very loving atmosphere -- please help your child (and our staff) have a positive experience by avoiding excessive phone calls.

VISITATION - Our doors are always open but for the same reasons as above, we discourage visiting your dancer. You are welcome to attend orientation, our showcase and the final awards ceremony.

SPARK SHOW - On the 3rd night (Tuesday night) we present our SPARK SHOW. Dancers, you can participate by bringing your own dances from home, we'll present some choreography from our class work and SPARK KOREO will premiere their new creation! Participants must bring 2 copies of their own pre-recorded CD, no longer than 3 minutes, with only one song per CD. Label the CDs with the name of the song and your name. Fill out a separate form (on website) for each dance and turn in your form and music at the first SPARK breakfast. Dance Teachers, Parents and friends are invited!



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OUR LOCATION:

Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center
500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, GA 30064
770-427-2500 — www.hilton.com

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center – 770-427-2500 (ask for Allison Gupton or Jamie McCord)

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS: (only to be called in case of emergency)

SPARK Directors: Allison Gupton — (404) 290-4733; Jamie McCord — (678) 416-7621

EARLY ARRIVALS

You are on your own if you arrive before check-in time and must pay for your room upon arrival. When you make your reservation, be sure to tell them you are with SPARK to receive the SPARK rate.

CONTACT US

By Mail: DanceFest Productions, Inc., 252 Creekstone Ridge Woodstock, GA 30188

By Phone: (404) 290-4733

By e-mail: dancefestproductions@gmail.com

On the web at: www.SPARKsummerdance.com

DANCERS WISHING TO FLY TO SPARK MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

Please mail or e-mail flight info to us prior to June 15. We will send a confirmation of our receipt of your info. Please contact us promptly if you do not receive our confirmation. Send name of airline, flight number and departure and arrival info.

If your dancer is under 18 years of age, please check with your particular airline regarding their policy authorizing your child's release to us. The airlines typically require some type of written permission signed by a parent/legal guardian allowing SPARK personnel to pick up your dancer. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT & DIFFERS WITH EACH AIRLINE! Confirm requirements with your airline!

SPARK KOREO ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DATES & TIMES: Please plan your arrival into the Atlanta, GA Hartsfield-Jackson Airport (ATL) on Saturday, July 1 between 6:00am and 10:00am and depart on Wednesday, July 20 between 2:00 and 4:00pm.

INTENSIVE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DATES & TIMES: Please plan your arrival into the Atlanta, GA Hartsfield-Jackson Airport (ATL) on Sunday, July 17 between 6:00am and 10:00am and depart on Wednesday, July 20 between 2:00 and 4:00pm.

Please contact us before making reservations if you cannot schedule flights during the time frames listed above. Round trip shuttle service to and from the Hilton will be available for \$65.00 per person. Fee can be paid upon registration or at check-in.



S U M M E R D A N C E I N T E N S I V E

Parents,

You are giving your dancer a wonderful gift! Our teachers are among the finest professionals in the business and they are eager to share their passion for dance and train the next generation!

You can rest assured that we take great care of our dancers. From the moment they arrive, we look after them as a part of our family. They are chaperoned at all times, provided with terrific meals and lots of extras for great SPARK memories! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Dancers - We'll take your talents to a new level with 4 fabulous days of fun & 20 classes featuring some of the dance world's most electrifying teachers!

LET'S GET SPARKED!

Allison Gupton, Jamie McCord and the SPARK Summer Dance Intensive Faculty & Staff

PACKING SUGGESTIONS:

- Dance clothes for 4 days. Shoes for Jazz, Tap & Ballet. No pointe shoes necessary. For Lyrical & Contemporary you may wear any type of lyrical, jazz, ballet shoes. For Musical Theatre you may wear jazz shoes, or dance heels. For Hip Hop you may wear dance sneakers, regular sneakers or jazz shoes.
- cover-up to wear over dancewear in the hotel
- pj's
- underwear & socks
- casual clothes for after dance
- toiletries
- bathing suit, cover-up & beach towel
- flip flops for the pool
- shoes
- hoodie or sweatshirt
- water bottle
- costume & music if performing your own number in SPARK KOREO SHOW
- healthy snacks (optional) and change for drink machine (optional)