Shooting Stars Dance Recital Handbook 2017

*Everything you need to know to have a stress-free recital experience!*

Recital Dates- June 2nd & 3rd, 2017 at the Cloquet High School

**DANCER’S NAME**:

**YOUR DANCER’S CLASS TIME**:

**YOUR DANCER’S REHEARSAL DAY/TIME**:

Rehearsal will be held at the Cloquet High School at 1000 18th St. Cloquet, MN 55720

Parents are required to attend rehearsal with all dancers age 11 and under! Rehearsal will take 2-4 hours.

**YOUR DANCER’S RECITAL DAY/TIME**:

Recital will be held at the Cloquet High School at 1000 18th St. Cloquet, MN 55720

Dancers should check-in 30-45 mins prior to show time, please do not check in any earlier.

**YOUR RECITAL CHECKLIST** (see below for details on how to complete these):

* Verify that your dancer’s names are spelled correctly by May 1st
* Verify that your dancer’s years at SSD are correct by May 1st
* Order your recital t-shirt by May 12th (we don’t order extras, so pre-order!)
* Make sure you have the proper tights and shoes for recital
* Check your account balance and pay in full by May 15th
* Purchase your recital tickets
* Purchase your recital roses to give to that special dancer at recital by May 26th
* Purchase your recital DVD or Blu-ray
* Sign up for summer lessons!

**Verify Your Dancer’s Name and Years at SSD**

In order to ensure that your dancer’s name is spelled correctly in our recital program and on the t-shirt we ask everyone to log into your studio account and verify the spelling and years in dance. You can do this by following these steps:

1. Go to www.SSDdance.com and click “Login” in the upper right corner
2. Log into your account (use the forgot your password link if you don’t know it)
3. Click on “Edit Student Info” in the right column
4. Click “Edit” and make any corrections to your dancer’s name spelling, birthdate and years at SSD. Please make sure your dancer’s name uses proper capitalization and is not in all caps. We will remove any names in all caps from the program and t-shirt.
5. Click “Save” and repeat for any additional dancers in your family

We have a computer available at the studio for you to use to verify your student’s name and years in dance if you don’t have access to one at home.

**Award Ceremony for Years in Dance**

All dancers will be getting a pin for their years in dance. These will be given out at the studio before the end of regular lessons.

Dancers who are completing their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th and 25th years of dance will receive a crown in addition to their year pin. These crowns are to recognize these milestone achievements and will be given out on stage at recital during the show or shows you perform in. We will also recognize our graduating seniors and give out any additional awards at this time. We expect all dancers to participate in this during the shows you perform in and invite you to participate in any show you do not perform in as well.

If anyone would like to purchase additional pins for years prior to the year you are currently completing, you may do so at the desk for $6 per pin. Anyone who is completing their 6th-9th, 11th-14th, 16th-19th or 21st or higher year and would like to purchase the crown for the level below where you are at please order one at the desk. Prices vary by year level, so please ask.

**Recital Shirts**

We will be offering recital t-shirts for sale this year. They will be white with our recital logo on the front and all the dancer’s names and years in dance on the back. They are a great recital keepsake! Have your dancer’s teachers and class sign them for a more personal touch. T-shirts are sold by pre-orders only and are $15 each. Order yours by May 12th online or at the desk.

**Account Balances**

All account balances need to be paid in full by May 15th in order to participate in rehearsal and recital. You may check your balance and pay at the desk or online at any time. Please make sure

**Recital Tickets**

Tickets for recital are $10 each and are on sale ONLINE ONLY now and will be available to purchase at the studio beginning May 1st. You can purchase them online at www.ssddance.com or at the studio during regular business hours. Tickets are reserved seating and for a specific show and cannot be changed once purchased, so please keep this in mind when purchasing seats. It is best to plan ahead and know exactly how many tickets you will need before purchasing any so you can all sit together. Children are the same price as adults and need a ticket if you would like them to have their own seat. If toddlers will be sitting on your lap they do not need a ticket. PLEASE TRIPLE CHECK THAT YOU ARE PURCHASING TICKETS FOR THE CORRECT SHOW! We would hate to have someone purchase tickets for a show their child is not in on accident. You can check this online at www.SSDdance.com/class-details.html.

If you have multiple children in dance and we were not able to get them all in the same show you will receive two complimentary tickets for one of the shows. Please contact the studio at info@SSDdance.com to receive a discount coupon (please include the names and class times of your children in the email) or purchase tickets in person at the studio or rehearsal to receive your complimentary tickets. Please note that the studio is closed the week of recital (May 29th through June 2nd) so you will not be able to purchase tickets in person that week. You may purchase tickets at rehearsals and at the door as long as we are not sold out.

**Recital Roses, DVDs and Blu-rays**

We sell roses for you to give to your dancer at the end of recital as a fundraiser for our PACC Team. We also offer professional DVDs or Blu-rays of the recital shows for you to purchase. You can purchase these through a link on our website, at the desk or immediately following your ticket purchase. Roses are $4.50 for one or $24 for 6 and must be picked up by the end of intermission at the show you order them for. DVDs are $29 each or $75 for all three shows. Blu-rays are $39 each or $105 for all three shows. DVDs and Blu-rays will be delivered to the studio 4-6 weeks after recital and can be picked up during regular business hours.

**Last Day of Regular Lessons**

Our last day of regular classes will be May 26th for all classes. There are NO regular lessons the week of recital (May 29th through June 2nd) and the studio is closed this week. Please note that the studio answering machine is NOT checked during recital week- if you need to purchase last minute tights or other items please do so at rehearsal. If you need to contact someone on the day of rehearsal or recital you may contact Suzy at 218-390-2837 and leave a message, however please note that cell phone service is not available backstage so we may not get messages right away. Text messages are preferred over voice messages since they tend to come through better.

**Rehearsal Schedule**

All classes have a rehearsal practice scheduled at the Cloquet High School on either May 30th, 31st or June 1st. The rehearsal schedule can be found on our website at www.ssddance.com and your rehearsal time is listed at the top of this handbook. Rehearsals take 2-4 hours and a parent should attend with all dancers age 11 and under and all first year dancers of any age to make sure you get all the information you need. We do our best to keep rehearsals running on time, but they can get chaotic. Please be very patient with us!

Dancers should arrive at the Cloquet High School already in costume. You do not need to wear your recital tights to avoid getting snags in them before the big show! Please check-in at the check-in table with our studio staff when you arrive and they will tell you where to go in the auditorium. Dancers will sit with their class while waiting for their turn to rehearse. When the dancers rehearse for finale, parents will be taken into the hallway and shown where to drop dancers off on recital day, where the dressing rooms will be, etc.

**Recital Day**

On recital day, dancers should check-in at the Cloquet High School between 5:30-5:45pm for the 6:00pm shows and 12:30-12:45pm for the 1:00pm show. You will leave them, along with their dance shoes and all items needed for recital, with our helpers at the check-in table for their class. Please have all their things labeled with their name and in a small dance bag. For younger dancers we will provide a paper grocery bag for all their items to go into in the dressing room so make sure all their things will fit inside a bag of that size. Please do not send toys, food or other unnecessary items with your dancer, as dressing rooms are crowded. We will provide entertainment and snacks for the dancers while they are backstage.

Parents are not allowed in the dressing rooms or backstage area unless you volunteer to be a recital helper. Recital helpers are required to remain backstage for the entire show and are in charge of supervising a group of dancers. If you wish to be a recital helper please sign up at the desk. We will always come get a parent from the auditorium if there are any problems backstage, but usually it is better (especially for shy or hesitant dancers) if the parent is not backstage with them.

Our recital lasts about 3 hours with a 15-minute intermission. Doors will open 30 minutes before each show. Parents are not allowed to visit dancers during intermission and dancers are not allowed in the lobby during intermission. This is for dancers of ALL ages and ensures that dancers are safe and accounted for at all times. For spectators, concessions and gift items will be available in the lobby during intermission.

For the safety of the dancers, we do not allow videotaping during the recital. Because our recital is open to the public we cannot guarantee the integrity of all audience spectators and being a live performance, anything can happen onstage (costume malfunctions, etc.).

At the end of recital, parents are welcome to come onstage for photos with your dancer! At least one parent for all dancers age 10 and under should come up to the stage at the end of recital to pick up your dancer. Older dancers should be instructed to meet you either on stage or in their dressing area. You will need to return to the dressing room when you are finished on stage so you can get your dancer’s things and check-out with their class helper. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CHECK OUT WITH YOUR CLASS HELPER to ensure that all dancers are accounted for and we don’t have lost and found items left behind!

**Summer Lessons**

SSD offers a unique lesson format in the summer that differs from our regular-season classes. For preschoolers we offer a fun and imaginative princess class that gives them something new and different from our regular season classes. For older dancers through adults we offer a variety of classes focused solely on specific dance technique. There are technique classes in jazz, tap, ballet, strength & flex, turning and acro-dance that are open to everyone. Our summer session is 8 weeks long and begins June 26th. Register for classes online or at the desk.