



Outdoor Recital Info Packet 2020

“Sweet 16”

Enclosed you will find all the information you will need to know about the 2020 Excel Dance Centre Outdoor mini recital. This year’s Sweet 16 theme has taken a new meaning of sweet as we find ways to help these dancers finish their season! Included will be location, recital times, picture info, directions and detailed instructions to keep our dancers and families safe, and current info to follow State guidelines.

Please read this information all the way through so you and your dancer feel prepared for the best experience possible! Please make sure to read all attachments (Show order/times, procedures and maps)☺

Location

The Outdoor recital will take place at Schoolcraft Schools practice Football field. Attached is a document with location, where to park, where to check in, where to change if more than one costume, and where to watch. The field entrance/parking will be accessed through 14th street and directly behind the Football stadium. (attached map)

What to wear/bring

-Please make sure you refer to the website for costume details if you need assistance (they will be on our website early this coming week). We will be posting the files that were made prior to this show, so please only refer to costume, tights and shoes. All other info is now disregarded.

-All dancers will need to arrive IN COSTUME. We will NOT have space for them to change into their first costume when they arrive due to our restrictions on numbers. Please make sure they arrive dressed and ready to go. If they have 2 dances, please bring the second costume in a garment bag or small tub to help them change into the next costume. For our dancers 10 and under we do ask a parent to supervise mostly to ensure they are keeping their safe space from others as well as not leaving any costume pieces behind as well as an extra hand since there will be no place for them to keep any extra supplies.

- All dancers will be wearing a low ponytail for hair. This will make it easier so that all styles stay the same for dancers in several dances. We will not have any space for them to do hair so please make sure they arrive with hair done.

-Make up is totally up to your discretion. Our dancers do like to feel special for performance day and it can be a special occasion. Lips, cheeks and eyes are the top areas when choosing to do make up.

Recital performance procedures

(In order to keep our outdoor capacity under guidelines, we need our families to please help us be aware of these procedures and to leave when your dancer is done performing so that we are able to keep space for family that comes to watch their dancer. Making sure to review the attached location/detail document will be important to see how the rotation works.)

1. When you arrive for your start time (labeled as picture time on the show order attachment) you will see a “Check in/dancer drop off” station. Please drop your dancer off in their first costume dressed and ready to go with one of our staff helpers. They will be holding a sign with your class name
2. You may head over to the audience tent or grass area with your chairs or blankets to sit and get ready for your dancers performance. Please take your dancers 2nd costume with you if they have a costume change that is 4 dances or less. Your dancer will then head to the “Picture tent” to get their individual picture taken by our professional photographer, Amy Deming. (More info below)
3. Your dancer will head to the stage to perform for you!!!!!! YAY!!! Our videographer is sadly unable to make our new dates work now so please record your dancer or Facebook live if you would like as well. We reached out to other options that are not available and bummed about this as well but are taking the wins over the losses right now. Thank you for being understanding.
4. After your dancer is done dancing they will head to the “PINK” tent where ONE parent can meet them to take a picture and leave for the evening or take them to change into their next costume. Again, this the PINK tent that is the pick-up location for when they are all finished as well.
5. If you head to the changing tents (black and white cabanas) Please make sure you have all your items with you to meet your dancer and then return to the first station at the “check in” to start the process for their next dance.
6. Please keep in mind, our rotation of dances is around 3-4 classes. If your dancer has more than 4 dances to change, we ask you to head out for a while to make space for the current rotation of 3-4 classes and head back at your next arrival time. There is an ice cream shop close by as well as a park if you have a small break. Thank you for being understanding as we want to ensure we are following State guidelines. We want to ensure that the rotation continues to move so that all dancers can be seen by family members, so if you have several dances there could be a lot of moving and coming and going but please keep in mind how hard the kids have worked to get here and show lots of extra patience and grace.

Guests/Audience members

- Guests will not need tickets. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for our fun outdoor seating!

-We are still currently under a 100 person limit for outdoor gatherings. I am very hopeful this changes and do see the possibility of this happening. If the number changes I will email you ASAP to make new arrangements if you would like to bring more guests. Currently we are asking for 2 guests to join our dancers. We know this can be tricky with siblings and grandparents that want to attend and we so hope that we can add more numbers soon, however we need to remember that getting them to the stage is our number one goal. With the rotation of classes as well as staff that is needed to run smoothly and get all 165 classes done in a week, we have to make sure procedures are in place to run as smooth as possible. We suggest holding a watch party with your extended family!!! They could watch live from Facebook at home or you could record it, grab some popcorn, and then hold a party all together! We thank you so much for your understanding in this matter and we are hopeful to be able to increase this number.

Recital Fee for dancer

- We put much thought into this as we wanted to keep cost as low as possible. We know so much has been difficult for our families this year and do not feel the need to charge for each day and for every person a ticket fee. Keeping in mind the 35% loss of families participating, we need to ensure we are able to cover costs however, we are only charging a per dancer fee this year. We have taken the cost of rentals, building materials, supplies etc. and divided it by the number of students participating in the outdoor recital. This will help us come close to breaking even and giving the kids a performance they will never forget. The recital fee will be \$25.00 per dancer and you are able to come into the studio and make the payment, call over the phone or pay online with your parent portal. We do ask that the fee is paid before recital week as we will not be carrying cash on hand at the show. Thank you!

Bathrooms

-We have rented a mobile port de john with our friends at Best Way that hosts two stalls that are air conditioned as well as running sinks for handwashing. We also will have volunteers helping us to ensure the bathrooms stay safe and clean. Please help us keep them clean as well by taking care of trash items and letting a staff member know if the bathrooms need attention.

Rain date/ Inclement weather

-We are going to stay super positive and say lots of prayers for good weather!!! The stage being built is large so that are dancers can perform spread apart and it is covered by a tent so the kids would be able to dance in rain however, we will be hosting a lot of equipment with us and cannot chance anyone getting hurt. If we see storms approaching, we will ask our current classes to head out and your class will be re-scheduled on our rain date of Monday, June 29th. We cannot hold the classes and wait it out as it would then risk the chance of new classes arriving and exceeding our capacity limit for outdoors. If we need to wait to start or even cancel some of our classes performances, we will use our texting system to contact our families so we can make you aware as quickly as possible

-If a heavy storm approaches, we ask that all dancers head with families to cars for safety. We also have an awning (where the changing cabanas are located) that can be used for shelter as well.

-Please remember to bring an iced water bottle for your dancer to help with any heat. With them being under tents and having a breeze we hope this will help with any heat. We also remind you to use sunscreen for your dancers as this is usually something they don't wear at a recital☺

Ways to help your dancer feel prepared and special

- Since we won't be able to sell items this year at recital, we suggest finding a local flower shop that you can support to bring flowers for your dancer or find a local owned shop for any treats or goodies.

- They can practice their dance by using the google site at home and even perform in front of stuffed animals for fun! Not having a dress rehearsal at the location may be a little tricky but don't worry, the teachers will be there to help them along the way!! This recital is all about the memories of doing what they love and not about perfection so please remind your dancer to have fun and just do their best! We are going to do our best to help them feel special and remember this as a time that the adults in their life believed in them and helped them finish strong.

- Take lots of pictures of your dancer getting ready, performing and in the pink tent!

Pictures with Deming Photography

-Thank you for preordering your Dance photos. please remember you will need a separate order for each costume. Please note what costume/class each order is for.

-If you choose to order the day of photos instead please contact Deming Photography if you have lost your order form. Please note: Due to the different situation we will not be offering the grey background this year.

- Due to current restrictions we will not be able to take group photos this year. All photos will be individual in each costume.

- Please use this link to pre-order your photos starting June 16th. <http://deming.hhimagehost.com/Excel20>
For any questions, please contact Amy directly: demingphotographyinfo@gmail.com / 269-655-2381

Contacting Excel during show days

Being outside could make things a little trickier but we want to be available for you if any emergency should arise or you need to contact us. Please email us as this will be the fastest way to reach us at karly@exceldancecentre.com Ms. Karly will relay any urgent messages to Ms. Katie.

Sweet 16 Recital Gear Orders

We are hoping to have all our orders from our first order available and ready for pick up at the “Swag tent” when your dancer finishes their performance. If for some reason it is not ready, we will contact you

Safer outside procedures

- Our stage is plenty big so our dancer can easily be spaced 6 feet apart
- Our mats will be cleaned and sanitized between dances
- Our stage will be wiped and sanitized during all breaks and before the start of each day
- The waivers you filled out to dance outdoors with us are also covered for our performance. Please remember to take your dancers temperature before arriving for your show time.
- We ask everyone to be respectful of each other’s space, especially in our audience tent
- Masks are not required and at the discretion of the parents
- Bathrooms will be checked and cleaned each hour
- Sanitizer will also be available for you to use