



February 18, 2008

Welcome to Wilderness Dance Camp, the season is full of exciting classes and new friendships to be made.

Summer 2008 marks the 12th year of Wilderness Dance Camp. Each summer has been better than the last! Each summer dancers arrive from across the U.S. and Europe to focus on what they love "to dance". Many of the friendships made at camp have opened up opportunities for dancer to study in other states and countries. Our original campers are now returning to camp as counselors and teachers. The best part of dance camp is seeing each dancer attain goals they thought impossible in a week and watching them mature as they return to camp each summer.

Camp Location 2008 - Shattuck-St. Mary School, Faribault, MN a 6th -12th grade boarding school with an emphasis in arts education and sports. The campus is beautifully wooded and looks like an English castle. The dance spaces are a combination of gymnasiums, theatres, and dance studio areas. Housing is two dancers per room with a common bathroom on each floor. All meals are served on campus in one of two dining rooms. Chaperones are provided for all dancers. Dancers in groups of 10 or more may choose to provide their own chaperone, chaperone to be approved by camp director. Dancers may also choose to attend camp as a day camp returning home each evening. Evening activities include movies, pool, ping-pong, games, waist deep wading pool, field trip/s to local swimming pool.

Office Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 11:30am-2:00pm and 9:00-11:00pm CST

As a teaching artist for Children Theatre Company and a choreographer for several area productions I am in class/rehearsal each day from 9-11am and 2:30-8:30pm. Please leave a detailed voicemail so I can answer your questions promptly. Our website dancecamp.org email info@dancecamp.org, phone 952-884-6009. Camp Business Office Mailing Address - Wilderness Dance Camp, 10251 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55420.

We look forward to seeing you at camp!
Ms. Chandra - Wilderness Dance Camp Director

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Camp Choices

The two ways to attend camp are: one as a resident camper; all classes, activities, chaperone, lodging and food are included listed below as Inclusive price. Two as a day camper, attend camp each day from 8am-6pm all classes included listed below as tuition.

Shattuck-St. Mary School, Faribault, MN – August 10-16, 2008

Resident Camp Options (choose one)

1. Ballet Camp- Ages 9-Adult: August 10-16, 2008

Ballet Camp Daily Schedule; 1hr. warm-up, 4 hrs. of ballet, 1 hr. cool down,
Inclusive \$960.00(Tuition/Room/Meals/Chaperone)

2. Tap Camp- Ages 9-Adult: August 10-16, 2008

Tap Camp Daily Schedule; 1hr. warm-up, 4 hrs of tap, 1 hr. cool down
Inclusive \$960.00(Tuition/Room/Meals/Chaperone)

3. Dance Camp- Ages 9-Adult: August 10-16, 2008

Dance Camp Daily Schedule; 6 hours of dance each day; daily schedule will vary between ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical, modern.
Inclusive \$960.00(Tuition/Room/Meals/Chaperone)

Day Camp Options (choose one)

4. Ballet Camp- Ages 9-Adult: August 10-16, 2008

Ballet Camp Daily Schedule; 1hr. warm-up, 4 hrs. of ballet, 1 hr. cool down,
Tuition and Lunch Only \$575.00

5. Tap Camp- Ages 9-Adult: August 10-16, 2008

Tap Camp Daily Schedule; 1hr. warm-up, 4 hrs of tap, 1 hr. cool down
Tuition and Lunch Only \$575.00

6. Dance Camp- Ages 9-Adult: August 10-16, 2008

Dance Camp Daily Schedule; 1hr. each; warm-up, ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, cool down
Tuition and Lunch Only \$575.00

Registration Deadline

First come first serve basis till sessions are full. We suggest you register by May 1, 2008. You may request registration forms to be sent via email or on our website www.dancecamp.org. Payment is full is due at registration via check or Visa or MC.

ROOMMATES

Wilderness Dance Camp makes every effort to honor roommate requests. Both individuals must request each other on registration form or in writing for requests to be honored. Single dorm rooms at Shattuck St-Mary are available for an additional cost of \$225 per week.

HEALTH FORMS

If were not able to download and print a health form please email us at info@dancecamp.org or call and request a form to be mailed to you 952-884-6009. Completed health forms, must be on file at the camp office by May 1, 2008 for review by camp health aide. All over the counter and prescription drugs to be turned into the Health Aide upon check-in.

CAMP KEEPSAKE YEARBOOK ON DVD

Each year we produce a camp yearbook. Included are a photo and 100 word paragraph about each dancer. If dancers wish to have others contact them after camp contact info should be included in their paragraph. Please electronically submit a wallet size photo in a .jpg file and paragraph in a .doc file as attachments via email to info@dancecamp.org by May 1, 2008.

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MEALS

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be served each day. If a dancer does not like the main meal there is always a second and third option. Please inform camp staff and they will help you. We will search until we find something you will enjoy.

Vegan, Vegetarians, allergies and special dietary considerations please submit a meal plan for 6 days to info@dancecamp.org by May 1, 2008.

BIRTHDAYS

If your dancer has a birthday while at camp please let us know we will make his/her day special and request a birthday cake.

CAMP STORE

To prevent loss and theft all money is collected at check-in. Each dancer has an opening balance and all purchases are deducted from their account throughout the week. Dancers may not purchase items in excess of their camp account funds. Based on past years; the average amount per camper is \$65.00. All unused funds are returned via check 10 days upon the completion of camp. Most items in the camp store are also available for purchase on our website dancecamp.org or the camp office 952-884-6009.

- The camp store includes several dance related gift items such as calendars, dancewear, tights, student planners, books, stickers, picture frames, and more. Items range from \$1-\$16
- We also have t-shirts \$18, sweatshirts \$55, and towels \$8 with the camp logo embroidered on them
- And as always we have fresh fruit, snacks, sports drinks, and juice available for \$0.25 - \$1.00 per item.

MAIL & PACKAGES

Send lots!!! Each dancer is rewarded for mail received at camp.

Dancers Name
c/o Wilderness Dance Camp
Shattuck -St. Mary's School
1000 Shumway Ave
Faribault, MN 55021

Letters and non-edible items only please. Packages that contain food or beverages will be held in the camp office till the completion of camp.

TRANSPORTATION

Commercial Airlines, Amtrak or Greyhound to Minneapolis: Arrangements will be made on an individual basis from each of the public transportation terminals.

Minneapolis Airport the shuttle driver will meet campers outside the terminal at baggage claim exit door number 6. Train, bus and Hubert Humphrey airport will be arranged on an individual basis. If your child is listed as an unescorted minor please notify us as we will need to meet them at their gate. Parents will be called to let you know your dancer has arrived safely and again upon departure.

Camp Bus; Campers who require bus service to camp need to register with the camp office by May 1, 2008.

Driving to Camp; For directions from your home please see www.mapquest.com

During Camp; all transportation will be provided by camp staff. To prevent lost car keys dancers who drive themselves to camp will leave keys in camp office.

Homeward Bound; Transportation home is not provided without prior arrangements

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ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE AREA

Faribault, www.faribaultmn.org are populated by hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, resorts and campgrounds. For additional information you may contact the Convention and Visitors Centers of each city.

LOST & FOUND

All items should be marked with campers name or initials all unmarked items are donated to charity at the completion of camp. Please remember to mark dance shoes. Wilderness Dance Camp and partner facilities are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

LAUNDRY

There is not access to laundry facilities – dancers will be able to hand wash items.

SEVERE WEATHER

Shattuck-St. Mary School is located in Rice County; we will notify each family if the storm has affected camp in any way. "No news is good news, when it comes to camp."

CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

At Wilderness Dance Camp we are giving our dancers and staff the gift of unplugging for a few days and concentrating on what they love; "dance" with the added bonus of making new friends. In our experience the use of cell phones and personal electronic devices severely limits the process of meeting new people, making new friends and actively participating in camp activities. We are also teaching them independence and to resolve issues with the help of other supportive adults who will immediately resolve all issues – lowering homesickness as they will connect to the camp experience. "No news is good news, when it comes to camp".

We rent our facilities therefore we do not have a dedicated phone or internet lines. Phone calls in and out of camp are limited to medical emergencies. During camp the camp office number 952-884-6009 rings to a cell phone voicemail. Voicemail is checked each evening at 7pm and all calls are returned by noon the following day. Please make sure to leave a call back number with each message. You will receive an email recapping the day's events. If you have any concerns with this policy contact the camp office prior to registration.

Note: Dancers using public transportation to arrive at camp are encourage to have their cell phone for safety during travel and to contact parents of safe arrival, it will be held in the camp office while at camp.

CHECK IN

Shattuck-St. Mary School ~ Sunday August 10th

- 1:00pm Check-in, find your room, drop off all your gear, get ready for placement audition. Dress in leotard, tights, hair in a neat bun, all dance shoe needed.
- 1:30pm Come back to check-in area to turn all meds to health aide, and money to open camp store checking account.
- 2:00pm 1st & 2nd Dance Class – placement by levels determined at the end of class
- 5:00pm Dinner, Camp information meeting
- 6:00pm 3rd & 4th Dance Class

CAMP SHOWCASE

Shattuck-St. Mary School – Saturday, August 16, 2008 @ 3:30pm - Shattuck Auditorium

Resident and Day Camp dancers will participate in the "Camp Showcase"; a collection of all we have learned in our week at camp.

Showcase Costumes (provided by dancer)

Ballet: Black leotard, pink tights, ballet shoes & ballet skirt

Tap: Red fitted shirt (available with camp logo on it for \$18), black capri pants, and tap shoes.

Jazz: Camisole top any color (no red) the more sparkle and glitter the better and black jazz pants.

Modern: Black leotard, jazz pants, and bare feet

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Musical Theatre: T-shirt from your home dance studio or state, black jazz pants

For your convenience all required items are available for purchase online at shop.dancecamp.org or by phone order to the camp office 952-884-6009. All orders will be delivered at camp.

CHECK-OUT

Parents are welcome to load dancers' luggage before or after the final show; dancers luggage will be in the hallway outside their room. Dancers will be in parents care upon completion of the show.

PACKING LISTS

General Items: , pillow, fan, pj's, flashlight, mosquito lotion, sunscreen, 2 pair shorts, 2 pair long pants, 3 T-shirts, 2 sweatshirts, rain jacket or poncho, umbrella, shoes (1-sandal, 1- tennis shoes), swimsuit, beach towel, toiletries: soap, shampoo, conditioner, brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks and undies, Re-fillable water bottle, a notebook or journal, pen, colored pencils or markers or twistables.

Optional Items; money for camp store, (items in store range from .25 (postcard) to \$65 (sweatshirt). Book to read, stationary, stamps, camera, film, hat, sunglasses, stuffed animal, extra batteries for flashlight and camera.

Linens: are provided

Required Dance Items

Ballet Camp: black leotards, chiffon ballet skirt (print or solid), pink convertible tights, ballet shoes. Optional shoes pointe, belles, pedinis.

Tap Camp: solid leotards, one bright red t-shirt, black jazz pants, tap shoes.

Dance Camp: all items listed for ballet and tap camp PLUS, suntan convertible tights, jazz shoes, t-shirt from home state or studio, and a shirt with lots of sparkle.

Mini Camp: for ballet you must wear black leotard, pink tights, and ballet shoes. All other classes' leotard, tights and appropriate shoes. No loose fitting clothing.

DO NOT BRING

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO CAMP; pagers, phones (cell phones must be turned into the office upon arrival) computers, palm pilots, CD's, radio, ipods, personal electronic devices, cd players, tape players, animals *unless stuffed*video games, game boys, jewelry should be left at home
It is not necessary to bring food; candy, bottled water or beverages as they can be purchased; campers should only bring what will be consumed prior to check-in at Camp.

Possession of the following listed items will result in expulsion from camp without refund and at parent's expense for return transportation. Knives, tobacco including cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, hazardous sports equipment e.g. gun, rifle, bow.

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