

At this point you have learned and practiced your routine, you have a costume, and are all ready for the big day.

Now for the practical preparations and guidelines that will help you and your family get smoothly through this wonderful experience.

READ and then ask questions as needed.

DANCERS LIST OF TO DO'S TO PREP FOR COMPETITION

1. Get all parts of each costume together. Check it over.
 - a. If it needs mending – mend it
 - b. If it needs ironing – iron it
 - c. Small items such as bows, gloves, etc. place in small baggie and keep with your costume(s).

2. Shoes – be certain that you have a good pair in good repair for each routine
 - a. Do I have one left and one right?

If missing a shoe try not to panic. First empty dance bag, look under bed, call CM to see if you left it there, and ask class mates to see if it jumped into someone else's dance bag... Okay now you can panic!
 - b. If they need cleaning – clean them
 - c. If they need repair – repair them
 - d. If they need replacing – replace them
 - e. NOW – re-check... Do you have the correct shoes for each routine?

3. Hair and Make-up stuff.
 - a. Know how your hair is to be worn.
 - b. Get supplies needed.
 - c. Have a container that you keep your supplies in – label it so that if you leave it in the dressing room we will know who to save it for. Label or initial all your stuff including shoes, costumes, tights, make-up kit – it's very helpful.

4. Once you are at the performance location.
 - a. Keep your stuff together.
 - b. If you have a quick change – *stay focused*.
 - c. If you changed back stage - go get the costume and shoes you changed out of or have a dresser help you. A dresser is a friend or crew member that you arrange to help you with the quick change and get all your stuff together so it can be returned to you.

5. Respect the venue!
 - a. The venue is the host place of the performance.
 - b. If we want to come back, we need to be good guest.

That means follow their rules – it's their house
That means clean up after yourself.

That means do not disturb or use anything that is their personal property – we come with what we need... RIGHT?

6. Have a Great Show!!

- a. Remember to check in with Ms. Vicky.
- b. If you need anything or forgot something – see Ms. Vicky or one of the other helpers. We are here to help you and your performance.
- c. Remember to *stay focused*.
- d. Remember to have fun! And **Dance** from your **HEART**!

7. What to do after it's over.

- a. Stay in your last costume.
- b. We will have a group photo – in costume!
- c. Do not leave the venue without checking in with your Director... That's right Ms. Vicky!