

Costume Instructions and Info 2022

Please read carefully 😊

1. Please check that your dancer has two pairs of tights. (These tights are only to be worn on picture day, the dress rehearsal, and recital.) Please save one of the pairs for recital day so it is fresh and brand new.
2. If your child is in First-Fifth Group, please check that they have one pair of tan underwear briefs. If your child is in Sixth Group and Pep Elite, they will need to purchase their own pair of tan underwear. (It is so important that we do not wear colored underwear, even black and white can show through our costumes.) Please note that the underwear should go on the dancer first, then tights, then the dress or leotard.
3. Underwear cannot be returned! We ordered every pair according to the sizing chart listed by the costume company. We took into consideration the dancer's waist and hips. They are technically briefs and will sit around the belly button. Due to lack of shipping and availability issues, we need to use the sizes ordered.
4. Please label all of your items! Even if you have to stick a piece of masking tap inside a shoe, please do so. It is very easy at rehearsals and the recital to get items mixed up, **so please label everything.** Please label every item, tops and bottoms, shoes, tights, underwear, hairpieces, everything! The Christian Dance Company is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
5. Please take out dresses, skirts, pants, jackets and shorts out of bags. Hang them on hangers so they stay nice for pictures and the recital. If they have wrinkles, hang them up in your bathroom during a shower and most, if not all wrinkles should come out. This is especially important for tulle tutus. **Do not iron. It will ruin/burn the costumes.** This has happened in the past because a parent chose to iron anyway and it put a hole in the costume. **If there are stubborn wrinkles, a steamer is the best option.**
6. Please do not allow your child to play in their costumes. We cannot afford to have them stained, ripped or ruined. If ruined, we will not be able to order another costume in time.
7. Please keep everything together. Once things are put in different areas, we are in danger of losing them. Some costumes have many different pieces such as hairpieces, gloves, shorts, skirts, etc. Everyone should have a garment bag that came with your costume. Use this to keep all pieces together. We have checked every single costume for specific items and everyone has everything they need. Please keep in mind that you should check the very bottoms of the garment bags for accessories.
8. Keep in mind for pictures and the recital that all hairpieces should go on the left side of your child's head so everyone matches. If a specific costume has a hairpiece, it will be in the costume bag. Not all costumes will have a hairpiece, but most will. We put hairpieces in a small plastic bag and this bag is attached to the hanger.
9. If you see an item that you are not sure of how or where it should go on or with the costume, please ask the day of pictures. For the most part, everything should be self-explanatory.

10. You are responsible for any alterations to the costumes that are needed. For the most part, there should not be many issues but things, such as straps, may need to be altered if they are not adjustable, or pants if they are too long. We suggest alterations be done after pictures unless it is a quick fix and you feel you can alter it in time.

Sixth Group and Pep Elite will need to wear their black leotard (cami, spaghetti strap) underneath the Hip Hop outfit when performing. Everyone should have one, as it is required for regular class practice. You will not need to wear the leo for pictures. Please ask Mrs. Laura if you have questions.

Sixth Group and Pep Elite can bring their Hip Hop shoes to practice so they can be broken in and get used to dancing in them. 😊 (Please make sure you label them with your name.)

Picture Day Information and Instructions

- ✚ Hair can be done however you want.
- ✚ No makeup for First-Fourth Group. (Fifth Group can wear light pink blush and light pink lipstick or gloss. If you are 13 or older, you can wear makeup as you prefer.) Sixth Group and Pep Elite will discuss makeup in class.
- ✚ No jewelry, nail polish, extra hairpieces (colored or natural), etc.
- ✚ Make sure your child's skin is clean! No markers, fake tattoos, etc.
- ✚ Use the trunk underwear, tights, and bra (if applicable) that came with your costume.
- ✚ Hairpieces should be worn on the left side of your child's head. So if you look at them, it would appear to be the right. (This was also listed above in the costume instructions)

- ❖ You are not allowed to use your own camera for pictures. If you want to have a professional photo, you must order one. You can use your own camera to the side of the room to take pictures but you cannot take any using Mr. Paulson's lighting or backdrop. We thank you in advance for being respectful of him and the studio.
- ❖ Please bring your child for the group photo so they are a part of it, even if you do not want to order any photos. We use the group photos for display purposes at the recital.
- ❖ After the group photo is taken, you can have your dancer remain in the costume they are in or change into their other costume for their individual photo. If you are not ordering individual photos, you may leave after the group photo is taken.
- ❖ Please fill out one form per dancer per pose. For example: if you have a second child in dance and want an individual of each dancer and a photo with both of them, you will need three forms.
- ❖ Picture order forms were emailed to you; we will have physical copies at picture day. Please decide what you want to order in advance and have your payment ready. Cash and checks are acceptable forms of payment; checks should be written to Art Paulson.

Thank you! 😊