

# Costume Instructions and Info 2020

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 the recital so it is fresh and brand new the day of.
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! Once worn we cannot take them back. Please hold them up to your dancer and if something looks like it will be way too big or too tight, email me. 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.
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. Obviously, trying them on is ok, but please have them take off the costume right away. We cannot afford to have them stained, ripped or ruined. If ruined, we will not be able to order another costume as it will not arrive 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, 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. Hairpieces can be easily lost/tangled in items.
8. Keep in mind for pictures and the recital, 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. Some are pinned onto the costume and may even be on the inside of a skirt. Please look thoroughly.
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.
11. **Fourth Group:** There is a black apron that is a part of your costume. It is not included in your costume bag as we want the dancers to be able to rehearse with them. If you would like to use their brown dress for individual pictures, you can use the apron and cute coffee cups that they are dancing with for their jazz song, "Smellin Coffee."
12. **Sixth Group and Pep Elite** may need to wear your black leotard (cami, spaghetti strap) underneath the Hip Hop outfit. Everyone should have one, as it is required for regular class practice. Please discuss with your Hip Hop instructor.
13. **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 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.) 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.
- ❖ Checks are made out to Art Paulson.
- ❖ Please fill out one form per dancer per pose. For example: if you have a second child and want an individual of each dancer and a photo with both of them, you will need three forms.
- ❖ Your order form is attached to your April Newsletter. Please fill it out ahead of time and have your payment ready. Checks should be written to Art Paulson. If you lose your order form, please go to our website to print a new one: [www.christiandancecompany.com](http://www.christiandancecompany.com) and click on Parent/Dancer Information.

Thank you! ☺