

Zeeland Youth Dance Co.  
NUVO Dance Convention  
2018

**General Information:**

NUVO is a traveling convention that offers master classes by nationally and internationally known instructors and choreographers. Classes are held Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. There is a competition connected to the event, but we plan to take advantage of the master classes only and will not be competing. Please visit the NUVO website for a sample schedule. The exact schedule is posted online one week prior to the convention date. This is an exciting way for your dancer to see what dancing is like outside of our Zeeland bubble, meet and take class with professional choreographers and performers, be challenged by other dancers and showcase their own strengths in a high energy atmosphere. We plan to grow as a team and watch some great dance! We will also be traveling into downtown Chicago on Saturday night for dinner and sightseeing. There is an ending showcase on Sunday and some dancers could even be invited to participate!

WE THINK THIS EXPERIENCE IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING MAKING IT REQUIRED IN FUTURE YEARS- Besides coming back enthusiastic and inspired to finish the dance year strong and the growth that occurs technically, artistically and emotionally through this short but jam-packed retreat, the weekend is necessary so dancers get to know each other. Bonding and building unity within our company is invaluable. We encourage all dancers to take advantage- the trip is worth every penny! 2018 will begin our rotation of going every other year, so dancers have plenty of time to save for the trip.

Siblings are also welcome to sign up with our group for early registration discounts. The convention welcomes individuals so you may register on your own if you desire, including single day workshop. Saturday is recommended for single day workshop, as Sunday continues upon Saturday's classes. See website for single day workshop tuitions.

**Chaperones:** We anticipate parents attending the convention with their dancers, but this is not required. In the event that we need to use parents to fill chaperone spots, we will use a lottery system to choose from among those who are willing and have performed their volunteer background check. Dancers in 5th-8th grade will be chaperoned one adult to six dancers, high school aged dancers will be chaperoned in a ratio not to exceed 1:8. If you would like to be considered as a chaperone, please fill out the chaperone volunteer form and turn it in with your child's deposit. Chaperones will have \$150 towards their observation pass, hotel and transportation costs covered for them, but will owe the balance of the cost for parents.

**Travel plans:** We plan to take a chartered coach. ZYDC is able to cover some of the cost of the charter, but a minimum number of dancers is required for us to provide bussing.

We plan to leave Friday by noon. Parents asked in the past were unanimously willing to pull their children from a half day of school. If we leave after school on Friday, we will miss Friday night's master classes. As tuition for the convention is the largest portion of the cost, it seems to make sense that we get the most for our money and leave in time to make Friday's classes.

**Leave** Zeeland Recreation parking lot Friday at noon; please arrive at 11:30-11:45 PM for loading

**Arrive** back to Zeeland Recreation on Sunday at approximately 8:30 PM



**Packing List:** DANCERS CANNOT PACK MORE THAN THEY ARE ABLE TO ROLL OR CARRY BY THEMSELVES!

We suggest one small suitcase/duffle and one smaller tote/backpack that can be taken to classes for dance items. Luggage should be clearly labeled with dancer's name (and phone number, if you wish, in case of lost items).

Suggested Items:

- ❖ Leotards and tights- Dancers do not have to follow ZYDC dress code, but have the following rules and suggestions regarding dance attire:
  - Rules:
    - Dancers MUST present themselves in a neat fashion.
    - Hair must be tightly secured and not worn down to any class. Buns are necessary only for classes that are ballet.
    - Dancers should not wear ripped tights or baggy clothing to any class.
    - No jewelry except small stud earrings
  - Suggestions:
    - ZYDC logo apparel is suggested to wear to class and warm up before class, but should not be left on for the whole class.
    - Clothing or accessories that are distracting are discouraged.
- ❖ Dance shoes- ballet, jazz, tap shoes, hip hop or clean sneakers. If you have these items you might also bring- turners, dance socks and character/heels.
- ❖ Purple jacket
- ❖ Personal water bottle
- ❖ Swimsuit
- ❖ Pajamas and unmentionables
- ❖ One presentable pedestrian outfit (not sweats) for Saturday evening
- ❖ Comfortable shoes
- ❖ Comb, brush, hair supplies and other toiletries
- ❖ Snacks and breakfast items that are non-perishable (Dancers may wish to save time and money by bringing cereal/granola bars for breakfast)

**Trip Rules and Requirements:** The following rules are in place for everyone's safety and enjoyment. You will have plenty of fun even while adhering to them-

1. All ZYDC contract rules are in effect. Please follow all rules of good class etiquette as well as those that pertain to good citizenship. Dancers need be courteous, quiet, responsible and kind at all times. Dancers will be respectful to directors and ALL chaperones.
2. Dancers are responsible for carrying their own luggage and should not pack more than they can carry or roll. Luggage should be labeled clearly. All luggage will be checked by a chaperone prior to departure.
3. Students are not permitted to make long distance phone calls from their room. Students may bring a cell phone on the trip for emergency use. Dancers should silence their phones during class time or leave their phone in the room. Chaperones also have cell phones if needed.
4. Students should make NO charges to the hotel room whatsoever. This includes pay per view and room service. If a balance to the room is found upon checkout, the roommates will be equally responsible to split and cover the charges.
5. Hotel quiet hours will be in effect. Failure to be quiet can result in disciplinary action. We strongly encourage dancers to make the most of their weekend by not staying up too late, especially the first night, but Saturday as well.
6. Absolutely no dancer may leave his/her room after the evening lights out check by the adult chaperone. Dancers must remain in their assigned room until wake-up call/visit is made. Dancers will have their chaperones room extension and cell phone number available if there are concerns and a chaperone or instructor needs to be reached.
7. Students must report to check times and attend all conference classes. Dancers should not skip classes and should inform their chaperone and/or director if they are not feeling well. Students should not leave the conference with friends or family members unless they have permission from their parents and have let the directors know of their plans in advance.
8. Dancers will not go anywhere by themselves, ever.
9. Students not accompanied by a parent will carry their chaperone phone card and emergency contact numbers with them at all times as well as their room key, if they are assigned one.
10. Students may not enter the hotel room of anyone not in our ZYDC group or let anyone who is not in our group enter his/her room.
11. Students may not participate if their balance is not paid and must have consent and medical forms turned in to the office.
12. Rooms must be well cared for and kept tidy to prevent accidents or damage. Don't forget to unplug curling irons or flat irons before you leave your room.
13. Dancers need to be organized so they are not late for Sunday morning hotel check out.

### **Chaperone Requirements and Guidelines:**

- ❖ Chaperones must complete a ZPS volunteer background check.
- ❖ Chaperones will be responsible for one or two rooms of dancers (4-8 students).
- ❖ Chaperones will need to check student luggage before we leave and will travel there and back on the bus with the dancers.
- ❖ Chaperones will make lights out and evening checks and morning wake-up calls/checks of rooms.
- ❖ Chaperones are asked to stay at the hotel at all times and observe classes that their dancers are attending. We will make every effort to have chaperones observing classes that their child is in, but we need to have all classes covered by a chaperone. Chaperones must stay in their assigned classes.
- ❖ Chaperones are asked to meet dancers at check times that may include meal time, breaks, etc., as needed.
- ❖ Chaperones are asked to keep a packet of dancers' contact info and their cell phone with them and on at all times.
- ❖ Chaperones need to be willing to give out their cell number to their dancers and participants families and allow use of their cell phones by students who don't have one, if reasonable reasons arise.
- ❖ Chaperones are asked to not drink adult beverages or smoke during the weekend.
- ❖ Chaperones will enforce the trip rules and the ZYDC contract and be in touch with directors immediately if needs arise.
- ❖ Chaperones promise to keep confidential disciplinary problems and anything else of a private nature to protect the students. Chaperones must set the example of not talking negatively about dancers. All students are in the learning process and we want to be helpful and nurture, not judge, along the way. Do share any concerns you have with a director or let us know if you feel a parent needs to be informed of a situation.

If you agree to the above job requirements and would like to be considered as a chaperone, please fill out and return the following form with your trip deposit.

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Chaperone Volunteer Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have completed a ZPS volunteer background check.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to the above requirements, including the need for a cell phone.

\_\_\_\_\_ I allow my cell number to be given out if I chaperone.

**Please remind us of your daughter's division (age as of January 1, 2018):**

Mini (8-10)

Junior (11-12)

Teen (13-15)

Senior (16-19)

**Rooming:**

It will be really helpful if you talk with other parents going to form rooms and request each other. We might not be able to honor every request, but can more easily accommodate those that request each other. If you make no requests, we will group you four to a room to the best of our abilities. Please check any or all that apply:

I wish to stay with \_\_\_\_\_

Other considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Acknowledgement and Consent**

Name of Dancer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Please carefully read the following information and sign and date.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my DANCER intends to attend the NUVO Dance Convention.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I (PARENT) will also be attending the NUVO Dance Convention.

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For planning purposes, please complete the following information. We will do our best to honor every request, but can more easily accommodate those that request each other. If you make no requests, we will group you four to a room to the best of our abilities. Please check any or all that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ My dancer would like to room with his/her parent attending

\_\_\_\_\_ My dancer would like to room with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent and dancer prefer to stay two to a room and will cover the difference. (The additional cost is \$125).

Other considerations: \_\_\_\_\_.

I acknowledge any payments made in connection with the NUVO Dance Convention will be non-refundable to me or my dancer if the trip is cancelled or postponed, or if my dancer is unable to participate. I understand and consent to the non-refundable nature of all such payments except in the case in which the Zeeland Youth Dance Company, Zeeland Recreation, and/or Zeeland Public Schools is able to avoid the expenses or has received reimbursement. I understand that if my dancer or me for any reason drops out of the trip in advance, I am still responsible for the full balance of the trip including any payments not yet made.

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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**Dancer Information/Permission Slip/Medical Information**

Name of Dancer: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my dancer listed above permission to participate in the NUVO Dance Convention. I have reviewed the sample schedule on the convention website and I understand the rules and trip information. I understand the potential for accident or injury and will not hold trip representatives, such as dance teachers and chaperones, Zeeland Recreation, and/or the Zeeland Public School District responsible in such case.

I give trip representatives permission to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Date

Insurance Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please attach a photo copy of the insurance card.)

Does your child take any medications regularly? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any disease or previous health conditions that may cause reactions or concern of any kind?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_