

Frequently asked Questions

What should my child wear to camp?

Anything she or he feels comfortable moving in. Leggings, shorts, t-shirts, leotards, tights, skirts with leggings. They will need sneakers for the hip-hop class and free play time on the grass courtyard. The majority of the day they are barefoot and do not need ballet shoes unless they already have them.

What should I pack in their lunch or backpack?

A water bottle, and lots of fruit and protein snacks are great to pack. Quick snacks if they are really hungry on a break like raisins, almonds, or apple slices.

What if my child does not like dancing very much?

The students have three classes before lunch/free play. Two dance classes and art or life skills class. After lunch they also have two dance classes and art or life skills class. Most students handle the four dance classes a day with great success! We encourage all families with students who tire easily to stick it out for a few days. Some students need a few days to adjust to such a physically active schedule and end up loving it. We will allow students who are tired to take additional breaks.

What is the student/teacher ratio?

Students are split into three rotations throughout the day, and each group is led by one highly qualified Teaching Artist and at least one assistant. Each group will have a maximum of 20 students. The studios at the SummerDance location are in the same building as The Gabriella Foundation's administrative headquarters; on an average camp day, the organization's full leadership staff is working on-site.

Can I get a refund?

We do not allow refunds for camp. However, physical illness and family emergencies will be considered case by case.

Am I automatically enrolled in the *everybody dance!* school year program?

All students who complete SummerDance will have the opportunity to bypass the lottery system for enrollment in our annual after-school dance training season from September – June. We cannot guarantee a place in your top choice schedule, location, or dance form, but we promise to give you some excellent options!

In order to qualify for enrollment in the 10-month dance season, the child must complete SummerDance day camp in full and have at least one parent/guardian attend a Family Orientation that is usually hosted in August. Registration will be open in September and all details will be provided at the Family Orientations.