Parkgate Preteen Dance — Know Before You Go

Check-In, Late Arrivals, and Early Departures

- Check-in runs from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the gym entrance. No receipt is required.
- After 8:00 PM, check-in moves to the front reception desk.
- No entry after 9:30 PM.
- To help make check-in quick, please visit any NVRC front desk and add a photo to the participant's account for identity verification. Adding a photo can be done without a parent/guardian present. If done last year, no action is needed.

Early Departures

If a participant wants to leave before 9:30 PM, they must remain at the dance until a verbal confirmation of pickup is received from a parent/guardian. Participants leaving after 9:30 PM are free to go, as it is assumed that a pickup plan has already been arranged between the child and their parent/guardian. After participants leave the dance, there is no re-entry.

Dress for the Weather

The gym can get warm and humid with all the activity and bodies, so dressing in layers is encouraged.
Please consider:

- Skip wearing your most valued hoodie or jacket.
- Setting a reminder to grab belongings before leaving.
- Just wearing a simple t-shirt!

Lost and Found

All forgotten items will be moved to the general lost and found to be claimed on the Monday following the dance. Valuable items will be kept separate; please email the youth services manager directly. Backpacks are not allowed. Please leave them at home. Small slings, crossbody bags, and purses are acceptable.

Concessions and Water

The gym has a water fountain, and bottled water is available for purchase at the concession, which is cash-based. A maximum $10 allowance is recommended.

Basic Dance Expectations

Please review the following rules with your child before the dance.

Respect

Respect others' bodies, space, and belongings. No pushing, dragging friends, or unwanted contact. Incidents will be documented and may result in removal/suspension for serious or repeated behaviour.

Photos and Videos

No videos or photos are allowed in the gym except during the 9:30 PM dance battle. Selfies are permitted in the coat check, halls, and concession area.

No Ins and Outs

Once a participant leaves, they may not return. Departures before 9:30 PM require staff confirmation from a guardian. After 9:30 PM, participants are able to leave on their own accord.

Feeling Uncomfortable?

Staff and volunteers are easily identified in bright orange shirts and are there to help if anyone feels overwhelmed, upset, or has a question.

Code of Conduct

We have zero tolerance for harmful behaviour or language. This includes:

- Transphobia
- Racism
- Ableism
- Sexism
- Homophobia

Violations will be addressed directly with youth and may involve a call home. Please take time to ensure your child knows what all these terms mean.

Start Conversations at Home

Consider discussing these questions with your child before the dance:

- If you want to leave early, what will you do?
- Is there anything you would change for next time?
- How might you ask someone to dance or decline politely?
- What will you do if you get separated from your friends?

Our Approach to Behaviour

We believe in making these dances both fun and meaningful. When challenges arise, our goal is to help youth reflect, grow, and take accountability. We understand that brains are still developing, and we want to support these youth in becoming their best selves. However, more serious incidents will involve parental involvement and may result in suspensions from future dances.

Help us support your child by sharing feedback post-event. The more insight we have, the better we can serve our attendees.

Last-Minute Notes and Logistics

Refunds and Ticket Transfers

The refund deadline has passed. We are now putting all our energy into creating an amazing dance experience! If you cannot make it, please withdraw your registration. We

do not allow ticket transfers — transferring your ticket will result in a suspension from future dances. Having an accurate dance attendee list is vital to our safety plan and ability to connect with parents/guardians/emergency contacts.

Grade Eligibility

This dance is for Grades 6 and 7 only. If your child is not in Grade 6 or 7, please contact us as soon as possible. Ineligible participants' guardians will be contacted to pick them up.

Learn More

For more information about Parkgate Youth Services programs and general updates, visit our website or follow us on Instagram.

- Website: https://parkgatesociety.ca/youth/preteen-dances
- Instagram: @parkgate.youth.centre

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