

GENERAL INFORMATION

DO NOT MISS CLASSES

- Choreography is hard to make up when missed. Set your child up for success, and don't miss class for unnecessary reasons. Too many unannounced absences means your child could be cut from some choreography.

VOLUNTEER

- One Parent, Guardian, or Family Member must volunteer from each family for one night of the recital.

- Register via our website through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/sdarecitalvolunteer>

OR visit our site at www.taylorymca.org -> "Program Registration" -> "Recital Volunteer"

COSTUMES & SHOES

- Girls approximately ages 8+ should be wearing a nude bra with a clear back and shoulder straps.

- Girls do not wear underwear. Tights are their underwear. They may wear a nude body cami over tights.

- Tights are handed out with costumes, or in April.

- **APRIL 30 is the cut off to order dancewear through SDA.** (Shoes, nude bra, and body cami's.)

- Dance Shoes: Ballet, Jazz, and Modern shoes can be purchased through Steps Dance Academy.

- All dancers level 3+ are required to purchase Ballet/Modern/Jazz shoes through SDA.

- Ballet: Pink Canvas
- Jazz: Tan Leather
- Hip Hop: Shoes TBA! We will post on the bulletin board and an email will be sent out.
- Modern: Canvas Half Shoe
- Tumbling: Bare feet – NO NAILPOLISH!

- Alterations must be done before picture day.

- Label all items (Costume, Tights, Shoes etc.)

- We are not responsible for lost items of any kind

- NO Jewelry, NO Artificial Hair Coloring, NO Artificial Nails/Polish

- Do Not eat in costume

TICKET SALES

- April—May 31st

- Purchase through this link: www.tututix.com/stepsacademyelqin/

- Adults \$12 / Children \$6

- Tickets available for purchase at Larkin HS. All tickets \$15

- June 6– Dress Rehearsal day Ticket sales 5:00–6:00
- June 7 & 8– Recital days Ticket sales 5:15–6:00

RECITAL DVD

- Purchase **ONLINE ONLY** via our website through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/sdarecitaldvd>

OR visit our site at www.taylorymca.org -> "Program Registration" -> "Recital" -> "DVD"

- On Sale Now–June 15th

- Available for pick up in early August

NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEOGRAPHY DURING SHOWS!

FLOWERS

- Pre-order only by June 2nd

- Forms are available by the bulletin board

- **Contact:** Lisa Merigold | **Email:** lisa5@comcast.net



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IMPORTANT DATES

FINALE REHEARSAL

- **June 1st**
- 4:00 – 5:30 (*We may finish early*)
- Taylor YMCA
- Mandatory for every student
- Volunteer meeting on pool deck-NO CHILDREN
- Students wear Gym shoes- No flip flops. Comfy clothes- No Costumes!
- The YMCA is closed during the rehearsal.
- Parents are not allowed to use the facility during this Rehearsal.
- Students will need to be signed out by a Parent or Guardian.

PICTURE DAY

- **June 2nd**
- Taylor YMCA Studio 1
- Purchase photo's on picture day. Cash or check only. Payable to Dave Goldman.
- Schedule of times is posted in May.
- Full Costume, Hair and Light Makeup.
- Girls hair style info attached on page 4.
- No Nail Polish, Jewelry, or unnatural hair colors (*save the fun color hair until after recital*)
- All hair pieces should be placed on the right side of child's head. Unless told something different by their teacher.
- Don't forget to bring your dance shoes, tights and all costume/hair pieces!
- Siblings can take photos together.

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL

- **June 6th**
- Larkin High School Auditorium
- **12:00pm-10:00pm**
- **COMPLETE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE** will be posted and put in student file folders by May 27th.
- **Approximate General Schedule:**
 - **12:00 ALL COMPANY SHOW OPENER:** Go to the Auditorium, Stretch in the Isle.
 - **12:50 ALL TUMBLERS:** Go to the Auditorium and STRETCH in the Isle.
 - **3:00 MANDATORY ALL PARENTS/DANCERS Meeting and Finale Rehearsal in the auditorium.**
 - **4:30 - 9:55 DANCE REHEARSALS.**
- Arrive in Full Makeup, hair, tights, costume, shoes, and accessories.
- You are responsible for your child when they are not on stage rehearsing.

CONCESSIONS

- Cash or check only
- No eating in costume
- Keep food in concession area.
- Concessions are only available during Dress Rehearsal.

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- June 7 & 8
- Larkin High School
- Volunteer arrival time 5:00pm
- Student arrival time 5:15pm
- Show starts at 6:00pm
- Feed your children before arrival
- **Take child to the bathroom before dropping them off to their assigned room**
- Students arrive in first costume, makeup, hair and accessories.
- **No cell phones or camera devices in dressing rooms.** Volunteers and Staff will collect all cell phones seen
- We will not be held responsible for phones/camera's/electronics that are confiscated
- Bring water in a spill proof bottle
- Clean snacks. NO Peanuts (ex. Pretzels, crackers, string cheese, carrots etc.)
- Bring toys & games to share! **No electronics.**
- Auditorium doors open 20 minutes before show time.
- Check in and Check out: 1 Parent or Guardian must check in and check out with their parent volunteer that is in their assigned room.
- Do not leave your dancer in a room until the parent volunteer is ready to check dancers in.
- STUDENTS SHOULD NOT LEAVE BEFORE THE SHOW FINALE.
- ⇒ **NO MALES ALLOWED IN GIRLS DRESSING ROOMS.**

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

- All questions should be directed to Hollie, Chelsea, Lisa, Mykie, or Riley
- Email us at steps.academy@gcfymca.org
- Feel free to pop in the office during hours our office hours. Schedule is posted.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact: Hollie, Chelsea, Lisa, Mykie STEPS Dance Academy Administrators | **Email:** steps.academy@gcfymca.org
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Taylor Family YMCA 50 N. McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123 | **Website:** www.Taylorymca.org
FACEBOOK: Amy DeVries Dance YMCA (STEPS Dance Academy) and Taylor Family YMCA
INSTAGRAM: YSTEPSAcademy | **HASHTAG:** #ystepsdanceacademy

RECITAL HAIR

HAIR RULES

1. HAIR OFF THE FACE– NO BANGS!
2. NO LOOSE STRANDS OF HAIR AROUND FACE OR IN FRONT OF EARS.
3. WORK WITH DAMP HAIR, GEL & HAIR SPRAY.

**Two French braids into a single bun.
Hair accessory on dancers right side of bun.
Pictures below of step by step.**

1. Apply gel to damp hair .
2. Part hair down the center of head and part about half way off the back of head.
3. Create one French braid on each side of head.
4. Secure both braids into one ponytail at the nape of the neck.
5. Use a bun maker or twist hair in a circle around elastic.
6. Secure all loose ends with bobby pins. Ensure bun is tight and secure.
7. A hair net should be used to contain fly-aways in the bun
8. Spray any fly-aways with hairspray.

