

Hey there, Lucky Bear!

Your application and payment for Dancing Bears Dance Camp 2023 have been received. Thank you. Congratulations! We look forward to dancing with you on May 26-29, at King's Lake Camp in Wasilla.

How to get to Camp: It takes about an hour to drive to Camp from Anchorage. Use this address to navigate from your phone; 3313 Lakeview Road, Wasilla AK

ARRIVAL-

Step one is Covid testing (prove it via email prior to 5/25, or do it in person upon arrival). Staff will be at the gate to assist; Please bring 3 rapid tests per person with you to camp. We will have some tests available from the State Health Department.

**So that camp staff can both assist with Covid screening AND enjoy the dance, we request campers arrive during the following Check-In hours; 1 to 6 PM – Please do your due diligence to arrive on time.*

Please maintain our Camp Bubble by not going home, and not going shopping. If you have to shop for something, please wear an N 95 or KN 95 mask.

Step two CHECK-IN at the REGISTRATION CABIN

1. Sign up for at least one Camp Chore...and get your job description card.

(Also-We APPRECIATE volunteers who are able to stay after camp ends for the post Camp Clean-up! The chore cards for that are a separate system and will be presented post camp.)

2. Pick up your Name Button, Map, Camp Schedule, and Workshop Descriptions (minus what you printed ahead of time-which we very much appreciate).

*Camper Roster will go out by email after Camp.

Step three

Drop off your Decadent Dessert donation in the Dining Hall.

Drop off Auction items in the Chapel and fill out the Auction Item form(s). A Big Thank You for bringing items!

Find your cabin or camping spot... If it's a cabin, sign your name(s) on the card by the door to reserve. Then go back to the Registration Cabin and let staff know where you will be staying (they map it for safety).

You have arrived! Take a few deep breaths and let the magic of camp settle upon you.

Dinner is at 6 PM and the Friday night dance starts at 8 PM.

ASSORTED CAMP information FYI

LODGING is in rustic cabins (most of which have heat and lights) with bunks and mattresses. Come prepared for possible cold nights. Cabin space is available on a first-come, first-claim basis—UNLESS you volunteer for the Pre-Camp Clean-Up...helping at that event does earn you the privilege of picking out your space a week early!

You are welcome to tent camp! You will need to supply your own gear.

MEALS...nine ample and delicious meals will be served—Friday dinner through Monday lunch. Friday dinner will be a lighter meal...unlike the rest of our meals over the weekend. If you selected Vegetaria on your registration, Lacto-Ovo is the standard we offer.

If you have VERY specific dietary needs or desires (i.e., absolutely no meat or dairy, egg allergies, wheat allergies, only low carb, high-end or strong coffee, special tea, etc.) you will want to bring some of your own food items to complement the menus. If you are a very hungry Bear, you will want to bring some of your own

food items. There may be some PB&J & bread available in the Dining Hall (we provide, but sometimes it disappears). And, plan to buy a Decadent Dessert...or two!

Limited refrigerator space is available for medications. Discuss with the Chef please.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP... *Pack smart to maintain our Covid bubble for the wellbeing of all.*

- your AUCTION items and DECADENT DESSERT
- Help Us Be Earth Friendly: water bottle and a cup or mug (for hot drinks), cloth napkins even
- a warm sleeping bag, pillow, towel, toiletries, soap, shampoo, hair dryer, shower shoes/ flip flops—no street shoes in the bath house shower area helps to reduce mud.
- alarm clock/watch, flashlight , earplugs (in case there is a snorer in your cabin or if the decibel level on the dance floor seems too loud for you)
- PRESCRIPTION medications, Epi-pen (if you have severe allergies), eye drops, supplements, Ibuprofen, moleskin, band aids, ace bandages, knee/arm braces, medical insurance card
- sunscreen, sunglasses, beach blanket or towel, bathing suit, water toys, bug dope, bug bite reliever
- light-weight clothes for warm sunny weather and for hot dancing (it gets warm in the Lodge)
- plenty of tee shirts if you are a “damp” dancer
- warm clothes (layers) for cool weather & rain gear, multi-purpose coat, warm hat
- non-marking dance shoes are a must...AND a pair of shoes for walking around outside (This will decrease the dust while we dance, and protect the floors)
- extra foods if you are on a special diet or have a desire for something special
- checkbook, cash or credit card for the Auctions, and Decadent Desserts
- musical instruments (workshops)
- books, camera , phones (work in some areas of Camp)
- amusement for your children
- outdoor equipment, non-motorized boats (PFDs required on the lake), bikes, unicycles, etc.
- Please...NO projectiles—that means no potato guns, slingshots, paintball guns or bows and arrows

KIDS AND CAMP We love kids; we hope they will join us in as many Camp activities as possible. Be aware that parents must assure that their kids are supervised at all times ESPECIALLY when the kids are by the lake. No childcare is provided at Camp. Dancing Bears, Inc. is not liable in the event of injury at Camp.

NOTARIZED PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Any family bringing children under 18 years old who are not part of your own (legal) family will need to have a notarized Parental Consent form on file before attending Camp.

Please click on the Parents' Information tab (<http://thedancingbears.org> on the Dance Camp Page) to review all the info you need to know about Camp and kid-related issues.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Waiver and Release of Liability form to be signed by All Campers, for children signed by the legal parent/guardian. Click on the Guardianship Paperwork tab on the website for details on the Parental Consent forms and the Waiver.

Contact Mary Beth Emerton if you have any questions 907- 360-9448.

LIVE AUCTION-Sunday after dinner, we hold our annual Dance Camp Live Auction to help with Camp costs, fund Camp scholarships and keep the Dancing Bears in town dances afloat.

There will also be a Silent Auction during the day on Sunday.

We invite Campers to contribute items to be auctioned; anything from silly trinkets to wondrous treasures, clothes, artwork, books, jewelry, tools, or even better, services you provide...like home-cooked meals, outdoor adventures, dinner parties, dances--the sky is the limit. Let your imagination run wild!

And don't forget your checkbook, cash, or credit card, so you can bid on these incredible Auction items. Should you desire, we are able to supply forms to declare your contributions tax deductible. For more auction info, read the Auction Info Flyer on the website.



A HELPING HAND will be most appreciated! Crew #1 will be sprucing up the Camp the weekend before our event and the second group, Crew #2, will return the Camp to its "ready" condition as we exit. You may serve on both crews-we REALLY, REALLY appreciate your efforts and your support!

Crew #1 meets a week before Camp, on SAT., the 20th, 10-3:30 (The same Covid protocols apply).

Please bring your friends and carpool to King's Lake Camp for a bonus day - clean-up chores are organized both in and out of doors. Lunch will be provided and you will receive the Committee's enduring gratitude as well as the opportunity to claim your cabin space early! To volunteer for the clean-up efforts, contact Mary Beth Emerton, at nearingmb@hotmail.com, or 907-360-9448. In case you wish to Car-pool, contact Cindy Nielson, at 907-440-6639.

😞 CANCELLATION FEES-We'll miss you-but if you are ill or have a close contact with Covid we will refund your fee. We want to keep everybody safe and healthy.

If you have to cancel for some other important reason; you are welcome to donate your fee.

Or if you choose not to donate;

You forfeit \$30 if you cancel before April 30th.

You forfeit \$70 if you cancel Between April 30 and May 15.

After May 15, the entire sum will be forfeited. Think of it this way - you made an awesome donation!

Please remember: NO GUESTS, NO PETS, NO ALCOHOL

The Salvation Army strictly forbids alcohol. Alcohol on the premises of King's Lake Camp will jeopardize our future use of this facility. They also have a strict no dogs policy, even at clean up times.