



2024 Summer Camp Information

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Sewickley Studio: St. Stephen's Church, 405 Frederick Ave.

Philosophy: What is your mission and vision?

Mission: To transform young lives through the art of dance by building loving relationships with students, equipping them with knowledge of dance, and doing so in an age-appropriate and wholesome manner.

Vision: For all of our students to reach a high-technical level in dance while understanding that their body is holy.

Teacher Qualifications: What is your dance education?

Anna Kate Melani, Owner: In 2003, Anna Kate Melani graduated from Eastern University with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Dance. Anna Kate has taught for several years in public schools, churches, and studios in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. She has also received training from Point Park University, Dance Alloy, Koresh Dance Company, Contempra Dance Theatre, and Rennie Harris Puremovement. In 2003, Anna Kate opened Bella School of Dance. Currently, Bella has 125 students. All of the other teacher bios can be read on our website.

Dance Attire: What should my child wear to class?

Princess, Ballet, and Beginner Camps: Any color leotard, pink, leather ballet shoes and pink tights. Inexpensive leotards and tights can be purchased at Target/Walmart or a dance store. Ballet slippers should be purchased at a dance store. Dance stores in the local areas: All that Jazz in Wexford (724-933-0555). **Hip Hop:** Loose clothing such as capris, shorts, and t-shirts. Clean sneakers (or hip hop dance sneakers).

Lyrical: Leotard with black pants, shorts, or skirts. Pink ballet slippers or black jazz shoes.

Location: Where is the studio located?

Enter the church parking lot and continue past the church to the brown building at the end of the parking lot, called the Henning House. The studio is on the 2nd floor. Enter through the side door by the handicap parking spots.

Behavioral Discipline Policy: How do you discipline the children if needed?

Our teachers do not anticipate problems and rarely do we have them, but in the case that students are behaviorally disruptive, we follow the procedure. Quiet warning; quiet warning, and if behavior persists, child will be asked to sit along the wall. Parents are notified after class. If behavior still continues, the child will be dismissed from camp.

Parent Observation: Are we allowed to watch class?

Younger children are often distracted when their parents are near the classroom. For this reason, we ask that you not congregate near the entrance of the studio. You can wait in the designated waiting areas or you may leave the studio.

We reserve the right to cancel any class.

Each camp needs at least 4 students enrolled in order to offer the class.

- ***Hair must be pulled back.***
- ***Please make sure all students use the restrooms before class.***
- ***All ballet strings must be tucked into the ballet slippers.***

A note to pre-school parents: For preschool camps, students must be potty-trained, be able to attend class without their parent, and be able listen and obey the teacher during class. If students are unable to do any of these, it is best to wait until the Fall or Spring semester to register for class.