

Ballet Conservatory and Destin School of Music & Dance
2009 NUTCRACKER

Dear Parents,

It is time to collect the Nutcracker Participation Fee. This year the fee is \$50.00 to participate in the Nutcracker.

What does this fee go towards?

- We must purchase the rights and make the rehearsal and performance CDs.
- We must order, garnish, size, and prepare costumes and then clean and store them.
- We must rent the venue and transport all props and the flooring. We must purchase additional insurance for the performance.
- There are hours and hours of rehearsal time and studio time being used.

This does not even mention the pre-show hours of audition, casting, choreography, staging, tickets and program design and so much more. In the past much of this has been donated by one of our contributors. This year, we will need to be more responsible for the reimbursement.

In addition to all of this, we need parent volunteers to help with the safe transport of costumes and the set up and tear down of the set. If you want to volunteer but do not know how you can help, please contact me by email, balletnp@cox.net.

Classes during this time are essential. Students that do not attend the classes that they are registered for on a regular basis will not be allowed to participate in the Nutcracker and no refunds will be given. Students are encouraged to attend as many classes as possible in order to improve their technique and performance. Students may attend classes at either studio if this helps them to have more class time with their performing group. If you have questions about this, please email the director.

Last but not least -- We need a full audience. Please encourage all of your friends to come to our performance. If we sell out, we can do an additional show on Sunday. The kids would love this and all parents would be given guest passes. I know that we will have a tremendous production. Please do all that you can to help make this a great experience for our dancers.

Thank you for sharing your dancers with us and for choosing to be a part of the 2009 Nutcracker.

Sincerely,

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