

Hey there, Lucky Bear!!



Congratulations!! Your application and payment have been received for Dancing Bears Dance Camp 2019. We look forward to dancing, learning, and playing with you on Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-27, at King's Lake Camp in Wasilla. PLEASE read the following information thoroughly...it has many tips to help make your Dance Camp experience run smoothly!

How to get to Camp: (It takes about an hour to get to Camp from Anchorage, depending on your personal driving style!)

- Drive 35 miles north on the Glenn Highway and take the **Wasilla exit**.
- Head towards Wasilla for 4.8 miles and turn **RIGHT** on **Seward Meridian Road** (by the Sears store).
- Go 2 miles to the T at **Bogard Road** and turn **RIGHT**.
- Go .6 miles to **N. Tait Drive** (watch closely—a small street)—turn **LEFT**.
- Go .6 miles and turn **LEFT** onto **E. Seldon Road**
- Go .4 miles and turn **RIGHT** on **Lakeview Road**...drive 0.35 miles to **King's Lake Camp Driveway** and turn **RIGHT**. You will see the King's Lake Camp sign. Drive on in! Welcome to Camp!



Park outside the fence in the Parking Lot.



Proceed to the **REGISTRATION CABIN** to **CHECK-IN**...

Check-In hours: Friday: 5-8 PM (after 8, go to the Lodge) Saturday: 8:30 AM-9AM & 12:45-1:15 PM

(Know you'll be arriving late? Contact our On-site Registration Bear, Rashmika at akrashmika3@gmail.com or 907-562-6098 in Anchorage to discuss your accommodations ahead of time...it will make getting settled easier.)

1. Sign up for at least one Camp Chore...and get your job description card—this is not optional—many hands make light work and help build our Bears' community! We also will be looking for volunteers to take on brief tasks for the post-Camp Clean-up effort.
2. Pick up your Map, Camp Schedule, Workshop Descriptions, and your Name Button. You will receive the Camper Roster by email after Camp unless you let us know that you need a paper copy BEFORE Camp. A very few paper copies will be made available for these who do not have an email option available, but we need to know early so we can print them before Camp.
3. Drop off your Decadent Dessert donation in the Dining Hall.
4. Head over to the Chapel where you will fill out the Auction Item form(s) and deposit your donations in the Auction Box or other designated place.
5. Go find your cabin or camping spot... If it's a cabin, sign your name(s) on the card by the door and claim your bunk.
6. Go back to the Registration Cabin and let them know where you will be staying.
7. Go play!



The Friday night dance starts at 8 PM!!

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 earns you the privilege of picking out your space early! Check out the "HELPING HAND" section for more info. Or you are










welcome to tent camp! You will need to supply your own tent and bedding!





MEALS...eight ample and delicious (organic!) meals will be served—Friday dinner through Monday lunch. Friday dinner will be a lighter meal...unlike the rest of our meals this weekend. **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 Dance Camp menus.** If you are a very hungry Bear, please do not expect to raid the kitchen after dances. There may be some PB&J & bread available in the Dining Hall, but the food in the Kitchen is intended for meals. You may want to bring your own snacks or plan to buy a Decadent Dessert...or two! Limited refrigerator space is available for medications. Please make sure you have read the info about the Friday night meal option on page 1 at the end of the check-in info.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP...

- a warm sleeping bag or bedroll, pillow, towel, washcloth, toiletries, soap, shampoo, hair dryer, shower shoes/ flip flops—no street shoes in the bathhouse shower area helps to reduce mud!!
- **BYOMC** Bring your own plastic milk crate to help create a "cubby" area in the lodge to store shoes and jackets and other gear!
- 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, , beach blanket or towel, bathing suit, water toys, bug dope, bug bite reliever
- **Help Us Be Earth Friendly:**  water bottle and a cup or mug  (for hot drinks), cloth napkins
- 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 work well) 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 as well as protect the floors.)
- extra foods if you are on a special diet or have a yen for something special
- checkbook  or cash  for the Auctions, Decadent Desserts
- musical instruments (members of guest bands offer workshops!)
-  books, camera , phones (work in some areas of Camp)
- amusements for your children (and yourself!)

- outdoor equipment, non-motorized boats  ( PFDs required on the lake), bikes, unicycles (Please...NO projectiles—that means no potato guns, slingshots, paintball guns or bows and arrows.)
- your AUCTION items and DECADENT DESSERT



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.** Our Lifeguard **IS NOT A BABYSITTER.** Please do not use his presence as if he is. Dancing Bears, Inc. is not liable in the event of injury at 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. 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**, as well as the Waiver and Release of Liability form 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 Linda Hearn if you have any questions (907-258-1937 in Anchorage or ak16groups@gmail.com).



AUCTION Sunday after dinner, we will hold our annual Dance Camp Live Auction, full of fun and noise, to help defray Camp costs and fund Camp scholarships. There will also be a Silent Auction during the day on Sunday. We ask Campers to contribute items to be auctioned. Items can be anything from silly trinkets to wondrous treasures: clothes, artwork, books, jewelry, tools, or services you provide...like home-cooked meals, outdoor adventures, or lawn care. Let your imagination run wild! **Once you think of it, remember to bring it!** And don't forget your checkbook, so you can bid on these incredible items. Should you desire, we will supply forms to declare your contributions **tax deductible**. For more auction info, read the Auction Info Flyer on the website.



A HELPING HAND would be most appreciated! We need **2 clean-up crews**: Crew #1 will be sprucing up the Camp a weekend or two before Dance Camp and the second group, Crew #2, will return the Camp to its "ready for the next group" pre-Camp glory after we've had three wonderful days of dancing and playing. You can serve on both crews. We will also have a list of "quick jobs" for the post-Camp Clean-Up at the Registration Cabin.

Crew #1 usually meets a weekend or two before Camp. We will post the date and time for this year **on our website and Listserv**. When we decide to gather, we will meet at the Northway Mall (by OfficeMax) and then carpool to King's Lake Camp to spend several hours doing clean-up chores to get the Camp ready. Lunch will be provided for you and you will receive the Committee's gratitude as well as the opportunity to claim your cabin space early! **To volunteer to join us in the clean-up efforts (before and/or after Camp), contact MaryBeth, nearingmb@hotmail.com, 907-360-9448 Anchorage).**



CANCELLATION FEES \$30 if you cancel before April 30, \$70 if you cancel May 15. After May 15, the entire sum will be forfeited. We'll miss you.

IMPORTANT!! 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.