

TRIP DETAILS FOR LEAP

Travel Dates

- **Depart** Winnipeg from the Maples Academy of Dance studio parking lot on Thursday April 11, 2018 at 12pm. Dancers should plan to pack a bag lunch to eat on the bus – please be mindful of allergies when packing your food. We will be stopping for dinner along the way.
- **Return** We'll be returning to Winnipeg immediately following the competition on Sunday, with an estimated arrival in Winnipeg on Monday April 15, 2019 at approximately 6am.
- The trip takes the dancers into 2 U.S. States for the duration of the weekend due to the location of various events straddling state borders. These two states include Nebraska and Iowa. Please ensure your child's travel documents (insurance, etc) account for this.

Costs

- The approximate cost of the trip is \$400-\$500 CAD – this includes the cost for hotel and bus rental – including the cost for the bus driver to remain part of our group for the entire weekend.
- Dancers should budget separately for three (3) lunches, Four (4) dinners, and snacks while away. Breakfast is complimentary in the hotel, however if dancers do not take advantage of the free breakfast, they will need to budget for that as well.
- Souvenirs can be purchased at the discretion of each dancer's parent(s).

***Note:** Money for food and souvenirs should be in American dollars. Also, please note, most Canadian debit cards will not work in the United States.

All competition fees, including trip payment are due in the office by January 19, 2019.

Travel Documents

- Valid passport
- Valid Travel Visa if applicable
- Travel consent letter for minors – these will be available to fill out and return to the office in January.
- Supporting document of identity, like a birth certificate or citizenship card
- Travel Insurance

Hotel Information

- Dancers are required to stay together as a group. There will be three (3) dancers and one (1) adult per room. Rooms will be assignment by Maples Academy of Dance.
- The hotel features include: Free hot breakfast for guests, free WiFi, pool and hot tub, and microwave and fridge in rooms.
- Hotel: Springhill Suites Omaha East/Council Bluffs (3216 Plaza drive)

Competition Venue

- Competition takes place at The Arts Centre at 2700 College Road in Council Bluffs

Parent Travel Volunteers

- We need 1 parent per 3 dancers in a room – In Total, We Will require 13 adult volunteers
- Parent room leaders will be responsible for their 3 dancers all weekend – including helping with costumes/hair/makeup as needed, ensuring all dancers get breakfast/lunch/supper/snacks etc, ensuring they have their costumes pieces/shoes etc to take with them to the competition venue, keep track of money etc.
- A parent room leader acts the *Parent* to their 3 dancers all weekend.

- Parent room leaders are not on “Vacation” but are there to help ensure our Superstars have a positive, successful time on the dance trip.
- In return, parent room leaders do not need to pay for their portion of the bus rental or room rental. Parent room leaders will be required to pay for their own food and activities while on the trip.
- If 2 parents want to attend and are willing to share a room with their child and another dancer, one parent will be required to pay 1/3 of the room rate and a portion of the bus rate, as the plan is to divide the costs per dancer based on 3 kids per room.
- Parent volunteers will be contacted separately, in the new year, with room assignments, dancer details, and further trip information.

Who Gets To Travel?

- Only dancers age 10+ will be traveling, based on the age average of their dances.
- Only dancers selected for the trip, MAD Staff, and parent volunteers are permitted travel on the bus.
- Parents who wish to travel to watch the competition must arrange their own transportation and accommodations.
- The estimated cost of the trip per dancer is about \$400-\$500 – which could change if the dollar changes (up or down).

Fundraising

- Fundraising is a great way to help pay for Performance Team fees, and the trip in general.
- All fundraising you do as an individual will be credited to your PT fees and trip fees accordingly.
- Fundraising sold through the office will be applied to the cost of the bus, then if applicable, to the cost of the hotel, to benefit the group as a whole.
- An outline of fundraising planned for the PT was included with each invitation letter. Fundraisers include: Mom’s Pantry (already credited to PT bills), Bothwell Cheese, Thirty-One, Tupperware, Norwex, Team Night Out