Fall 2019 Middle School Dance Information Sheet

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<th>Bob Keefer Center (West entrances, near Two50)</th>
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| Dates: | -2/7- Winter White out  
-4/17- Tropical Paradise Prom |
| Price: | $8 or $5 with Two50 card at entrance |

**Things to know before you come to a Middle School Dance**

- Our dances are for middle school students only. In order for us to ensure that our participants are middle school students, we require photo ID. Participants not meeting the entrance criteria may be turned away at the door. Parents may not vouch for their children. *Studentvue and Parentvue may be accepted for students who do not have ID, this is on a case by case basis only.*
  
Acceptable identification is includes:
  - Current school ID
  - Current Two50 Membership card
  *Two50 Membership cards are not available after 5pm on dance days.*

- Safety is always our number one concern. In order to maintain a safe environment for students and staff we take the following precautions:
  - All guests are metal detected by our trained staff. This includes any parents that request a parent tour.
  - No backpacks or large/bulky items allowed. Small purses, clutches and medically required packs are permitted.
  - The following items are not allowed in the dance: anything that could be used as a weapon, anything that is illegal for a minor to be in possession of including alcohol, drugs, tobacco products and vape/e-cigarettes. If one of these items is found on a student, they will be separated from the dance and parents will be notified immediately to pick them up. Depending on the item, it may require that we involve the appropriate authorities.
  - We also have a list of items that we require to be checked into Coat Check. These items can lead to damage to our facility and/or create behavior challenges in the large group. This includes: gum, pens/markers, hats, wallet chains, glow sticks/necklaces, coats and all bags/purses (unless medically necessary).

- We want all students to have fun at the dances. We will not tolerate harassment, bullying or fighting of any kind. We ask that all students report such behavior to a staff member immediately so that it can be handled appropriately. Any involvement in these acts can lead to permanent suspension from all middle school dances. Each situations is documented and reported to school administrators.

- If a student comes to a dance and appears to be impaired, they will be removed from the dance and monitored by a staff member. We will contact their parent/guardian and they will need to be picked up immediately.

**Leaving the dance**

Parents wishing to pick up their student early should pre-arrange this with their child, as locating an individual child in the crowd can be an arduous task. Parents are required to physically sign out any participant wanting to leave the dance early. The sidewalk immediately in front of Bob Keefer Center will be the only designated and supervised pick up location. All students must be picked up no later than 9:15 p.m. If you do not pick up your student by 10 p.m., the police will be called and the child will be released to police custody.
Willamalane Middle School/High School Dress Code

We at Willamalane want all youth to wear comfortable clothing that allows them to have a safe and fun recreational experience without fear of unnecessary discipline, discrimination or body shaming. Our general guidelines are that youth need to wear suitable clothing that does not prevent them from participating in scheduled activities. Clothing must allow students a full range of motion (sitting, bending, reaching, running) without requiring perpetual readjustment.

The purpose of this code is to support equitable access as well as to not reinforce gender stereotypes by allowing youth to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable and expresses their self-identified gender. This code is also to ensure that all youth are treated equitably regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion and personal style. Please see below for what youth must wear, may wear and cannot wear.

Youth Must Wear:
- Shirt (Must cover chest)
- Bottoms:
  - Pants/sweatpants/shorts/skirt/dress/leggings (Must cover buttocks)
- Shoes appropriate for schedule activity to maintain safety

Youth May Wear:
- Hats (must be checked at dances)
- Hoodie Sweatshirts
- Fitted pants, including leggings, yoga pants and skinny jeans
- Midriff baring shirts
- Pajamas
- Ripped jeans as long as underwear is not exposed
- Tanks tops, including spaghetti straps, halter tops and strapless tops
- Athletic attire
- Clothing with a commercial or athletic logo provided they do not violate the “cannot wear” section.

Youth Cannot Wear:
- Violent language or images
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity) or the use of same
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography
- Images or language that created a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class.
- Visible underwear. Visible waistband or straps on undergarments worn under other clothing are not a violation.
- Bandanas
- Bathing suits (unless swimming).
- Headwear that obscures the face (except as a religious observance)

What happens if a youth does choose to wear something on the cannot wear list?
- Youth should be talked to about what the concern is regarding their attire in a way that isn’t obvious to the group or doesn’t disrupt their involvement in activities or conversation.
- Youth should be given options on how to address the concern:
  - Do they have other clothes at the program they could wear?
  - Would turning their shirt inside out address the concern?
  - For clothing items that have language or images that are not acceptable, can tape be placed over the area of concern?
- No youth should be disproportionately affected by the dress code enforcement because of gender, race, body size or body maturity.
- Youth should not be shamed or required to display their body in front of others. Shaming includes but is not limited to kneeling or bending over to check attire fit, measuring straps or skirt length, telling a youth their outfit is distracting, or inappropriate etc.

Questions to ask to see if clothing items are the correct choice for the day?
- Will I be able to safely and comfortably participate in all scheduled activities today?
- Are there words or references on my clothing that are offensive or promote activities that are illegal?
- Am I constantly adjusting my clothing?
- Am I comfortable in my clothing?

Does my clothing really demonstrate who I am as an individual?