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Preparing For The Season Checklist

We've created this list to assist you in preparing your child for his or her first class and the season. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call.

- Registration Confirmed? Please double check the Email titled 'Expeditions in Etiquette Confirmation' to make sure we have correct information for your child(ren).
- Schedule. Have you added the program dates to you calendar? If you have a conflict and need to schedule a makeup, please send me an email and we will do our best to accommodate your child in another class if at all possible.
- Technology and Communication. We recommend that you make an 'Expeditions In Etiquette' file on your computer so you can easily find all of your program information.

- Our Contact Information. Have you added our information to your address book.

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- Friends? For the classes where we *do not* have a waiting list; have you checked with your child's friends to see if they will be participating?

- Dress Code for Classes.

Ladies -

1. Skirt Length: Please choose dresses or skirts that are no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. When the ladies lift their arms during the dancing portion of the class their hemline goes up as well. The current trend of the micro-mini is not suitable or acceptable for our programs – we don't want any embarrassing situations to occur.
2. Dress Top: Nametags are placed up high and close to the right hand shoulder, so ladies need material to receive the nametag. Please, no strapless or thin-strapped tops (this also avoids a nasty sticker burn).
3. Appropriate Necklines: Select modest necklines (nothing too low cut, please).
4. Comfortable Dress Shoes: Comfort and safety is key; especially during dance practice. Ladies are required to keep their shoes on...no kicking off the shoes and dancing barefoot. (It is likely a few toes will be stepped on during practice!)

5th Grade Ladies: We will have white gloves available for the ladies to borrow during class.

Gentlemen -

1. Dress Clothes: Khaki pants, dress shirt, tie, and navy or dark blazer are appropriate. If your son has a suit that he would like to wear, that is completely fine. For the majority of the young men, the navy blazer and khaki pants is just "easier" to accomplish.
2. Dress shoes: We understand that it may be difficult to find dress shoes – the main goal is to steer clear of "tennis shoes."

Special note to gentlemen wearing newly purchased blazers/jackets:

Please make sure to remove the tag bearing the brand name of the jacket from the lower left sleeve.

Also, don't forget to snip any strings holding vents in place.

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- Chaperones. Chaperoning is a great way to see your child in action. If you have yet to sign up to chaperone, please visit: <http://www.expeditionsineticette.com/chaperone-signup-forms>
- Headshot. Nothing fancy is needed, just a quick snapshot via your smartphone will be perfect. Why? Plain and simple - it gives us a cheat-sheet for learning the kids' faces and names. I like to add a digital photo of each child to his or her registration information so that we can review names and faces before classes.
- Food Allergies / Special Needs. Please send us a message with details of any food allergies or special needs that we need to be aware of for your child so that we may plan accordingly. info@ExpeditionsInEtiquette.com
- Phonetic Name. If your child has a name that may be mispronounced, please send an Email to info@ExpeditionsInEtiquette.com with the Phonetic spelling and we will add it to his or her file.
- Blended Family. If you are part of a blended family, we would love to connect with all family members (or parents). Please feel free to share with us names and Email of moms, dads, stepparents and we will be more than happy to add them to the contact information and Email distribution list.

End-of-the-year Events.

Ball Dress Code details

The Level 5 Dinner and Dance is semi-formal. The dinner will consist of a three-course meal. Ladies should wear tea length, age-appropriate dresses (examples would be Easter or 'party' type dresses) and dress shoes. We are more concerned with the dresses being age appropriate and comfortable than we are the length. Gentlemen should wear khaki pants, dress shirts, ties, and navy or dark blazers.

The Level 6 Grand Ball is black tie. The dinner will consist of a four-course meal. Ladies: the majority of the young ladies wear floor-length dresses, with sleeves or straps (please, no strapless dresses). If your daughter has a tea length dress and would like to wear it, that is completely acceptable; we are more concerned with the dresses being age appropriate and comfortable than we are the length. Each gentleman will be wearing a traditional black tuxedo with a formal white shirt, a black bow tie, cummerbund, and basic formal black shoe. Tuxedo rental will be available from local vendors for a discounted rate. More information on tuxedo rental and discount opportunities will be available closer to the event.

The Level 7/8 Ball is black tie. The dinner will consist of a five-course meal. Ladies should wear floor-length dresses. Gentlemen should wear tuxedos. Ladies: the majority of the young ladies wear floor-length dresses, with sleeves or straps (please, no strapless dresses). If your daughter has a tea length dress and would like to wear it, that is completely acceptable; we are more concerned with the dresses being age appropriate and comfortable than we are the length. Each gentleman will be wearing a traditional black tuxedo with a formal white shirt, a black bow tie, cummerbund, and basic formal black shoe. Tuxedo rental will be available from local vendors for a discounted rate. More information on tuxedo rental and discount opportunities will be available closer to the event.