

48th IMEA CHILDREN'S FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

General Information

WHAT IS IT?

A gathering of children, dancing together, dances they have learned over a several month span.

HOW DO THEY LEARN THE DANCES?

Usually Music or P.E. teachers are involved, but we also have classroom teachers, resource teachers, art teachers, parent volunteers, and retired teachers teach the children.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FESTIVAL?

The dances are geared toward upper elementary school level, but students from 3rd grade to high school participate as well. There is no geographical boundary. Participants come from all over the state, and sometimes other states.

WHERE DO THE FOLK DANCES COME FROM?

There is an assortment of dances each year from all over the world. The festival coordinator attends Kentucky Dance Institute each summer to learn new dances. However, many dances are retained from prior festivals so that teachers do not have to learn an entire, new set of dances every year.

IS THERE A FEE?

Schools pay a \$30 registration fee to cover the cost of the syllabus of dance instructions, access to online recordings of the music, and access to online Training Videos. Participating students are free. Audience members purchase tickets to the festival at the door the day of the event: \$5 adult, \$3 non-participating student, and free for ages 5 and below (non-school). The Festival often includes a professional Dance Ensemble during the Intermission.

An optional snack and Festival shirt package is available to students. Teachers register for those prior to the festival. The package costs \$10 per student.

THE GRAND EVENT: It is quite a spectacle to see hundreds of children dancing all of the dances together.

- Saturday, April 27th, 2019 @ Lawrence Central High School Gym, 2pm – 4:30pm

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