

South Carolina Dance Company's

Recital Survival Guide

How to survive the annual recital and remain smiling!!!!

1. Put your dancer's name in and on EVERYTHING!!!!
2. Place costumes on hangers (label hanger with child's name & dance name) and put in garment bag.
3. Organize a storage container (rolling cases work great – found at Wal-Mart in hardware section):
 - Tape a master list to the top of the container with all dance names and all accessories needed for each dance. List should include costume, type of tights, type of shoes, hairstyle, accessories, and jewelry.
 - Keep extra rubberbands, bobby pins (long & short), extra barrettes, and extra hairnets handy.
 - Bring an extension cord / power strip: there is usually a shortage of plugs
 - Bring a curling iron, hot rollers, hot sticks, blow dryer, and flat iron for last-minute touch ups.
 - Other items to pack:
 - Q-tips Tissues Hairspray Eyelash glue (for the older students) Baby wipes
 - Baby powder Safety pins Clear nail polish Extra Make Up
 - Bring a small sewing kit, scissors, handheld mirror, stand up mirror and make-up remover/washcloth
 - Children's Tylenol & Adult Tylenol / Ibuprofen
4. Have water bottles and small snacks handy. Try to stay away from colored drinks such as sodas or juice and snacks that can be messy or sticky.
5. Bring coloring sheets, books, or some other quiet activity for your child to do while he/she waits backstage.
6. Make sure dancers have eaten and gone to the restroom **before** getting into their costume. Take them to the restroom again (if possible) shortly before they are scheduled to be on stage.
7. Rolling garment racks are great! Wal-Mart and Target have some that come apart for easy travel.
8. Full length mirrors (lightweight) are helpful.
9. A flat sheets or blankets are good for sitting on while children are waiting backstage.
10. **BE FLEXIBLE AND PATIENT!** Please respect the boundaries and rules put in place by the venue and the SCDC Staff. This is done to ensure the safety of our students!
11. Smile, Smile, Smile – enjoy the moment – have FUN!

