



HOW TO PREPARE



Read First

- **READ ALL EMAILS/INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**
- Miss Elizabeth & Miss Amy will not be available for questions online or by phone when running/managing dress rehearsals and shows.

Label EVERYTHING

Put your dancer's name on **every single item**, including:

Costumes, shoes, tights, sweatshirts, clothing, makeup, toys, electronics, ALL supplies.

Before Arrival

- **REMOVE all nail polish**, temporary tattoos, and jewelry.

What to Bring (All Labeled!)

- A basket/bag/container with your dancer's name in **BIG letters**.

Shoes

- ALL the shoes needed for all your dancer's roles
- **Ballet shoe Laces taped inside & everything labeled!**

Tights & Undergarments

- All tights needed for all your dancer's roles.
- **Girls - Nude leotard undergarment - Boys - White undershirt (Tights if necessary for your role.)**
- **No underwear under the leo! Your tights are your underwear.**

Hair Supplies

Hairspray/gel, elastics, bobby pins, hair nets, brush/comb

Party Scene only - curlers/curling iron

Makeup

- Come with **hair & makeup already done**
- Exceptions: character parts/adv dancers (you will be contacted individually)
- Bring required makeup items (Refer to make-up/hair list)

Sweats/Coverups - FOR EXAMPLE:

- Robe
- Warm sweater/jacket with **zipper or front buttons** (NO pullovers)
- Sweatpants
- Legwarmers
- Slippers/warm boots

Hydration & Snacks

- **Water only**
- **NO eating in costume!** 
- No food in the auditorium or on stage.
- If bringing snacks: **dry snacks only** (no chocolate, Cheetos, sticky foods).

Quiet Backstage Activities

Books, coloring, movies, puzzles—quiet options only.

Comfort Items

Blanket, pillow, carpet square, or sleeping bag.

NO GLITTER!

No glitter on hairpieces, tutus, makeup, clothing—**anywhere**.

Volunteers

Check in with your **Lead Wrangler or Volunteer Coordinator** so you know where to be.

THANK YOU! 



WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE MELLO CENTER (Watsonville)



DRESS REHEARSAL

Please check this year's schedule for call times.

Here's what the general flow looks like:



Arrive Ready

- Come with **hair & makeup done!**
- LABEL all supplies from the checklist.



Check-In

- Follow signs to the check-in door (between Library door at back of Mello Center—E. Beach St.)
- We will confirm your dancer's arrival and check bags.
- Volunteers check in with your Lead Wranglers.



Dress Rehearsal Breakdown

THURSDAY – AD Cast

- Cast Picture
- Mice & Soldiers placement on stage
- Run AD Cast Act I
- After Act I: Run Angels & Rosebuds → they go home after
- Run AD Cast Act II

FRIDAY – BC Cast

- Same order as above.

SHOW DAY RECOMMENDATIONS

Arrive Fully Ready

- Hair & makeup DONE → this reduces backstage stress!

Clothing

- Bring warm layers & practice attire for rehearsals and backstage warm-ups.

Food

- No eating in costume!
- DoorDash/Uber Eats or packed food recommended—
There is **not much time between shows** on Sat/Sun to leave and return.