

DANCE PATTERN with Ken & Myrna

Youth Hall

Hello! This is your Program Chairmen, Ken and Myrna, again. This month we would like to tell you about the Youth Hall. Our Youth Hall Vice-Chairman, Jerilyn Butler, is planning a great Youth Hall. Previously she chaired the Louisville NSDC Youth Hall and heavily participated in other NSDC's Youth Halls including Detroit. Jerilyn has plenty of experience and we are very lucky to have her. The Youth Hall will be open 10 am to 9 pm. It will be closed for lunch between 11:30 am to 1 pm and for supper during 4:30 pm to 6 pm. Please be prompt in picking up the children, the Youth Hall personnel need to have time for meals as well! The room will be divided with separate doors, one side for youth only and the other side for families. Each side will have a dance space. Activities will include: 1) Mainstream dancing with announced Plus tips, 2) Line dancing, 3) Icebreakers, and 4) Non-dance activities. Additionally there will be a theme for each day: 1) Thursday - Black Light Dance; 2) Friday - A Very Merry Un-Birthday; and 3) Saturday - Take Me Out to the Ballgame. We are expecting Red's Mascots to visit for a while on Saturday afternoon. When the youth dancers participate in announced tips, they will have the opportunity to earn danglers for a special badge. Additionally, dancing tips will earn door prize tickets. There will be water and some snacks, but if your child has special food needs you must be responsible for those. There will be no activities that take children off site.

Now for a few disclaimers: 1) Rules will be available in paper form and posted around the hall, inside and outside; 2) All youth will need to have a form filled out with emergency contact information and give consent to the rules. This form will be available at the door but also on our 2017 website, so you can come to the door prepared; 3) Anyone over 18 will not be allowed to dance on the youth side of the hall or even allowed on the youth side without direction from Youth Hall personnel; 4) No picture taking will be allowed in the hall; 5) Inappropriate behavior and language will not be tolerated from youths or adults; 6) Chaperones and Committee

members will provide general supervision for the safety of all dancers but youth will be allowed to come and go freely from the hall; and 7) The Youth Hall is not a baby-sitting service and non-dancing children will not be allowed to stay in the hall unless an adult is with them.

The youth are the future of our hobby; so we encourage families with younger dancers to come to Cincinnati, see all the sights it has to offer, and to participate in the fun and fellowship that Jerilyn and her committee are planning for the 2017 Youth Hall!