

Welcome to the Nightingales

The Nightingales is a student belly dance troupe aimed at advanced beginner and intermediate students who want to learn choreography and perform. We will perform Oriental-style belly dance. In order to be the best student troupe out there, here are some class expectations:

1. I, Andalee, am the sole choreographer and leader of the troupe. I make all decisions pertaining to the troupe, but I always welcome your input.
2. Participation is voluntary. However, members are expected to attend every 3 out of 4 rehearsals. I must be notified of all absences in writing (e-mail ok!) at least 24 hours in advance, unless you are sick. If you are sick please let me know as soon as you are able. Noncompliance or missing more than 1 out of 4 classes per month will result in dismissal.
3. This is a choreography-based class. I don't expect to spend a lot of time breaking down the basics. If you are having trouble with the basics, we can either arrange private lessons or you can enroll in one of my classes (if not currently enrolled).
4. Please be prepared for class and practice at home. You'll probably need to practice for at least one hour per week outside of class time. You may take notes, videotape classes or arrange private lessons to compliment class rehearsals. I will try to prepare choreography notes ahead of time, but please remember that they are not your only tool for practice.
5. I do require students who wish to perform to buy a reasonably priced bedlah (bra and belt set), skirt and U-top. I've put together a Pinterest board that shows the items needed. <http://pinterest.com/andaleedance/nightingales-costume/>
6. I hope everyone gets the chance to perform at local events, however performing is not a requirement.
7. I require a minimum of 4-5 members, with a max of 10. If we have less than the minimum we may take a break from rehearsals, but only until we find enough members to continue.
8. Gossip and talking about others is frowned upon. We can have fun and play around, but only in the spirit of sisterhood.

Troupe information

1. Andalee will sign you in each week and collect payment as needed.
2. Classes are ongoing, but we may take occasional breaks for holidays or other reasons. I will give at least two-weeks notice if we are taking a break.
3. Payment is due at the beginning of the session/class. Checks, cash and credit cards are accepted. If you don't have the money to pay for a full 4 or 8 week session, you will have to pay the regular price of the class which is \$15. If you have trouble affording class, you may apply to the Triangle Belly Dance Scholarship fund or discuss your options with Andalee.
4. You must call or e-mail if you have to miss class. Refunds are not given for missed classes and balances will not be carried over from week to week. So if you miss class (whether excused or unexcused), you will still be charged the regular class fee.
5. Please provide me with an e-mail and phone number in case I need to cancel class. We will not have a sub, if I have to cancel class.
6. Turn off your cell phone ringer, or turn down the volume if you must keep it on.
7. Ask questions as they come up or after class. Try not to ask classmates around you questions.
8. Let me know if you have any health problems that may affect your ability to perform certain movements. Consult your health care provider before starting any new physical activity.
9. Please feel free to contact me. I am always willing to listen to your concerns, and talk to you openly and honestly. If something needs to be clarified, feel free to ask. I can be reached at andalee.oriental@gmail.com or at 919-695-3023.

Fee schedule

Per week	\$15
Four weeks	\$48
Eight weeks	\$80