

IMEA CHILDREN'S FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

General Information

WHAT IS IT?

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

HOW DO THEY LEARN THE DANCES?

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

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FESTIVAL?

The dances are geared toward upper elementary school students, but participants from 3rd grade through high school are welcome. There is no geographical boundary—students come from across the state.

WHERE DO THE FOLK DANCES COME FROM?

Each year features an assortment of dances from around the world. The festival coordinator attends the Kentucky Dance Institute each summer to learn new dances. Many dances from prior festivals are retained so teachers do not have to learn an entirely new set every year.

IS THERE A FEE?

- **Registration Fee:** \$35 per student, which covers the syllabus of dance instructions, access to online music recordings, and training videos.
- **Optional Snack & Festival Shirt Package:** \$12 per student (teachers register students for this in advance).
- **Audience Tickets:** \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-participating students, free for ages 5 and below (non-school).
- The festival often includes a professional dance ensemble during intermission.

THE GRAND EVENT:

It is a spectacle to see hundreds of children dancing all of the dances together.

Dates & Locations:

- **Saturday, April 25th, 2026** – Greenwood Middle School
1584 Averitt Rd, Greenwood, IN 46143

- **Saturday, May 2nd, 2026** – Mt. Vernon High School
8112 N. 200 W., Fortville, IN 46040

Student Arrival Time: 1:00 PM

Festival Time: 2:00 – 4:30 PM

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