

Gone Country Workshop: Grades 4 to 8

We are bringing back the 80's and 90's with this popular workshop! Even the "coolest" kids get a kick out of this retro dance workshop, while learning new dance skills and terms, and building new pathways in coordination. Students and teachers are encouraged to dress country - break out the plaid shirts, and your parents cowboy boots / hats to strut your stuff! This workshop is easiest for those who have done some dance workshops with us before. Due to the nature of line dance, and the rotation to multiple "walls", it works new pathways in the brain and can be challenging to some.

The program is two hours in length. The 1st hour consists of dance instruction, with an emphasis on learning terms and beginner movement of Country Line Dance. Repetitive movement is used to improve muscle memory, and work on beat and rhythm, and we work up to rotation of the dances to 4 walls. The second hour is geared towards the students choreographing and performing their own line dance pieces as dance "teams". The whole program is set to school-appropriate country / pop music suitable for this style of dance.

Teachers can follow up the workshops with further enhancement of student choreography, judging by peers, performance for other classes, etc.

Junior and Intermediate students will have the opportunity to fulfill curriculum expectations, both during the workshops and after, in the following ways:

- Use dance vocabulary in describing and interpreting their own and others work
- Explain dance techniques and use them to convey feelings and information
- Demonstrate the ability and identify ways to sustain concentration in dance
- Describe the use of sequential patterns in dance
- Rehearse and perform small-group dance presentations
- Evaluate dance presentations done in class
- Solve artistic problems in dance individually and in groups
- Explain the use of rhythm and movement in the dance pieces
- Identify and discuss the qualities and skills needed to create and perform productions

Fee: \$225 plus HST – based on a 2 hour workshop, up to 60 participants per group

Note: If your school is booking more than one workshop, there is a \$25 discount per 2-hour workshop applied!