

Tri-City FolkDancers - Schenectady YWCA

General Guidelines (updated November 2022)



Tri-City FolkDancers have been dancing at the Schenectady YWCA since 1948, and hope to continue for many years. We are a small, friendly group and welcome new people. Our dances are mostly done in lines or circles and you don't need a partner. We enjoy dances from all over the world, and in particular those of the Balkans (Bulgaria, Macedonia, Albania, Croatia and Serbia), Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Israel, Brittany and French Canada. We keep the politics out and the fun in. We occasionally have live music events, but mostly dance to recorded music.

What: International folk dances for all levels. No experience or partners needed.

When: Friday evenings, 7:30-10:00 PM

Where: Schenectady YWCA (now YWCA Northeastern NY)
44 Washington Ave.; Schenectady, NY

The following apply to ALL people attending Tri-City FolkDancers events, whether or not they are dancing. Please read "Tri-City FolkDancers COVID Protocols" for additional rules specific to COVID. The YWCA, at various times, has COVID protocols that differ from our own. As a private event, we may have more restrictive rules, which our core group has discussed and agreed upon.

1. Currently, we enter the building at the rear, from the parking lot. Ring the bell at the top of the ramp, let them know you are there for folk dancing, and they will unlock the door.
2. The YWCA requires all visitors to sign in AND out at the Front Desk. They can direct you to the Kathan Room where we dance. Occasionally we dance upstairs in the gym.
3. Also, please sign in to the dance at the back table in the room. We need this information for insurance purposes and for COVID contact tracing.
4. The back table is also where we collect donations (\$8 suggested, if you are able) to pay for the room, some equipment, and occasional live music. Tri-City has no paid staff.
5. Our preferred means of communicating is via email (special events, cancellations, live music, change in protocols, etc.). Please be sure Barb MacLean has your current email address. I do not share emails with others. We can make arrangements for those without or who have difficulty with email. Let Barb know.
6. The YWCA building serves as a residency for women in need, and we must respect those residents' privacy, as well as YWCA spaces and property. We are allowed in the lobby, the restrooms and the Kathan Room where we dance. (At the request of the Y, we sometimes dance upstairs in the gymnasium.) Upstairs residential areas, the small kitchen next to the Kathan Room and other rooms are off limits. In addition, the copy machine (just outside the Kathan Room) is not for our use.
7. All participants acknowledge and accept the health risks of attending a participatory dance program, and recognize that your attendance indicates your understanding and acceptance of this policy in its entirety.

Questions? Want to be added to or deleted from our email list?

Contact Barb or Bob at: 518-452-1154

Or email Barb at maclebarb@aol.com

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