

Tlingit Dancer for JKHC

Summary

Tlingit dancers serve as cultural ambassadors for our people and must be aware that they represent our Chilkat people. Dancers are held to a strict dress code and standard of behavior. . Dancers will be expected to arrive at least 15-20 minutes before a scheduled tour to allow time to don their dance regalia. Performances last about 10-15 minutes, and there may be several tours per day, often with periods of rest between performances, but not always.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Arrive to camp clan house on 15-20 minutes before the performances;
2. Wear full regalia, including head band, or hat, moccasins (no tennis shoes or other manufactured foot gear and plain colored t-shirt) and dance tunic or robe, and complimentary clothing such as black pants or skirt under tunic or dance robes;
3. Keep track of own regalia, and treat JKHC owned Dance gear with care and respect;
4. Keep in contact with dance leader and tour manager about schedules;
5. Serve as ambassadors for our cultural heritage;
6. Willingness to share cultural information with visitors;
7. Be respectful, polite, and responsive (don't ignore them) to the questions of tour guests.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

- Knowledge of Chilkat song and dances;
- Knowledge of Tlingit culture and language;
- Behave in a respectful and polite way; and
- Able to perform 4-5 tours a day;

Working Conditions

- Performances will be held in the camp clan house which is unheated