

# Maryland Youth Ballets 2016

## Sugar Plum Party

What is it?

The Sugar Plum Party is a holiday celebration centered on "The Nutcracker". There will be dancing, games, crafts, snacks, and a visit from the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Who can attend? Can I bring a friend/neighbor/cousin...?

The party is intended for Nutcracker fans ages 5-8 (Ballet I, Ballet II, & Ballet III). Guests should be MYB students, or a guest of a MYB student (limit 1). All guests need to be 5 or older by September 1, 2016. Please consider that the level of dancing and games may not appeal to older siblings.

When and where is it?

The party will be Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-3:00pm. It will be held in Studio E at Maryland Youth Ballet.

What is the cost?

Registration is \$30 per guest.

How do I register?

You may register online through Active or at the office by November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. You will need to complete a registration form and pay to reserve your spot.

Do I (parents) have to stay? What if I want to stay?

No- parents do not need to stay. It's a gift for kids and grown-ups! If you choose to drop off your dancer(s), please leave a good contact number for the day of the party if we need to reach you in case of an emergency. Due to space limitations, we will ask parents that choose to stay to wait in the lobby during the party.

Can boys come?

Absolutely. The party is centered around the Nutcracker and is not gender-specific.

What do the guests need to wear?

Guests may wear anything, but it is recommended they wear comfortable clothing so they can still dance. Ballet attire, tutus, and tiaras are optional. Ballet shoes, socks, or bare feet are all fine.

Is there a ballet class?

No. There will be dancing and games, but not a structured technique class.

Is there a performance?

The Sugar Plum Fairy will perform her variation for the guests.

What is the difference between the Sugar Plum Party and the VIP Nutcracker Experience?

The Sugar Plum Party is a fun celebration at the MYB studio to kick off the Nutcracker season. Guests will enjoy crafts, snacks, games, and dancing, as well as meet and get their picture taken with the Sugar Plum Fairy. The Sugar Plum will dance her variation, but it is not a formal performance.

The VIP Nutcracker experience is inclusive of our full length Nutcracker performance at Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center in Rockville, Maryland on December 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$50/person and include reserved seats to the matinee show, a pre-performance reception, behind-the-scenes tour, picture with the Sugar Plum Fairy, and a few fun surprises. For more information or tickets for this event, please see our website [www.marylandyouthballet.org](http://www.marylandyouthballet.org).

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