

2026

**GRAVIT8**  
**NATIONALS**



**Gravit8**  
DANCE COMPETITION

ANAHEIM, CA  
JUN 27- JUL 2, 2026

Welcome Packet

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# Welcome to NATIONALS!

We are so excited to welcome you to an unforgettable week of competition, convention classes, celebrations, and inspiration.

## DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> (DAY 1) HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Check-In**

Each dancer registered for convention will receive a dancer “welcome gift”. stop by the G8 HUB desk anytime during the week to grab yours (no redemption card needed).

#### **Competition**

Competition begins with All Mini & Petite Solos, Premier Junior Solos, and Premier Senior Solos.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> (DAY 2) HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Welcome + Warm-Up**

All dancers and parents are to attend our Warm-Up Kick-Off where convention teachers will be introduced, and a quick group warm-up for dancers will energize the day. Everyone is welcome to attend (no observer band required).

#### **Convention Classes**

Get ready to kick off an exciting week of learning and inspiration! On the first day of convention classes, dancers will train with an incredible lineup of industry professionals, including David Moore, Ade Obayomi, Kaiden Currie, and Natalie Crandall. Classes will be offered in Hip Hop, Funk Jazz, Tap, and Ballroom, giving dancers the opportunity to explore a variety of styles while learning from some of the industry's most sought-after instructors. Please refer to the convention schedule for your dancer's assigned class times and room locations for the week. We encourage dancers to arrive early, bring a water bottle, and come ready to learn, grow, and have fun!

#### **G8 Crew Experience Begins**

Check-in for dancers participating in the G8 Crew Experience opens at 12:45 PM. During check-in, each dancer will receive their G8 Crew backpack, which includes their G8 Crew sweatshirt and performance t-shirt. Rehearsals will begin with a review of the choreography that dancers have been learning through the instructional videos provided in advance. To help maintain focus and create the best possible rehearsal environment, all G8 Crew rehearsals are closed to parents, observers, and teachers.

#### **Competition**

Competition continues with: Elite Junior Solos, Mini & Petite Small Groups, Premier Teen Solos, and All Teen & Senior Duet/Trios.

#### **Special Awards Announcements Today**

6:10PM Awards: Top 5 Junior Elite Dancer-of-the-Year Finalists announced

# MONDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> (DAY 3) HIGHLIGHTS

## **Convention Classes**

Convention classes continue with the return of fan-favorite faculty members David Moore and Natalie Crandall, along with exciting new instructors Michael McCrary, Alex Little, and Estefania De La Cruz. Dancers will continue their convention experience with fresh perspectives, new teaching styles, and valuable training opportunities from this outstanding group of educators.

## **G8 Crew Experience**

Dancers will continue cleaning choreography while working within their assigned groups to learn formations and staging. The rehearsal will focus on preparing dancers for the upcoming music video recording, ensuring everyone feels confident and performance-ready. Reminder, all G8 Crew rehearsals are closed to parents, observers, and teachers.

## **Parent Hip Hop Crew Rehearsal Begins**

This rehearsal is open to all parents—no dance experience needed! Just bring your energy and get ready to have a blast. Plus, every participant will receive a free shirt to wear for the performance at the Scholarship Show on Wednesday, July 1. Some lucky parents may even win scholarships for their dancers!

## **Competition**

Today's competition will feature: Elite Teen Solos and All Large Groups, Lines, and Productions.

## ***Special Awards Announcements Today***

6:15PM Awards: Top 5 Teen Elite Dancer-of-the-Year Finalists announced

## **Rockin' Red, White, & Blue Deck Party!**

Get ready to celebrate in red, white, and blue style! We encourage dancers and families to show their patriotic spirit with festive outfits, accessories, and creative flair. The evening will feature a live DJ, games, dancing, and our high-energy Cre8 Studio Group Challenge. This is one of the most exciting and memorable nights of Nationals, so come ready to celebrate, make memories, and have a blast with dancers from across the country! 🇺🇸



# TUESDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> (DAY 4) HIGHLIGHTS

## **Convention Classes**

Convention classes continue with an outstanding faculty lineup featuring Mark Villaver, Michael McCrary, Amanda & Brianna Dextl, and Kalani Goldman. Dancers will train in Commercial Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Jazz, and Lyrical while continuing to learn, grow, and be inspired by these accomplished industry professionals.

## **Junior Scholarship Audition**

Encourage focus and energy.

- Dancers must audition in their appropriate age group.
- Auditions are done in small groups performing a previously taught combo.
- Scholarship winners will be announced at the Scholarship Show.
- Dancers are encouraged to wear clean, appropriate dancewear that allows them to stand out.

## **G8 Crew Experience**

Today, G8 Crew dancers will begin filming the official music video! After days of rehearsing choreography and formations, dancers will bring their hard work to life on camera while experiencing the excitement of a professional-style video shoot. To ensure a smooth filming process, all G8 Crew activities remain closed to parents. Filming is closed to parents, observers, and teachers.

## **Parent Hip Hop Crew Continues**

The fun keeps going for parents! Come join the action as we continue rehearsing for the big performance at the Scholarship Show. Whether you're mastering the choreography or just showing up with great energy, this experience is all about spirit, laughter, and making unforgettable memories during Nationals week.

## **Competition**

Today's competition will feature: All Mini & Petite & Junior Duet/Trios, Debut Senior Solos, Elite Senior Solos, and Debut Teen Solos.

## ***Special Awards Announcements Today***

10:40PM Awards: Top 5 Senior Elite Dancer-of-the-Year Finalists announced



# WEDNESDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> (DAY 5) HIGHLIGHTS

## **Convention Classes**

Today marks the final day of convention classes as dancers wrap up an incredible week of training with Mark Villaver, Kalani Goldman, Alex Little, Amanda & Brianna Dextl, and Victoria Kalina. Classes will feature Jazz, Lyrical, Commercial Hip Hop, Contemporary, and Pom, giving dancers one last opportunity to learn, grow, and be inspired by this outstanding faculty before the convention experience comes to a close.

## **Teen & Senior Scholarship Audition**

Encourage focus and energy.

- Dancers must audition in their appropriate age group.
- Auditions are done in small groups performing a previously taught combo.
- Scholarship winners will be announced at the Scholarship Show.
- Dancers are encouraged to wear clean, appropriate dancewear that allows them to stand out.

## **G8 Crew Experience**

G8 Crew dancers will continue filming the official music video as they bring their choreography, formations, and performance energy to life on camera. This exciting experience gives dancers a behind-the-scenes look at a professional-style video production while creating lasting memories from Nationals week. To ensure a smooth filming process, all G8 Crew activities remain closed to parents.

## **Parent Hip Hop Crew Continues**

It's performance day! After days of rehearsals, laughs, and learning choreography, our Parent Hip Hop Crew is ready to take the stage at the Scholarship Show today at 1:30 PM. We can't wait to see the routine come to life!

## **Scholarship Show – 1:30 PM**

The Scholarship Show is one of the most exciting moments of the week and a true celebration of talent. All dancers & parents are encouraged to attend this high-energy event (no observer bands required) where scholarship winners from the week will be announced. Performances will include our youngest stars—the Mini and Petite dancers—as well as the always-entertaining Parent Hip Hop Crew.

## **Competition**

Today's competition will feature: Debut Junior Solos and All Junior, Teen, & Senior Small Groups

## ***Special Awards Announcements Today***

10:15PM Awards: Captiv8 Routines announced & The Rewind Studios announced (to compete at The Gala)



# THURSDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> (DAY 6) HIGHLIGHTS - FINAL DAY

## **G8 Crew Dress Rehearsal**

It's time for the G8 Crew Dress Rehearsal—our final run-through before the big performance at The Gala! Dancers should arrive dressed in their official G8 Crew T-shirt and black leggings (girls) or black pants (boys). This is the one and only time they will get to practice on the main stage, so it's important they arrive on time, focused, and prepared. No stage hair or makeup is required for this rehearsal. This full-stage run-through is their chance to lock in spacing, staging, and transitions.

## **Gala Red Carpet Event**

The Gala Red Carpet Event is a special photo opportunity where dancers can capture memories with their favorite convention teachers. A Gala ticket is required to attend this exclusive experience. Our G8 media team will be on hand to take professional photos and all pictures will be made available for download after Nationals, so your dancer can cherish these moments for years to come.

## **The Gala – Closing Night Celebration**

- *Performances: G8 Crew, Captiv8 Finalist Routines, The Rewind Competition, Elite Dancer-of-the-Year Winners*
- *Awards Presented: Elite Dancer-of-the-Year, Genre Winners, The Rewind, Elev8 “Top Scoring Studio”, Activ8 Award, Captiv8 winners and more.*
- *Please note that The Gala will not be live streamed. Guests are welcome to record on their personal devices, provided that doing so does not obstruct the view of others or disrupt the event experience.*

## **Elite Dancer-of-the-Year**

Each Elite Dancer of the Year winner will have the opportunity to perform their winning solo during The Gala. Winners will be announced during the first half of the show, with performances taking place in the second half. If your dancer is a Top 5 finalist, please make sure their solo costume is available in the dressing room and ready to go should they be selected as the Dancer-of-the-Year winner.



# ADDITIONAL INFO

## General Dancer Info

All dancers must wear their wristbands at all times to gain entry into convention classes and event activities. Audition numbers must be clearly visible during every convention class, as faculty members use them to identify dancers for scholarships, special opportunities, and recognition throughout the week.

To help create a positive learning environment, dancers should arrive on time, wear appropriate dance attire and footwear, bring a refillable water bottle, and treat faculty, staff, and fellow dancers with respect. Tumbling is not permitted unless specifically instructed by a faculty member.

Parents and spectators should check the schedule regularly for any updates and arrive early for competition sessions and special events. We encourage all families to participate in the many activities offered throughout the week, including the Scholarship Show, Deck Party, and The Gala.

Most importantly, have fun! Nationals is about more than competition—it's an opportunity to learn, grow, make new friends, and create lasting memories.

## Mini + Petite Dancers

If your dancer is in the Mini + Petite age division, they will have the opportunity to perform the convention combo they learn during the week at the Scholarship Show on Wednesday at 1:30 PM. Dancers should wear their complimentary performance t-shirt and any bottoms they feel comfortable dancing in. Following the performance, parents should pick up their dancer in the Mini + Petite convention room.

Throughout the week, our Mini + Petite Director, Melissa, will be present in classes to help guide, encourage, and support dancers as they navigate their Nationals experience. Each Mini + Petite family will also receive one complimentary observer band, which provides access to the Mini + Petite convention room throughout the week.

## Photos & Video

**Competition:** Photography and video recording are strictly prohibited during competition performances. Unauthorized recording may result in a point deduction for the routine being performed.

**Convention Classes:** Parents and teachers are welcome to film convention combinations from the sides of the room, provided they do not distract dancers, faculty, or interfere with the class environment.

**The Gala:** Guests are welcome to take photos and videos using personal devices as long as doing so does not obstruct the view of others or disrupt the event.

All competition photos, videos, and Red Carpet photos from The Gala are complimentary with your Nationals experience and will be available for download within one week following the event at [www.gravit8dance.com](http://www.gravit8dance.com). We love seeing your Nationals memories, so be sure to tag us on social media @gravit8dance!

## What to Pack for Convention Classes

- Dancewear
- Appropriate shoes for all dance styles (Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Ballroom, Hip Hop, etc.)
- Safety pins or audition number
- Refillable water bottle
- Healthy Snacks

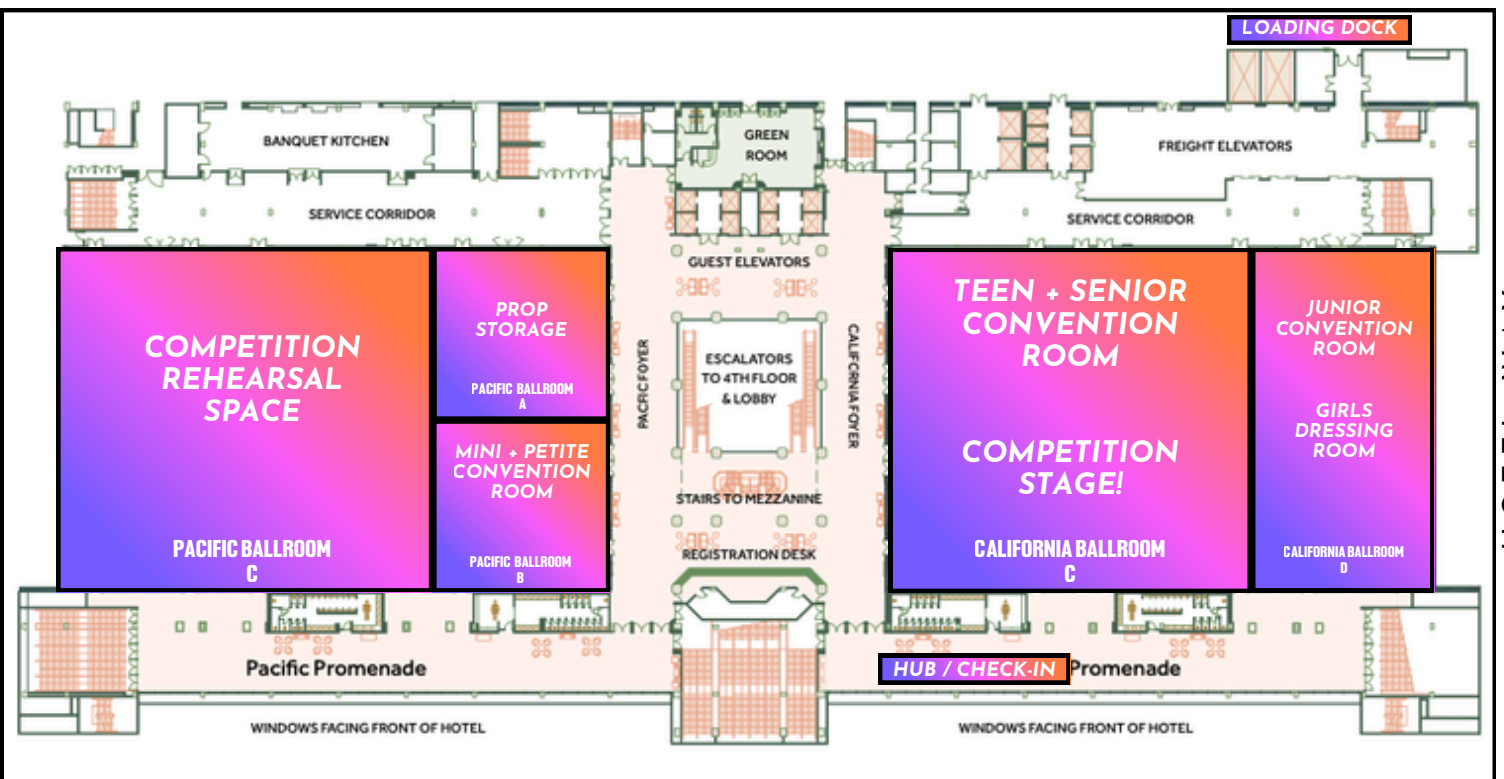


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Dance Factory	RED
DanceSpace	WHITE
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Flatirons Dance	RED
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Infinity Dance	RED
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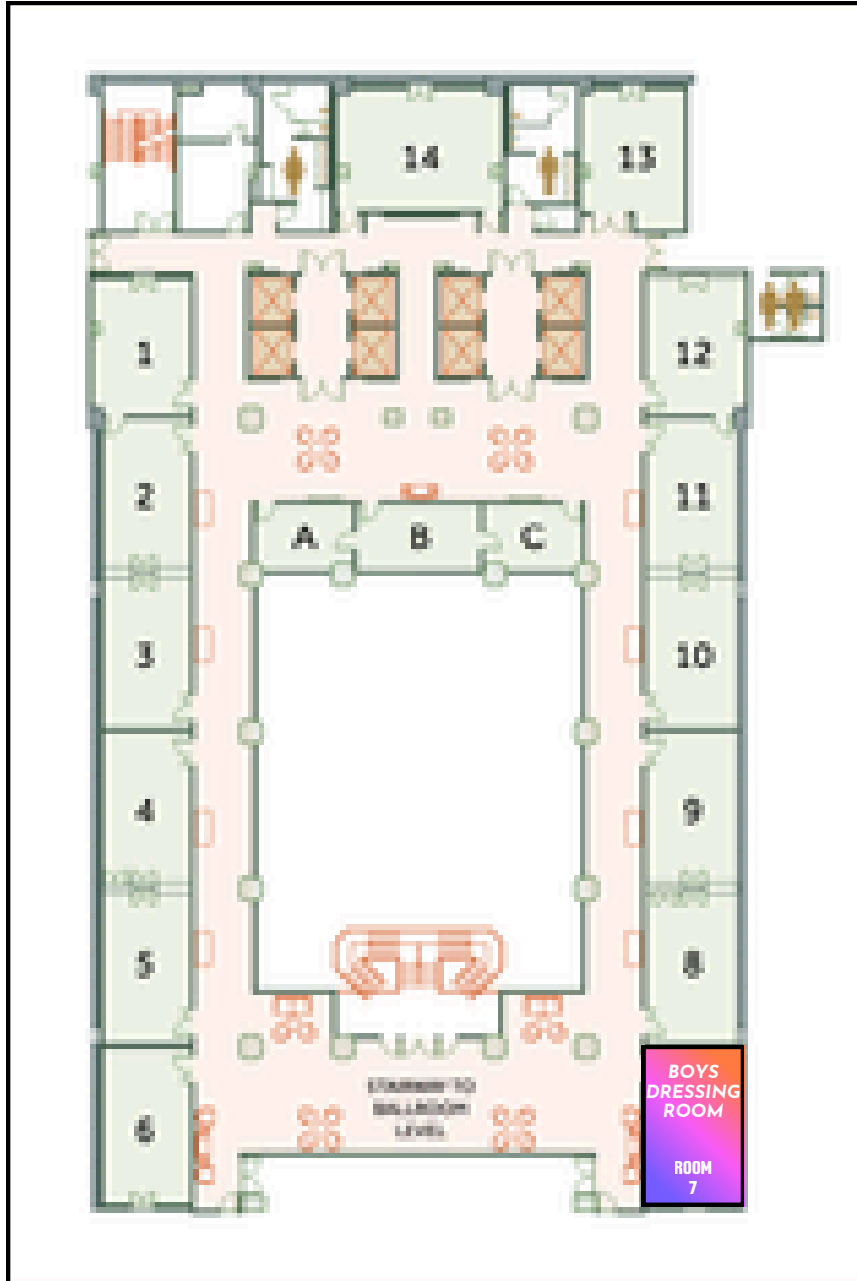
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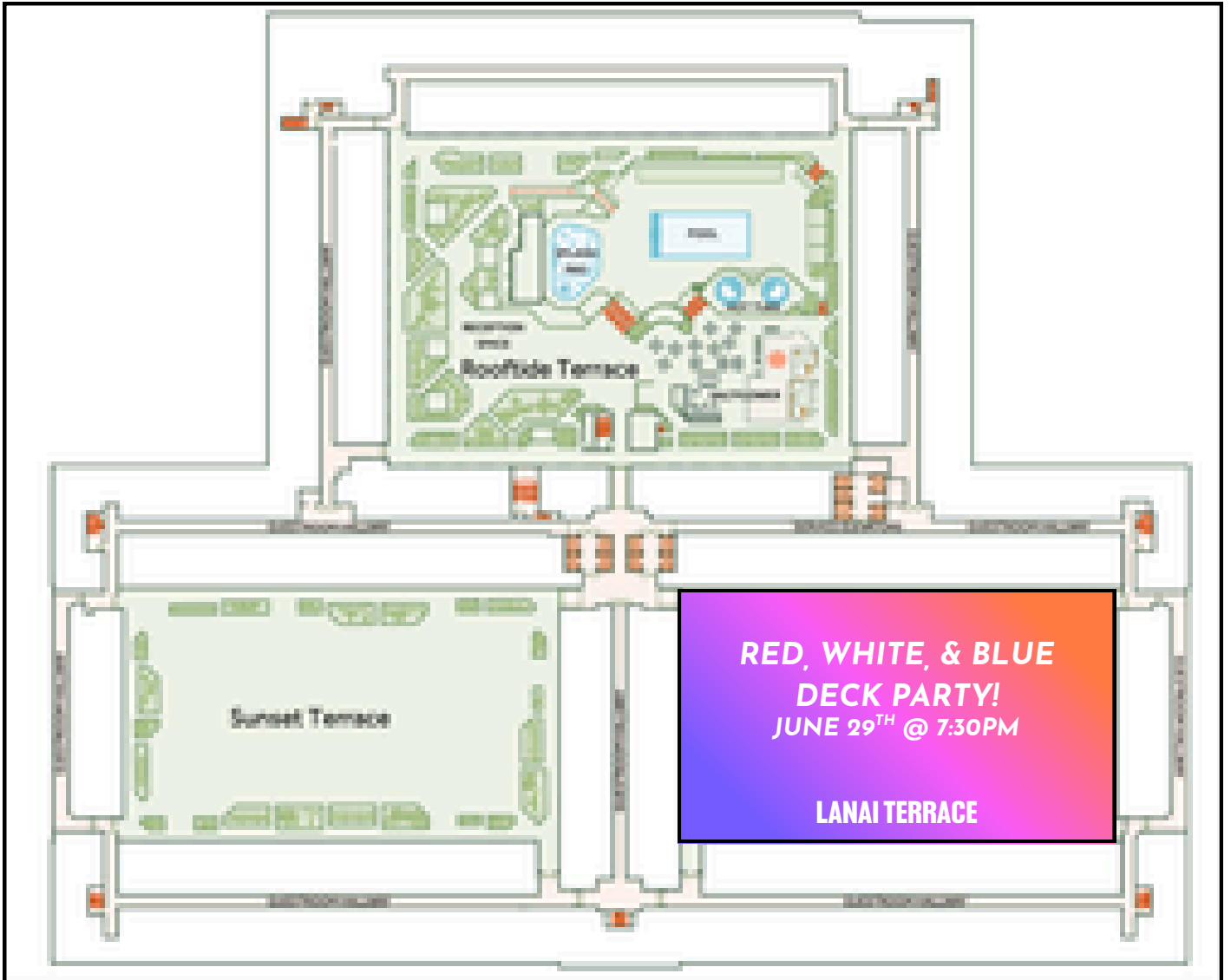
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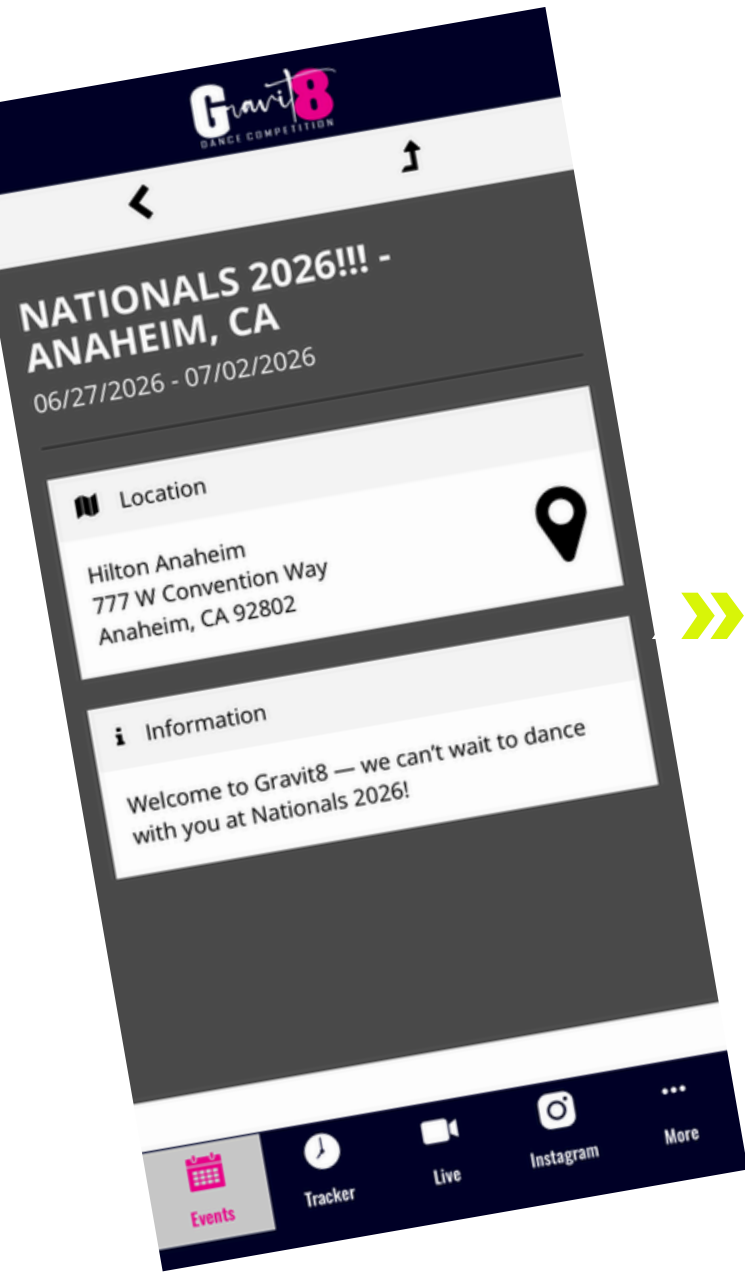




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Get ready for an unforgettable week at Gravit8 Nationals 2026! Dive into every class, give your all on stage, support your fellow dancers, and soak up every moment. Work hard, stay inspired, and enjoy the journey—this is your time to grow, connect, and shine!

**We Are Ready For You!** 🌴