

The Las Cruces Junior Cotillion

2024-2025 Rules and Regulations

The Las Cruces Junior Cotillion, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, would like to invite your child to become a member for the 2024-2025 season.

The Las Cruces Junior Cotillion was organized in 1956 to provide carefully planned and supervised dances for students in 7th and 8th grade. There are four dances during the school year, two dances in Fall and two dances in the Spring. The dances will be held at the ***Grapevine Plaza, 3900 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005.*** There will be a DJ providing appropriate music with cookies & punch offered. The Board Members will chaperone all dances. Parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to accompany Board Members by volunteering to chaperone the dances.

The dress code for the dances require that girls wear a semi-formal outfit and dress shoes. Boys are required to wear a dress shirt, dress pants, necktie/bow tie and dress shoes. Specific dress code and behavior guidelines may be found below in this invitation. Please note that parents will be called to either rectify the dress code violation or take their child home if they cannot comply with the dress code.

Membership in Junior Cotillion is **limited to 50 boys and 50 girls from each grade level**. Space in the ballroom is limited to the total number of members. Members are not permitted to bring a guest to scheduled dances. If members know of another student interested in joining, please encourage them to contact us at jrcotillionlascruces@gmail.com to obtain registration information.

Membership dues are \$125.00 for the year. This fee covers the cost for dance lessons and both dances. Attendance at one of the dance lesson sessions is highly recommended for all new members. Renewing members are welcome to attend the lessons as well.

The first 50 boys and 50 girls from each grade level to provide completed registration forms and payment will be accepted into the Las Cruces Junior Cotillion. An electronic correspondence (text or email) will be used to confirm receipt of your registration and payment. **Your child's membership will be denied only if the membership spaces are filled prior to receiving registration forms and payment.**

Dance invitations will be mailed approximately two weeks before each dance. Please take time to RSVP if your child is unable to attend the dance. Our cost is dependent on the number of children we intend to feed one week prior to the dance.

If you would like to volunteer or chaperone, please check the corresponding box on the registration form. For additional information, you may contact:

jrcotillionlascruces@gmail.com

Updates and dance information may also be found on our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/LasCrucesJrCotillion & our website
www.LasCrucesJuniorCotillion.com.

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DRESS CODE AND BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Junior Cotillion is intended to create a positive environment for everyone involved. Please review this information with your child. After discussing this information, both the Junior Cotillion member and parent signatures are required.

GIRLS: Dress is ALWAYS semi-formal, regardless of theme. No jeans are allowed. Girls are required to wear outfits that are age appropriate (no low cleavage showing, no high slit dresses and appropriate length). Shoes are to be worn during the entire dance, so make sure they are comfortable for dancing. If wearing high-heeled shoes, it is encouraged to bring a pair of flats to change into if needed. NO FLIP-FLOPS OR TENNIS SHOES OF ANY KIND!

BOYS: Dress is ALWAYS semi-formal, regardless of theme. Boys are required to wear dress pants (no jeans) and a long or short-sleeved collared shirt that must remain tucked in at all times. Neckties or bow ties are to be worn at all times. Please wear socks and dress shoes. Please, no worn-out athletic shoes. Denim, wide leg or baggy pants are neither appropriate nor permitted. Sport coats and suit jackets are acceptable, but not required.

CELL PHONE POLICY: All participants will be asked to leave their cell phones with their parent/ guardian while they are attending the Cotillion dance. We understand this policy might make some participants and their parents uncomfortable, therefore we will concede to allow participants to bring a cell phone to the dance as long as the phone is not out and not used during the 7:00-10:00 time period. Cell phones should remain in a purse or pocket at all times during the dance. If this cell phone policy is not followed, the phone will be taken away from the participant and returned to the parents only upon completion of the dance. It is the intention of the Las Cruces Junior Cotillion Board to emphasize appropriate social interaction, in a structured environment, among participants.

Participation is a MUST! Once participants are checked in, they must stay in the ballroom. We want everyone to have a good time and expect all participants to behave as young adults. Horseplay, disrespectful or inappropriate behavior towards any other participant, chaperone, DJ, staff of The Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, or roaming outside the designated Cotillion area will not be tolerated. If there is an incident a Board Member will call parents to request the child be picked up and the child may not be invited back for future dances. No refunds will be given!

2024-2025 Dance Lesson Schedule

Session 1	June 18 - 20	5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Session 2	July 9 - 11	5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Dance lessons will be held at Zia Middle School,
1300 W. University Ave.

2024-2025 Dance Schedule

- 1.) FRIDAY - August 23, 2024
- 2.) FRIDAY - October 25, 2024
- 3.) FRIDAY - January 10, 2025
- 4.) FRIDAY - March 28, 2025

Dances will be held at

The Grapevine Plaza
3900 W. Picacho Avenue
Las Cruces NM 88005

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