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Dear group leaders and teachers,

Thanks to all who responded regarding which dances you will be dancing at Šventė. This information enables the creative committee to begin drawing up the schematics for the arena. However, please understand that there may still be tweaks to your dances, so please visit our internet site regularly to check for choreography updates.

In my previous letter on costume guidelines, we inadvertently omitted the following, which affects girls/women in the Jauniai (teens), Studentai (young adults), Suaugę (adults) and Pagyvenę (older veterans) categories:

- Either the whole group wears underskirts (slips), or no one wears underskirts.
- The underskirt should be 3 inches shorter than the overskirt. The apron should be 3 inches shorter than the overskirt.
- For children's groups, the apron should be 2 inches shorter than the skirt.

Some of you asked about the dimensions of the modified wimple. It should be 78-1/2 inches long by 22-1/2 inches wide. You can choose to wear a crocheted hat under the modified wimple.

Attached are pictures of the modified wimple as well as the regular, full coverage wimple.

Also attached you will find information on how to braid ribbons into the hair of the girls in the childrens groups. Please watch the video on how to French braid your hair.

My sincere apologies to "Vijūnas" and "Sugrįžus." These groups are no longer required to dance Žiežmarių polka and Steponėlio patrepšėlis, but we asking Vijūnas and Sugrizus to learn Kalatinis. The situation changed once we got final confirmations on which groups are dancing which dances, and several groups dropped out.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you have extra boys available in your Jauniai (teens) group.

If you do have extra women in your Studentai (young adults) group and would like them to dance "Sadutė," please email Aušrinė Širvinskienė as soon as possible at ausrine.sirvinskas@gmail.com

Lastly, if you would like in-person assistance, we are available to come to you – just let us know.

The best of luck to everyone preparing for Šventė.

Pagarbiai Jūsų

Gintaras Grinkevičius

XVI Šokių Šventės meno vadovas



