



Pantera FAQ #10 – Pantera End-of-year Banquet

1. Do parents/grandparents/aunts and uncles attend this?

Yes. Parents are welcome to attend if they want to attend. Attendance by parents is not mandatory. A lot of parents do like to come, though. I've never seen any grandparents, Aunts or Uncles attend. As long as we have space in the ballroom, this should be okay and if they RSVP and pay in advance. If you're thinking of including more people than your immediate family, please contact the Banquet Chair person as soon as possible. . .before invitations go out so that they can plan for extra attendees.

2. Are the girls required to bring a date?

No. The girls are welcome to bring dates but they can without a date and sit with their friends. Many girls do not bring dates.

3. What do the girls wear?

I am not a fashionista so I'll do my best to describe the attire. First, this is not prom, but the girls do dress up in dressy dresses. Many wear knee-length dressy dresses but there are full-length ones too. It's really up to you and your budget. Corsages are rare but you can do whatever you want. If a boy brings your daughter a corsage, she must wear it. . .boys egos are fragile and you don't want to be responsible for making him afraid to give flowers in the future, now do you?

4. What do the parents wear?

The parents dress nice too. Moms can wear nice pants. Dads don't have to wear jackets and ties but many do.

5. What happens at Banquet?

- A. The girls arrive prior to announcements, check in and line up in order of class and alphabetically and wait outside the banquet room for their turn to be introduced.
- B. The parents wait inside with their cameras ready. The girls then walk in when their name is announced and parents can take pictures.
- C. There is a program placed at each seat and your seat is assigned so look for your name card. The program will show the order of the banquet and includes some memorable items as well. There are awards voted upon by the Team that are given and each Dance Officer chooses a Squad Member of the Year. Woody and the Captain each make a speech.
- D. We eat dinner and dessert.
- E. A slideshow is shown with pictures of the past year including a special Senior portion.
- F. There's dancing at the end too.

6. Do I sit with my daughter?

The girls all sit with their friends and the parents sit at separate tables behind them. Some girls acknowledge their parents presence and others do not. It's still fun to be there to enjoy the relationships you've built this past year.

7. Do I have to pay to go to the Banquet?

This varies from year to year depending on how much money we raise. The girls' tickets have always been provided by the Booster Club because we want to make sure that all of them can attend. So, you'll need to buy your ticket and your Pantera will need to buy her date's ticket too.

8. Are alcoholic beverages served to the parents?

No alcohol is served at the Banquet. However, in prior years, parents have arrived early and had a little happy hour or stayed late for an after dinner drink in the hotel lobby lounge. It's a nice time for the parents to visit for one last hoorah. . .especially the parents of Senior Panteras. No Panteras are allowed to join you in the bar, duh! You don't have to drink alcohol to attend this parent get-together either. . .you can just enjoy a Shirley temple or soda or water.

9. What if I have dietary restrictions?

It may be too late now but you should check with the Banquet Committee Chair to ask what can be done or just eat before and come anyway.

10. Will my daughter get an award?

Each girl will get a patch or two depending on the budget.

11. Am I required to help with the Banquet if I wasn't on the committee?

No, you're not required but it is encouraged to help if there is anything needed to be done at the end. We are a team, through and through.