

Dance Team Requirements

1) Class

- a.) All dance team members are required to attend class for one hour per week. If any members must miss the class due to other activities the choreography taught will not be re-taught individually to them. They may be able to learn the choreography through review in class or by practicing with other members on their own time.
- b.) Dance team members are required to take ballet in addition to one hour of dance team per week. Ballet shoes are required for this class.

2) Fundraisers

- a.) Due to the cost of uniforms, t-shirts, bags, warm-ups, shoes, and competitions, dance team members have the option of doing fundraisers to raise money.
- b.) There will be three fundraisers scheduled for the dance teams to raise money throughout the year. The only required fundraiser is the one in August. After auditions there will be a meeting scheduled the following week for parents. At this time you will receive a breakdown of the fees that will be due at the end of the first three months. All dance team members will be required to get eight sponsors to sponsor the dance teams for the year. Last year this fundraiser paid for 75% of the cost associated with the dance teams! The final two fundraisers will be optional.

<u>August</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>January</u>
Sponsors Fundraiser	Recipe Books	Butter Braids

- c.) All dance team members will have an “account” that will have the money that they have earned in it. For the sponsor fundraiser each member is required to get at least eight sponsors. There are levels that each sponsor can pay for, please see the sponsor sheet for this. All the money that is collected for this fundraiser is divided up evenly between each participating dance team member. I have provided a list of all of the businesses that participated last year. It doesn't matter what level the dance team members get, as long as there are five.
- d.) Please keep in mind that for dance team their uniform and/or warm-ups are always worn for recitals and performances. For ballet there will be one required dance team ballet costume.

3.) Uniforms

- a.) Uniforms must be well taken care of by each dance team member. There will be no eating, chewing gum or drinking anything but water while in uniform. You will be permitted to eat and drink in your uniform only if you have your warm up on over it.
- b.) Please make sure to hand wash the uniform. It cannot be cleaned any other way.
- c.) If at the end of the year you do not want to audition for the dance team you have the option to sell the uniform back to the studio.
- d.) I do have uniforms that previous dance team members have returned to me. If you would like to borrow one please let me know.

4.) Shoes

- a.) Dance Team Members are required to wear their white dance boots **only** for performances.
- b.) The black jazz sneakers are required for class, performances and when teaching dance at the Boys and Girls club for volunteer events.
- c.) The tan jazz shoes will be used for performances and will allow us to be more flexible with the styles that we choose for performances.
- c.) Always bring your dance shoes to an event separately. Never wear your shoes outside.

5.) Demerits and Rewards

- a.) This year we will have a demerit and reward system in place for all dance team members. There will be demerits for missed volunteer activities, performances and extra practices. Once a dance team member has five demerits they will be dismissed from the team.
- b.) Rewards and Trophies will be given to the dance team members that complete at least one volunteer activity per month and/or those who attend all of the performances.

6.) Volunteer Activities

- a.) All dance team members will be required to do one volunteer activity per month. It is very important that dance team members give back to community by volunteering. There will be different volunteer activities available each month to choose from. All dance team members will be required to arrive on time. If a dance team member does not complete their volunteer activity for the month they can choose to either double up the next month or take one demerit.
- b.) Please let me know if you hear of any organizations that need help, we will try to accommodate them.
- c.) This year I will need parent volunteers to help out occasionally if I can't supervise a volunteer event. If you are able to help out from time to time please make sure to put your name and phone number on the list by the door.

7.) Performances

- a.) There will be scheduled performances throughout the year at sports events, the Douglas Care Center, Octoberfest, Stars of Tomorrow, Jackalope Days, State fair and more!
- b.) It is required for dance team members to perform at the three biggest events of the year including **Octoberfest, Jackalope Days and State Fair**. One demerit will be given for missing any of these three main performances. Members will be required to arrive at the performance in uniform with hair fixed and stage makeup on. Please make sure to be on time! I will get you Octoberfest dates as soon as possible so you can start planning.

8.) Extra Practices

- a.) Before a performance both dance teams will have extra practices to make sure that they are prepared. There will not always be extra practices for every performance but we need to make sure that all dance team members are comfortable with the routines. Extra Practices will be set around all dance team members schedules.

9.) Summer Class

- a.) Jill's Dance Studio will now be closed for the Summer starting the Summer of 2010. There will be six required practices, two during each month of the summer. These practices will last one to two hours. Both dance teams will need to practice their dances that they learned during the year and learn one additional dance. This will prepare them for the state fair performance and the parade.
- b.) There will be tuition due for the summer at a discounted rate.

10.) Emails

- a.) I send a lot of reminders by email. Check your spam folder to make sure that my emails are not going there. I will send out an email to everyone tonight to make sure that everyone is receiving them.

11.) Attitude

- a.) Dance Team members are a representation of the dance studio and will be required to act appropriately and set a good example. Any bad attitudes will result in a demerit and possible automatic dismissal from the squad.