Thank you for the interest in our ’23-’24 competition team. We had a very successful ’22-’23 year and we are looking forward to the same success in the coming season.

This is an award-winning team that is based around teamwork, excellent sportsmanship, and having fun while learning new skills and enjoying the fun of competition. The friendships formed on a competition team and life lessons learned will last them a lifetime.

Being part of the team is a big commitment and we are here to help through the process and assist with anything we can.

**Competition Expectations:**

* Be on time to practice
* Follow dress code
* Respect your coaches and fellow dancers
* Make every attempt to be at practice every week
* Be stretched and ready to dance at start of class
* Smile and have fun

**Joining the Team:**

* Attend 12 summer required evaluations classes
* Invitations to routines will be sent on August 20th by email
* Competition Camp is required – schedule pending the week of August 21st-24th
* If interested in a solo routine, we will make an attempt to have chorography this summer

**Season Practice Requirements:**

* Practices will be during the week usually 2 to 3 days a week for an hour or 2- some days could and for minis could be once a week
* There will be some Saturday practice times
* If your child participates in a school sport, please let us know the schedule ASAP so we can try our best to work around school activities when making the schedule.
* We make every attempt to keep schedule changes to a minimum, but we do ask for flexibility as school sports change, we try to be as accommodating as best as we can, so practice schedules may have to change. We do a group text with schedule changes to parents and kids (if they have cellphones)

**Required Team Gear:**

* Comp bag: $65 (includes embroidery)
* Jackets: $75 (includes embroidery)
* T-shirts: $15
* Black Shorts: TBD- we ask you purchase black Nike shorts- we will send you the ones- can get from Dicks, Amazon, or other sporting goods stores
* Crop Tops: TBD
* Sweatshirts: $25-$35

**Monthly Fees:**

* Summer Classes: $20 per day (includes 2 classes), $15 for 1 class a day, $150 for the entire summer classes
* Comp Camp: $125- estimated
* Sept- May Monthly: $125 up to 3 routines, $35 an additional routine monthly – Max $200 (does not include private solos/ duets, large group)
* Solos: $25 an hour- paid to coach
* Duets: $30 an hour- paid to coach\*
* Trios: $36 an hour- paid to coach\*
	+ \*Routines not chosen by coaches
* We do offer payment plans to include monthly fees and competition fees

**Extra Expenses:**

* Costumes- estimated $50 to $100 per costume
* Shoes- need half soles, tap (minis, juniors, teens-required), jazz (possible- may use half soles), tennis shoes (hip hop), we will order for you
* Makeup- we do not require a certain type but will need makeup for comps- we will have a class to help with this
* Recital Fee: $TBD- depending on location cost
* Pictures (not required to purchase)
* Competition Fees- see below
* Yearly Registration Fee: $25 per dancer

**Competition Fees:**

We attended 5 Regional Comps this season and Nationals- we plan on doing the same in the upcoming season. We will send out possible comps and allow parents to vote on dates and locations- the majority will be what we chose to attend. We try to keep most local but could have some out of town that would require travel or hotel stays

Below is an average of what it cost per comp for our dancers in ’22-’23 season including Nationals

* Solos: $115 per competition
* Duets: $65 per competition, per dancer, per routine
* Groups: $45 per competition, per dancer, per routine
	+ Subject to change- based on ’22-’23 season
* Example: If dancer has solos, duet, and 3 groups- $315 per competition X 6 comps $1890 total for year- we do offer payment plans
* Minis, Juniors – will determine if they will attend all 5 regional comps

**Fundraisers:**

* We do run fundraisers several times a year to help with competition fees- we know this is a big commitment.
* These fundraisers are optional

**Age Groups:**

Minis: Elementary School- will compete in ballet, tap, and jazz at a minimum

Juniors: Middle School- will compete in lyrical, tap, and jazz at a minimum

Teens/ Seniors: High School and up- Will vary based on groups invited too

We compete in the following categories:

* Ballet
* Lyrical
* Contemporary
* Jazz
* Tap
* Hip Hop
* Musical Theatre

Most of these are small group categories- up to 9 dancers and would like to have at least 1 large group with 10+ dancers.

**Extra Events:**

* We try to plan extra events for the team during the year- things we have done in the past-
	+ Attend dance events for our coaches (several dance for their schools)
	+ Team Building at the studio
	+ Attending plays (coaches were performing)
	+ Shopping for Toys for Tots
	+ Team dinners
	+ Community showcases
	+ Open to suggestions….

We know this is a lot of information and we are here to answer any questions and navigate through the competition process. This is a yearlong commitment, please make sure your dancers understand once making the commitment the importance of being on the team. They will have lots of fun through the year and grow as dancers.

Beth and Kristie