



Dance Team



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We are excited your dancer is interested in the 2021-22 Dance Team. Our team dancers are dancing year-round and fully committing to their art and continual growth. All of our team dancers are required to take a minimum of three classes per week (including ballet & jazz) in addition to their team classes. We strongly encourage dancers to take as many classes as they are able including workshops, technique classes, and other styles.

Dancers will audition during the summer months for the following season and will be placed into groups based on ability, strength and age. Our competitive teachers strive to place dancers where they will shine and are the strongest. Team members compete in 2-6 dances in jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary and hip hop at 3-4 regional competitions.

In addition to competitions, our team dancers attend one convention per year where they learn from professional choreographers from all around the world. Throughout the year, we have team bonding events to make sure that we can be the best team we can be, together.

Costs to participate in team will vary depending on the number of dances, how many competitions dancers attend, etc.

As a team, we have received a lot of awards including high scores and top placements, creative choreography, entertainment as well as special judges' awards. We are incredibly proud that we have brought home many spirit awards.



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EXPECTATIONS

- **ATTENDANCE:** Dancers cannot miss more than 3 weekdays per session and 3 dance team practices TOTAL. Ideally we do not want dancers missing classes for any reason, but we understand that things can come up at times or dancers get sick. If we see dancers are missing classes or team due to family vacations, or avoidable reasons then the dancer will get a warning and if it continues they will be dismissed from team.
 - **SUMMER CLASSES:** All dancers must take a MINIMUM of 3 summer classes. This does not include any intensives or workshops. We STRONGLY encourage attending the summer intensives as well as taking technique solos to work on individual goals.
 - **FALL / SUMMER CLASSES:** Dancers are required to take ballet, jazz and one other style class during the weekdays. We encourage dancers to take all styles and as many classes as they can. By taking all styles (even if not your favorite), you will become a well rounded dancer.
 - **DRESS CODE:** Dancers MUST wear black on team days. Everyone should wear tan tights with appropriate shoes for class as well as black. Either black leotard or black shorts and sports bra. Shorts are acceptable, but no leggings.
- STRETCH:** Make sure you stretch outside of the dance studio. This is incredibly important. You should be stretching at least 5 days a week (your studio days do count!)



EXPECTATIONS (CONT)

- **GOALS:** Set goals for the year. We will do this individually with you and as a group. We want to make sure you have things you are working towards so that we can assist you in accomplishing those goals.
- **ROLE MODEL:** Always come to class prepared and ready. Assist younger dancers if needed. Other dancers, especially the younger ones, will look up to you. We are proud to have you as role models for our studio.
- **STRIVE:** Strive to be the best dancer you can be. We will give you technique to work on, choreography, etc. It is your responsibility to push yourself and make sure you are progressing as well. are a team. Enjoy each other.
- **ATTITUDE & RESPECT:** We expect dancers to respect their teachers and peers. We will not tolerate poor attitude. We will have individual discussions if needed and dismissal if an issue continues. Dancers must treat ALL teachers with the same respect.
- **CLASS ETIQUETTE:** Dancers are expected to arrive to all classes and team rehearsals on time, dressed in proper dance attire, hair up and out of their face. They must be ready to listen in a classroom and pay attention to the teacher. Dancers should also remain ON THEIR FEET at all times unless told / asked differently by a teacher.
- **ENCOURAGEMENT:** Encourage and support all team members! If a team member has a certain goal or skill they are working on, cheer them on. If you are an older dancer, feel free to help them and give tricks, tips and pointers.
- **HAVE FUN:** Really, HAVE FUN! We are a team. Enjoy each other.



AUDITION INFO

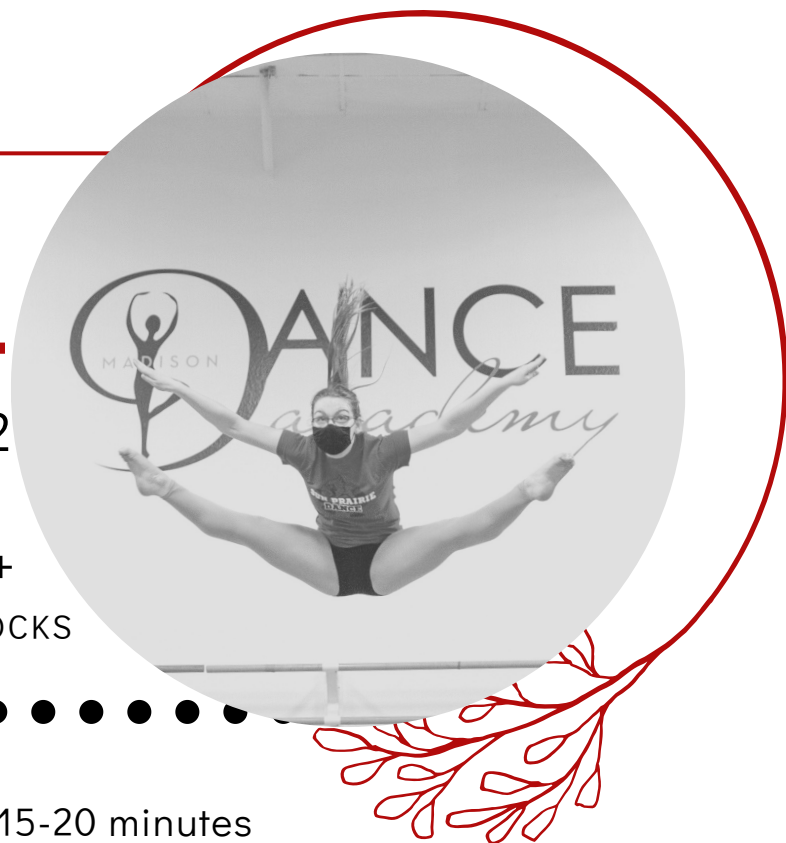
**SUNDAY,
JUNE 6, 2021**

9:00AM-12:30PM | AGES 8-12

SHOES NEEDED: TAP, JAZZ, TENNIS SHOES

10:30AM-12:45PM | AGES 13+

SHOES NEEDED: JAZZ, LYRICAL PAWS OR SOCKS



- WHAT TO EXPECT: Dancers will arrive 15-20 minutes early to complete paperwork with their parent, put on a name tag and stretch in the dance room. At the audition time, dancers will learn 2-3 combinations with multiple teachers and then perform the combination with different groups of dancers so the team teachers can determine placement.
 - Ages 8-12 will learn a hip hop, tap and jazz combination from three different teachers.
 - Ages 13+ will learn a jazz and lyrical / contemporary combination from two different teachers.
- WHAT TO WEAR: Tan tights, black leotard and black shorts or a black sports bra and black shorts. All female dancers MUST have their hair in a bun or ponytail.
- WHAT TO BRING: Dance shoes and a water bottle
- EXPECTATIONS: Dancers are not expected to memorize each combination, but they are expected to try their hardest and have a great attitude. We are not expecting or asking for perfection. We want to see who is working really hard and showing they want to and can improve.

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- **ATTITUDE:** Attitude is HUGE during tryouts! We know the combinations might be easy or hard, but we want everyone to have a good attitude. Attitude CAN and WILL effect placements.
- **HOW ARE PLACEMENTS DETERMINED?** There are a lot of things that go into placements. Age, skill level, dance passion for a specific style, and teachers vision. We may have groups with dancers that are older and younger or dancers that are all similar age. No matter which dances dancers are placed into, we expect them to work incredibly hard and have a positive mind. Having a good attitude and putting in the work will show through!
- **WHEN WILL WE FIND OUT RESULTS?** Dancers & Parents will be required to pay the DT commitment fee by JUNE 15, 2021. Once we have everyone's commitment and fees, we will release the team placements by JUNE 20, 2021. Placements will NOT be released until all commitment fees are paid.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR

SESSION 1

{ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE. WE MAY ADD OR CANCEL
REHEARSALS AS NEEDED.}

COMPETITION DATES ARE NOT
RELEASED FOR 2022.

-as soon as they are, we will confirm dates-



DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION	TIMES
June 6	Sunday	Dance Team Auditions	9:00-12:30 ages 8-12 10:30-12:45 ages 13+
August 15	Sunday	Dance Team Intensive #1	Times TBD
August 22	Sunday	Dance Team Intensive #2	Times TBD
September 12	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
September 13	Monday	- SESSION 1 CLASSES BEGIN! -	
September 18	Saturday	Team Photoshoot + Bonding	TBD
September 19	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
September 26	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
October 3	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
October 10	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
October 17	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
October 24	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
October 31	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
November 7	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
November 14	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
November 21	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
November 28	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
December 5	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
December 12	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
December 19	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
December 26	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	

TENTATIVE CALENDAR

SESSION 2

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DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION	TIMES
January 2	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
January 9	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
January 10	Monday	- SESSION 2 CLASSES BEGIN! -	
January 16	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
January 23	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
January 30	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
February 6	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
February 13	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
February 20	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
February 27	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
March 4-6	Fri – Sun	CONVENTION: Dupree (Chicago)	tentative
March 11-13	Fri – Sun	COMPETITION: Precision	tentative
March 20	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
March 27	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
April 3	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
April 10	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
April 17	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
April 24	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
May 1	Sunday	Regular Practice	Times TBD
May 8	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	
May 12	Thursday	(tentative) Dress Rehearsal	TBD
May 13	Friday	(tentative) Dress Rehearsal	TBD
May 14	Saturday	(tentative) Recital	TBD
June 5	Sunday	2022-23 Dance Team Auditions!	TBD

DANCE TEAM FEES

{Tuition includes DT MINIMUM requirements – 30 min ballet, 30 min jazz, 30 min any choice, (2) 30-min dance team dances. This automatically puts all dance-teamers in the unlimited tuition category. NOT INCLUDED: additional dance team costumes or competition fees outside of the 2 dances, non-dance team recital costumes, solo/duet/trio fees (tuition, costumes, competition fees), dance bags or any apparel outside of DT jacket.}



ALL OF THESE FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH NOTICE AND CAN VARY BASED ON THE NUMBER OF DANCES YOUR DANCER IS IN. 2021-22: WE WILL NOT BE CHARGING INDIVIDUALLY FOR COMPETITION TIGHTS, DANCE SHOES, MAKEUP OR PROPS. THESE WILL BE CHARGED AS NECESSARY.

REQUIRED FEES			
ITEM:	AMOUNT:	MINIMUM FINANCIAL COMMITMENT	TENTATIVE DUE DATE
Tuition (ballet and jazz classes required)	SESSION 1: \$1000 SESSION 2: \$1200	\$2,200	15 th of every month
DT Commitment Fee	\$75	\$75	June 15, 2021
Dance Team Jackets (EVERYONE IS GETTING NEW JACKETS IN 2021)	\$85	\$85	August 15, 2021
DT Costumes	\$80 / costume	\$160	September 15, 2021
Convention	\$300	\$300	October 15, 2021
Competitions (minimum 2 dances at 3 competitions)	\$80 / dance	\$480	December 15, 2021
Prop Fee	-as needed-	---	---
Competition Tights	-as needed-	---	---
Make Up	-as needed-	---	---
Dance Shoes	-as needed- (jazz, lyrical paws, dance socks, hip hop shoes are at the cost of the families – we will advise what is needed – they must be clean with little wear when competition season begins)	---	---
TOTAL MINIMUM ESTIMATED FINANCIAL COMMITMENT:		\$3300	---

TEAM BONDING & OPPORTUNITIES

- **BONDING SLEEPOVER:** At the beginning of the season, we kick off the year with a dance team sleepover. We will spend time doing team bonding activities, watching movies, and laughing all night. We encourage dancers to get some sleep, but we know that never happens. :)
- **TEAM PHOTOSHOOT:** Before our kickoff bonding sleepover we have an entire team photoshoot. Dancers take individual photos and group photos at the guidance of the team teachers. These are fun pictures for the dancers and their families to cherish. We usually find a fun location to take pictures and spend lots of time goofing off to get the best pictures.
- **BIG / LITTLES:** Our older dancers become "BIGS" to our younger dancers (AKA "Littles"). This is similar to having a brother or sister. The older dancer takes the younger dancer under their wing. They encourage each other, support each other and are always there for each other. Watching the Big / Little relationships is one of the sweetest things.
- **SUN PRAIRIE CORNFEST PARADE:** We have recently began walking in the Cornfest Parade as a dance team. Dancers 9+ learn a walking combination while our younger dancers walk and hand out candy.
- **ADDITIONAL BONDING:** We strive to add additional team bonding events throughout the season. These might include going to a team dinner, seeing a show at The Overture, or having a team bonding outing.



FUNDRAISING

- **SHOP WITH SCRIP:** We are very excited to announce that we are now offering shopwithscrip.com as a fundraising option for the team. 100% of what you earn will go directly to your dance fees. This fundraising is actually very simple and provides a percentage back on your normal everyday purchases. If utilized frequently, families can earn quite a bit towards their dance fees.
- **CONCESSIONS:** We work with St. Dennis Church of Madison to volunteer at concessions. With events starting to open up again, they are going to allow concessions to slowly start opening. Older dancers and parents can work different events throughout the season and funds earned from the event will be applied directly to your dance account.
- **DIRECT SALES:** We usually offer one direct sale fundraiser per season. We will send out a survey early season with our options for the year.
- **PARENTS NIGHT OUT:** Older dancers 11+ are able to volunteer at our parents night out. Dancers will be babysitting children that sign up (with adult supervision). Proceeds will be split amongst the dancers that participated and applied directly to their dance account.



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