

Dance Team

HANDBOOK



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MADISON DANCE ACADEMY



We are excited your dancer is interested in the 2023-24 Dance Team. Our team dancers are dancing year-round and fully committing to their art and continual growth. All our team dancers are required to take a minimum of five classes per week (including ballet, jazz, and technique / conditioning) 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 commit to team in June, and then have placement auditions mid-summer for the following season and will be placed into groups based on ability, strength, age, and concept. Our competitive teachers strive to place dancers where they will shine and are the strongest. Team members compete in a minimum of 2 dances in jazz, tap, lyrical, acro, contemporary and hip hop at 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.

As a team, we have received many 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 as well.



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EXPECTATIONS

ATTENDANCE

Dancers cannot miss more than 2 weekdays per session and 1 team practice TOTAL. Ideally, we do not want dancers missing classes for any reason, but we understand that things can come up or dancers get sick. Please plan vacations and trips for weekends that we do not have dance team.



CLASS REQUIREMENTS

SUMMER: Ballet, Jazz, Technique & Conditioning, +2 additional classes. Summer / Camp Intensive is also required.

FALL / SPRING: Ballet, Jazz, Technique & Conditioning, +2 additional classes. We encourage dancers to take all styles to become a well rounded dancer.



ATTITUDE AND RESPECT

We expect all dancers to respect their teachers, parents and peers. We will not tolerate poor attitude anywhere at the studio. Many dancers at the studio look up to the team dancers, therefore they should all be good role models. Dancers who cannot abide by this will be dismissed from team.



STUDIO & CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

STUDIO: Respect the space, including throwing away garbage and picking up after yourself. There is NO jumping/climbing on furniture, or practicing skills that are unsafe without a teacher present.

CLASSROOM: Arrive to all classes on time, dressed in proper attire, and hair up (off face). They must be ready to listen in a classroom and pay attention to the teacher.



HAVE FUN!!

This is our #1 goal!! We want all dancers to have fun in class, and at team. This team becomes a family every year, and we want to enjoy our time together. Encourage your teammates and lift each other up.



AUDITIONS & PLACEMENTS

JUNE
01-02

COMMITMENT DATE

DANCERS WILL REGISTER TO BE ON THE 2023-24 DANCE TEAM. ALL DANCERS THAT REGISTER HAVE A SPOT ON THE TEAM. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY ADDITIONAL DANCE TEAM MEMBERS AFTER JUNE 01-02, 2023.

JULY
27-28

PLACEMENT AUDITIONS

DANCERS WILL ATTEND INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT AUDITIONS FOR SPECIFIC DANCE STYLES. INSTRUCTORS WILL BE WATCHING THE DANCERS TO SEE HOW THEY ARE DANCING TOGETHER, HOW THEY HAVE IMPROVED, AND OVERALL SKILL.

AUGUST
05

PLACEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WILL SEND OUT PLACEMENTS VIA EMAIL. DANCERS WILL BE IN A MIX OF ROUTINES (2 MINIMUM), INCLUDING PRODUCTION.



TENTATIVE CALENDAR



DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION	TIMES
June 19-23	Monday-Friday	Summer Intensive: ages 10-14	8:30am - 4:00pm
June 26-30	Monday-Friday	Summer Intensive: ages 14+ (high school only)	8:30am - 4:00pm
July 11 - August 17	Tuesday & Wednesday	Summer Classes	varies - see schedule
July 27-28	Thursday & Friday	Dance Team Placement Auditions	TBD
August 3	Thursday	Nutcracker Auditions	5:00-6:00pm ages 8-10 6:15-7:15pm ages 11+
August 13	Sunday	Cornfest Parade Rehearsal	9:00-11:30am
August 16	Wednesday	Cornfest Parade	TBD
August 20	Sunday	DT Production Choreography	9:00am - 2:00pm
August 21-24	Monday-Thursday	DT Choreography Intensives	TBD - after 12:00pm
September 9-10	Saturday-Sunday	DT Sleepover	TBD - after 12:00pm
September 11	Monday	Session 1 Begins!!	varies - see schedule
September 17	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
September 24	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
October 1	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
October 8	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
October 15	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
October 22	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
October 29	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
October 31	Tuesday	HALLOWEEN - no classes	---
November 5	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
November 11	Saturday	DT Bonding: Friendsgiving	TBD
November 12	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
November 19	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
November 20-25	Monday-Sunday	FALL BREAK - no classes	---
November 26	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
December 3	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
December 10	Sunday	Modified Practice + Holiday Celebration	TBD
December 16	Saturday	(tentative) SHOW - Nutcracker	TBD
December 17	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
Dec 18 - Jan 5	Monday-Sunday	WINTER BREAK - no classes	---

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DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION	TIMES
January 6	Saturday	DT Bonding	TBD
January 7	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
January 14	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
January 21	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
January 18	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
February 4	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
February 10	Saturday	Stage Rehearsal Sun Prairie East High School PAC	8:30am - 4:30pm
February 11	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
February 16-18	Friday-Sunday	COMPETITION: Imagine Dance Challenge Sauk Prairie High School (WI)	TBD
February 25	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
March 3-5	Friday-Sunday	CONVENTION / COMPETITION: Dupree Dance The Westin Lombard (IL)	TBD
March 10	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	TBD
March 17	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
March 24	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
March 25-31	Monday-Sunday	SPRING BREAK / EASTER - no classes	---
April 5-7	Friday-Sunday	COMPETITION: Headliners Dance Location TBD (WI)	TBD
April 14	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
April 19-21	Friday-Sunday	COMPETITION: Precision Arts Challenge Oregon High School (WI)	TBD
April 28	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
May 1	Wednesday	Dress Rehearsal - show 1	TBD
May 2	Thursday	Dress Rehearsal - show 2	TBD
May 3	Friday	Dress Rehearsal - show 3	TBD
May 4	Saturday	Recital Day!! (1) 10:00am // (2) 1:00pm // (3) 4:00pm	ALL DAY
May 18	Saturday	DT Year End Banquet	TBD



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DANCE TEAM FEES

	DUE DATE	ITEM	INDIV COST
REQUIRED	split into 4 payments due the 15th of the month	SESSION 1 - Unlimited Tuition (\$325 per month)	\$1,300
		SESSION 2 - Unlimited Tuition (\$385 per month)	\$1,540
	upon registration of fall classes	Studio Registration Fee (single \$40 / family \$60)	\$40
	June 1-2, 2023	DT Commitment Fee	\$175
	October 15, 2023	DT Convention	\$355
	January 15, 2024	DT Tights	\$25
	January 15, 2024	DT Lipstick	\$15
	February 15, 2023	DT Stage Rehearsal Fee	\$50
VARIABLE	September 15, 2023	DT Costumes (\$95/each - minimum 2)	\$95
	September 15, 2023	DT Hip Hop Shoes (\$85) - if in team hip hop	\$85
	December 15, 2023	DT Competition (\$95/per dance - minimum 2 dances @ 4 competitions)	\$380
OPTIONAL	September 15, 2023	DT Jacket (required if new to team)	\$95
	January 15, 2024	DT Makeup (required if new to team - lipstick under required)	\$90

ADDITIONAL FEES MAY BE APPLIED

These fees DO NOT include:

- *Recital Costumes (\$80/each)*
- *Recital Hip Hop Shoes (\$65)*
- *Solo, Duet, Trios Fees*
- *Spirit Squad / Team Bonding Fees*

The fees listed are for the MINIMUM requirements to be on team.

- *(5) weekly classes + (2) team dances*
- *(2) Dance Team costumes*
- *(4) Dance Team competition fees*



TEAM BONDING



TEAM SLEEPOVER

At the beginning of the season, we kick off the year with our annual dance team sleepover where we spend time bonding, getting to know each other and making memories.



TEAM PHOTOSHOOT

Dancers will get the chance to take to take individual pictures, big/little pictures, and entire team pictures. This is a fun time for dancers to be able to express themselves.



BIG / LITTLES

Our big and littles are like siblings to each other throughout the entire season. "Bigs" job is to take their "little" under their wing, and support them unconditionally.



ADDITIONAL EVENTS

We strive to add additional team bonding events throughout the season. These might include team dinner, going on an outing, or just additional time together.

MISCELLANEOUS



CONCESSIONS

We work with St. Dennis Church of Madison to fill concession stands at various events. These events can include Taste of Madison, Bratfest, UW Football games and more! Any money earned during an event will be applied directly to your parent portal.



SPIRIT SQUAD

Spirit Squad is a parent volunteer organization that is directly beneficial for all. It is run by parents, for the benefit of dancers to enhance their team experience and the MDA community as a whole. There will be fundraising opportunities to offset the costs of team bonding events.



BAND APP

We utilize the app called BAND. Parents and dancers are able to have access and we post ALL THINGS TEAM here. We will upload videos of the routines to practice, competition schedules, pictures throughout the year and more!

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REGISTER JUNE 1-2, 2023

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