

Mini Team

HANDBOOK



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MADISON DANCE ACADEMY



We are excited your dancer is interested in the 2023-24 MINI Dance Team. Our team dancers are dancing year-round and fully committing to their art and continual growth. All of our mini team dancers are required to take a minimum of three classes per week (ballet, jazz & for 2023-24, hip hop). We strongly encourage dancers to take other styles to become a well rounded dancer.

Costs to participate in mini team is broken out further in the handbook, but it includes (4) competition fees, (1) mini team t-shirt, stage rehearsal, regular Sunday rehearsals, 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 also.

We cannot wait for a fun year with our MINI TEAM DANCERS!



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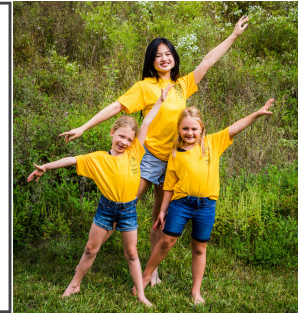
Dancers cannot miss more than 3 weekdays per session and 2 team practices TOTAL. Ideally, we do not want dancers missing classes for any reason, but we understand that things can come up or dancers get sick. Please plan vacations and trips for weekends that we do not have mini team.



CLASS REQUIREMENTS

SUMMER: Ballet, Jazz, +1 additional class. Summer Dance Camp / Princess Camp are encouraged, but NOT required.

FALL / SPRING: Ballet, Jazz, and Hip Hop. 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.



TENTATIVE CALENDAR



Madison Dance Academy

DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION	TIMES
June 12-16	Monday-Friday	Princess Camp: ages 5-6	9:00-11:30am
June 12-16	Monday-Friday	Dance Camp: ages 7-9	12:30-5:00pm
July 11 - August 17	Tuesday & Wednesday	Summer Classes (REQUIRED: ballet, jazz, +1 additional class)	varies - see schedule
August 16	Wednesday	Cornfest Parade	TBD
September 9	Saturday	Mini Team Bonding + Photoshoot	9:00-11:30am
September 11	Monday	Session 1 Begins!!	varies - see schedule
September 17	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
September 24	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
October 1	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
October 8	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
October 15	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
October 22	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
October 29	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
October 31	Tuesday	HALLOWEEN - no classes	---
November 5	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
November 11	Saturday	DT + Mini Team Bonding: Friendsgiving	TBD
November 12	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
November 19	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
November 20-25	Monday-Sunday	FALL BREAK - no classes	---
November 26	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
December 3	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
December 10	Sunday	Modified Practice + Holiday Celebration	TBD
December 16	Saturday	(tentative) SHOW - Nutcracker	TBD
December 17	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
December 18-January 5	Monday-Sunday	WINTER BREAK - no classes	---

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DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION	TIMES
January 6	Saturday	DT + Mini Team Bonding	TBD
January 7	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
January 14	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
January 21	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
January 18	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
February 4	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
February 10	Saturday	Stage Rehearsal Sun Prairie East High School PAC	8:30-9:30am
February 11	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
February 18	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
February 25	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
March 3-5	Friday-Sunday	CONVENTION (<i>not required</i>): Dupree Dance The Westin Lombard (IL)	TBD
March 10	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
March 17	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
March 24	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
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	12:00-1:00pm
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	(<i>tentative</i>) Recital Day!! Show 1 - 10:00am // Show 2 - 1:00pm // Show 3 - 4:00pm	ALL DAY
May 18	Saturday	DT & Mini Team Year End Banquet	TBD



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MINI TEAM FEES

	DUE DATE	ITEM	INDIV COST
REQUIRED	split into 4 payments due the 15th of the month	SESSION 1 - Minimum Tuition (\$270 per month)	\$1,080
		SESSION 2 - Minimum Tuition (\$330 per month)	\$1,320
	upon registration of fall classes	Studio Registration Fee (single \$40 / family \$60)	\$40
	upon registration	Mini Team Commitment Fee	\$75
	September 15, 2023	Mini Team Costumes (2 at \$90/each)	\$180
	September 15, 2023	Mini Team Hip Hop Shoes (\$65)	\$85
	December 15, 2023	Mini Team Competition (\$95/per dance - 2 dances @ 2 competitions)	\$380
	January 15, 2024	Mini Team Makeup	\$50
	February 15, 2024	Mini Team Stage Rehearsal Fee	\$30
VARIABLE	November 15, 2023	Recital Costumes (\$80/each - minimum 3)	\$240
	November 15, 2023	Hip Hop Shoes (\$65) - for recital hip hop	\$65
OPTIONAL	September 15, 2023	Mini Team Jacket	\$80
	October 15, 2023	Mini Team Convention	\$245

ADDITIONAL FEES MAY BE APPLIED

These fees DO NOT include:

- Solo, Duet, Trios Fees
- Spirit Squad / Team Bonding Fees

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

- (3) weekly classes + (2) team dances
- (2) Mini Team costumes
- (1) Mini Team hip hop shoes
- (2) Mini Team competition fees



TEAM BONDING



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 1-30, 2023

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