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Competition Team

Information and Contract 2025-26

We are VERY excited about the upcoming competition season and look forward to working with your DANCER this year!  It is important to understand that the “competition” aspect should be considered a “performance” opportunity. Competition results are strictly a subjective opinion, and each dancer’s growth should not be completely gauged by their scores or achievements at competitions. Students are encouraged to strive to improve themselves and to work to their full capacity. Each dancer is uniquely different, each with their own strengths and their own weaknesses and each brings their own talent to the team as a whole. They will also bond as a TEAM and BUILD FRIENDSHIPS that will last forever! We want this season to be a very POSITIVE and REWARDING experience for each dancer!!!

Competition Team Requirements:

* Compete locally, regionally and nationally (varies from year to year)
* Attend both recitals for Lake Dance Steps
* Perform at the Cherry Festival and any other scheduled community events
* Technique class is required for all competitive dancers and placement will be made by coaches
* Ballet class is also required for all competitive dancers and placement will be made by Raquel.
* All in-house workshops including Saturday practices, extra practices, guest instructors, conventions, bootcamps, photo shoot, etc. are mandatory and required by all competitive dancers unless otherwise stated.
* Dancers must attend summer dance and are allowed 4 absences unless otherwise stated.
* Attendance is important for all dance classes. The studio tries its best to be flexible and accommodating with conflicts due to school and/or important family activities. However, by becoming a member of a team, you have agreed that this is a **priority** in your schedule.
* Each dancer may not miss more than 5 practices. Technique classes can be made up (communicate with coaches), more than 5 misses in any class for the season will result in being dismissed from choreography with no refund  OR After 5 absences a $20/missed class will be charged to accounts to pay for choreography changes/teacher’s time.

Dancer Expectations:

* Dancers must wear appropriate dancewear to all dance classes. Black leotard, pink tights, hair in a bun and ballet shoes for ballet classes. Leotard and hair pulled back tight for comp classes- cleaning dances require all black and dancers will be notified ahead of time. Leotard and hair pulled back tight for technique classes.
* Dancers will show up to competitions in full makeup and hair 1-2 hours prior to all performances and competitions. Dancers will be notified of schedules ahead of time and are expected to always show up ready to perform.
* Dancers will wear their team jacket to every competition and on stage for all awards
* Dancers will not miss more than 5 classes within the whole season. Any miss pertaining to school for a grade will be communicated to the instructor. If you are sick, take the miss and stay home otherwise, bring your dance journal or device and take notes/video from the side.
* Any injuries must be communicated to the instructor so we can make a plan based on doctor orders/ recommendations.
* Dancers are asked to take out all piercings (unless we have assigned team earrings) and remove all jewelry for all performances and competitions.
* Dancers are also asked to remove all nail polish from fingers and toes for all performances and competitions.
* Dancers must wear team makeup and follow makeup requirements for team (instructor will determine).
* If dancers want to compete with a solo, choreography, costume and music must be final by January 1st, 2024. There will be a required solo tryout in order to get approval for competing.
* Dancers that wish to take a solo to competition must hire an in-house choreographer: Marianne, Gonzalo, Amanda, Alesha, Raquel. Contact your choreographer this summer (asap) to schedule your choreography time. The cost is $200/solo. This includes 3 choreography classes and music editing. This should be sufficient to learn the solo, but if more time is wanted for cleaning, etc. it is $50/hr. You will arrange details/time/and pay the choreographer directly.
* We will not have a specific Team Mom—but ask for help with fundraisers, pre-competition gifts, team bonding activities. Please volunteer! We greatly appreciate help!
* NO PARENTS ALLOWED IN THE DANCE ROOM (parents may be invited in the last few minutes of class to watch occasionally). Please respect the privacy of our dancers and help them stay focused on the instructor.

**Communication:**

We are using the Band app to communicate this year. Please check the app frequently and use it for informational purposes only. You will receive an invite via text. \*PLEASE CHECK DAILY

**Tuition and Fees**

Financial Commitment: Being in a program such as this requires a certain financial commitment.

$85/mo. +$45/mo. Ballet= $130/mo

Tuition is automatically processed on the 1st of the month. Costume fees and competition fees are processed on the date they are due, unless paid before.

Costume Fees: Team Jacket $50, Ballet, Jazz/Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Hip hop $65 each

Additional fees if you don’t already have these items: nude tights, dance shoes, leotards

The costume fees are a general estimate. Sometimes we order something extra during the season (prop, hat, etc.). We try to keep costs reasonable—but be prepared for extra expenses.

-**Fees are due by the 1st of October**

WE attend 3 competitions. The cost usually averages $120/competition for team dances and more if doing solo (2nd year comp dancers only and must be approved by instructor).

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**2025-26 Team Agreement**

I understand that being selected for Lake Dance Steps Competition Teams is a privilege….

Please initial next to each statement, Parent initials otherwise noted.

I have read through the packet, discussed it with our family and agreed to make the commitment to the policies and requirements needed, both time and financially.

I am committed to the entire year (acceptance through **cherry festival 2024**) with Lake Dance Steps. If I do not fulfill my year contract, I will lose any money paid on my account and will not receive a refund (including credits). I will be responsible for the remainder of any pre ordered costume fees, monthly tuition fees and/ or competition fees.

We (both child and parent) will demonstrate a positive, respectful and professional attitude and work ethic at all times.

I understand that I represent Lake Dance Steps in and outside the studio. Any disrespectful inappropriate behavior, posts, comments, stories, or language will not be tolerated as it pertains to Lake Dance Steps.

I will allow and trust the faculty’s decisions in all casting, class placement, and decisions regarding the team.

My child\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of dancer) intends on being a dedicated member of this team.

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-Please return signed to instructor by 7/1/23