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Elite Dance Studio

Competition Team Auditions

There will be auditions for company members at the Elite Dance Studio on the following days. Please attend one of the following auditions where you will learn jazz, tap, and ballet combinations. Company dancers must be well-rounded dancers with years of ballet training. To view last year's competition awards and pictures, please check out our website.

Monday, June 7
or
Sunday, July 11

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Ages 8 –11

7:00 PM-8:00 PM Ages 12 and up

Please see the back for company requirements and expectations. Please see Miss Becky with any questions.

Elite Dance Studio Competition Team Information

What is the Competition Team?: The Elite Company is a small highly selective company that allows the serious dancer to have more performance opportunities and to compete to hear judges opinions and views. It is based on audition only. Dancers must be skilled in ballet, tap, and jazz, as they will perform many different styles of dance. Ballet is a must, since the majority of a competition score is based on dance technique (ballet ability). Company members must reaudition each year.

What is expected of company members?: This is a very serious commitment, just as serious as any other school sport, play, or activity. Dancers have to make choices in their life to choose which activity is best for them. The company is not a decision to be taken lightly. Dancers **MUST** take ballet, jazz, and one additional class every week (either lyrical, tap, or hip hop), plus have a company rehearsal during the week. All these classes are in the evening. Therefore, dancers are usually there three to four evenings a week. They are not allowed to miss a class more than three times the entire year. If they miss class more than three times a year, they are no longer allowed to be on the company.

What is the yearly schedule?: The company competes in three competitions a year, one in February, March, and April or May. This schedule does not come out until September. We do not know which day (Saturday or Sunday) of the competition they will compete in until the week of the competition. You must reserve the entire weekend just for the competition. Every dancer must attend every competition. They also are required to attend a convention every year. A convention is a weekend of classes with master class teachers at a local hotel/convention center. They are also asked to attend other conventions, since exposure to new dance teachers and styles is part of the proper dance training. Attendance at all Elite Dance Studio Recitals and Dress Rehearsals in May/June is mandatory. They will be learning an opening number for those Recitals. Please note, the company is sometimes asked to perform at other locations, such as Cloverly Day. Schedules must be flexible enough to allow for these performances and possibly extra weekend rehearsal times.

What are the costs?: All company members must pay for their regular classes plus the company studio time. Therefore, most people pay for between 4-5.5 hours of classes. They are required to pay for their competitions, usually \$80.00 for each competition and there are three competitions. They are required to purchase their costumes (around \$80 each), proper tights, shoes, makeup, hair accessories, undergarments, earrings, gloves, props, etc. They are to pay for their convention, usually \$200-250. They have to pay for any travel expenses while attending a company function.

What will happen at the audition?: You do not to prepare anything for the audition. Come a little early to stretch and fill out paper work. You will be taught jazz, tap, and ballet combinations. You will then be judged by a panel of judges. You will be judged on how quickly you learn material, if you pay attention to the choreographer's detail, technique, expression and performance ability, confidence, and overall presentation.

How is the company chosen?: The judges need to come up with the best group to look the best on stage. The different companies are not picked solely by age or ability, but rather a mixture of both. The three companies are not based on age – they are a mix of which dancers who will make the best team for an entire year.

When will I find out if I made it?: You will be mailed a letter to your house after the last audition. Please make sure that your address is written very clearly on the audition sheet that you fill out at the audition.

Best of Luck!