

Dance Company Information



What are the "Dance Companies"?

Dance Xplosion Companies are formed of dancers who desire to perform, compete, and train at a more intense level, all while forming long-lasting friendships and becoming part of a close knit "family." Company members rehearse competition and performance routines one hour per week and the last Saturday per month for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled as needed. Dance styles include jazz, lyrical, tap, hip-hop and/or ballet. The Companies perform at 1-3 local events per year, attend 2-3 competitions per year, 1 weekend-long Convention/Workshop per year where they learn from the countries' top dance professionals, and have 2-3 social events per year to grow as a team and just have fun! One company-member parent meeting is required per semester.

Am I Required to Take Certain Classes?

Company members are required to dedicate a minimum amount of training per week:

Sparklers (6-9yrs) – At least 1-hour ballet, 1 ½ -hour jazz / tap, 1 hour company class

Junior Company (approx 10-13yrs) – At least 1-hour ballet, 1-hour jazz, 1-hour hip hop, 1 hour company class

Senior Company (approx 14-18yrs) – At least 1 ½ -hour ballet, 1 ½ - hour jazz, 1 hour hip hop, 1 hour company class

**The ages listed are approximate, as companies are formed by a combo of age and ability levels*

**All Companies also have one Saturday rehearsal per month*

**Requirements may be increased or decreased from year-to-year*

**Additional Company rehearsals may be called if necessary*

How do I Join a Dance Xplosion Company?

To become a Company Dancer you must audition and/or be invited to join. Dancers are highly encouraged to have already begun the year taking the required weekly classes, but if you become a Company member and you are not currently enrolled in the required classes you must enroll in them and start the next week (September 8th).

2008-2009 Audition Info

We promise that auditions will be conducted in a very positive and respectful manner!

September 6th - Audition fee=\$10 per dancer

6-9 years – 1pm-2:30pm

9-13 years – 3pm-4:30pm

13+ years – 4:30pm-6pm

Dancers will do a short warm-up, center and across the floor technique skills and learn 1-2 short dance combinations. At the conclusion of the audition students will be given an envelope that they are not to open until they are in the car or at home. This envelope will kindly tell them the results of their audition. We greatly strive to be respectful and sensitive through this process, so please do not open your envelope until you are in private. Current Company Members *do not* have to re-audition every year, but their company placement may be changed at the Director's discretion.

AUDITION DRESS: Dancers should wear any color leotard, pink or blank tights, hair pulled away from their face and no jewelry. They can bring jazz pants to slip on once the ballet portion is done. Students should bring both ballet and jazz shoes.

**All students who audition must have a current medical waiver and student info form on file with the studio. Dancers who want to audition should sign their name on the sign-up sheet at the front desk and should pay their \$10 audition fee at the same time.

What Is the Cost Commitment?

1. *Weekly Company Class*: same cost as a 1-hr class; once per month Saturday rehearsals require no extra payment
2. *Competition Entry Fees*: approx \$20 per dance, per competition
3. *Make-up Kit*: approx \$15
4. *Dance Xplosion Jacket*: approx \$40
5. *Costumes*: \$40-\$60/costume (every effort will be made to keep costume costs to a min)
6. *Transportation*: travel to and from competitions/performances – most will be in the Austin area, but 1 per year may be in San Antonio or Houston
7. *Convention*: Cost to attend one, local, weekend-long convention – approx \$130-\$170

(*1-3 fundraisers per yr will be held to offset of portion of company member costs)

Is There an Attendance Requirement?

Regular attendance at all dance classes is important, but Company Members attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory because it is a team effort to make our dances look great and to be prepared for competitions and performances. We do understand that illness and emergencies happen, so please call and inform the office in advance to your rehearsal absence if this is the case. If you are injured, please come to rehearsal to observe so you do not fall behind. If a Company member misses class or rehearsal excessively a meeting will be held between the Company Director, the Parents and the Dancer to discuss what actions need to be taken to resolve the situation. Competitions and Performances are mandatory and the dates for these will be provided to parents as early in the school year as possible.

If you have any questions at all please feel free to contact Amber Frishman:
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We look forward to spending a wonderful year filled with dancing, fun and friendships with you!!