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## **All Star Competition Teams**

**\*PARENT MEETING (DANCERS DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND):**

**MONDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:45 PM**

**\*Any questions can be asked at this time\*Melissa will go over all the details of what Competition Team entails at this meeting\*Parents do not need to attend for their dancer to tryout, this is just an informational meeting\*There is a lot involved when participating in Competition Team, so this will be the time is to ask questions or get explanations for all the details that goes into being on the Competition Team**

**\*Ages are as of 8/31/17:**

- Mini All Stars – 9 years and younger (must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2017-18 season, the team will be opened up to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders first, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be by invitation only.)
- Youth All Stars – 12 years and younger
- Junior All Stars – 15 years and younger
- Senior All Stars – 18 years and younger

\*Classes will be 1 to 2 hours twice a week for all teams.

\*All Star team members will be required to take Ballet **year round**. If Melissa feels you are behind and need extra technique, you will be required to take one or two additional classes rather than just Ballet in order to be a team member, such as Jazz and/or Lyrical. All team members are required to take ballet, technique AND stretching & strengthening during the 7 weeks summer session! You are only allowed 2 absences in the summer months. If you are chosen to compete on two teams, you will be required to attend two stretching/strengthening and two technique classes per week in the summer.

\*Tuition is \$135.00 per month for Youth/Junior/Senior All Stars and \$120.00 per month for Mini All Stars. This includes Competition Team class, technique/stretching which will be about 20-30 minutes of their team class, and Ballet, we do suggest taking more than the one required class. Tuition for an additional class is \$160 per month for Youth/Junior/Senior All Stars. Mini All Stars is \$145/month. If you need pricing for an additional class beyond that please contact Melissa. If your dancer is chosen to be on two teams, the cost per month for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team is \$40/month.

\*You will be required to purchase three costumes, a set of poms, 1-2 pairs of dance shoes, tights, hair accessories, makeup. These statements will come out at the end of August, beginning of September.

\*Each dancer is required to purchase a warm-up jacket. If you were a team member for the 2016-17 season, we will be purchasing the same warm-up jackets (LuLu and Ivviva) as last year, so you will not need to purchase new if you purchased one last year, if you did not purchase one last year, you will be required to purchase our new warm-up jacket.

\*There will be choreography fees at the beginning of the year for each, they can run anywhere between \$150-\$500 total depending on the number of girls on the team and the choreographer hired.

\*You are required to be at the choreography sessions. If you cannot make the choreography sessions, you will not be able to be a competition team member, unless prior arrangements are made. These sessions are extremely important. Most of our choreographers comes from out of town and can only come once for the session. Choreography sessions will be in the months of June-August.

\*There are competition fees for every competition that we attend for each dancer anywhere from \$20 to \$100 per competition for team fees, solos and duets are more. Nationals are more as well.

\*We do four to five fundraisers throughout the year to help with costs. We also in the past have sold candles, Christmas Poinsettias, Butterbraids, Spring Flowers, etc. If you take advantage of the fundraisers, it can help offset a lot of your costs.

\*Possible Competitions/Conventions for 2017-18 season: there will be a set schedule in September

-Competition/Convention in November

-Brandon Valley HS Competition in Brandon on December

-Dakota Spirit Competition in Sioux Falls in January

-MA Competition in South Sioux City in January

-Dakota Valley Competition in February

-DX Nationals in Minneapolis in March

-Triple S in Sioux Falls in March

-Champion Spirit Group Nationals in Chicago in March

-MainStage Dance Competition and Convention in Sioux City in April

-Dance Worlds in Orlando (teams have to secure bids during the season to attend) end of April.

\*Students can not miss more than 6 practices for Mini/Youth/Junior/Senior during the year or they will be removed from the team. We definitely look at attendance when choosing teams, and definitely if we want to include you on two teams. If you have attendance problems with one team, then we will not consider you to be on two teams. **We had a lot of attendance problems this year AGAIN; we have a lot of dancers that want to do competition team, so attendance is a must. If you can't commit, then please do not try out.**

**\*Students can not miss a competition**, and are only allowed to miss one other performance (ex. basketball game) or they will be removed from the team.

**\*Youth/Junior/Senior All Stars must be evaluated (tryout) for placement:**

-Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00-5:45 PM - Youth All Stars (12 years and younger)

-Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00-7:30 PM – Junior All Stars (15 years and younger)

-Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:45-8:45 PM– Senior All Stars (18 years and younger)

**\*Please do not come to a try out time that is older than the age you will be as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

**\*Please come 15 minutes prior to your tryout time to fill out the necessary paperwork. Each tryout participant will be required to pay a \$5 fee to tryout, to cover judging costs. Please bring the day of the tryout.**

**\*Parent Contracts also need to be signed and turned in at day of tryouts.**

**\*We ask that you wear appropriate dance attire, dance shoes, and hair pulled back.**

**\*Mini All Stars do not have to tryout, however you need to sign up by Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> if you would like to participate on the 2017-18 Mini All Star Team. We need to know team number for choreography in the summer.**

**\*Youth/Junior/Senior dancers must sign up to tryout out by Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. We need to know if we need to extend the tryout time if we have too many dancers coming to evaluations.**

**COMPETITION TEAM**  
**SOLOS/DUETS/TRIOS/QUARTETS**

**\*SOLO/DUETS/TRIOS** - You must be an All Star team member in order to do a solo/duet/trio/quartet. Please be aware of all the costs involved with doing an “extra” routine. Choreography cost is between \$175-\$225 for a solo, little less per person for small groups, costume cost, competition costs are between \$35-\$105 per competition. Please think about “why” you want to do a solo or duet/trio, think about the age group you will be competing in. For example, if you are 13, you will be competing against 13-15 year olds at most competitions we attend. The instructors do not want to discourage anyone from doing solos or small groups, however if your dancer is not quite ready for a solo in their particular age division, Melissa feels with all the expense involved it would be more worthwhile taking an extra class to prepare your dancer better for the future.

**SOLOS/SMALL GROUPS WILL WORK THE SAME WAY THEY DID IN PRIOR SEASONS– ALL SOLOS/SMALL GROUPS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET WITH AN INSTRUCTOR! SEPT & OCT ONCE EVERY OTHER WEEK/NOV & ON EVERY WEEK. 45 MINUTE PRACTICE TIMES/COST IS \$20 PER 45 MINUTES FOR SOLOS, AND \$12 PER PERSON FOR A SMALL GROUP (DUET, TRIO, QUARTET). IF YOU DO NOT MEET WITH AN INSTRUCTOR AS INSTRUCTED ABOVE, YOU WILL NOT BE SIGNED UP FOR TO COMPETE AT COMPETITIONS UNDER 5678! DANCE STUDIO.** Melissa feels that many dancers want the excitement of doing a solo/small group, but don’t necessarily want the practice commitment. If you are representing 5678! Dance Studio, practice is a must if you want to do a solo/small group.