



2022 - 2023

Competition Team

Information Packet

Audition Information:

Audition Dates & Times: *Students are required to attend all 3 days. Students must be entering Kindergarten as of Sept. 2022.*

Day 1 - Tuesday, May 31st- (Learn Audition Material)

Grades Kind. - 2nd: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Grades 3rd - 4th: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Grades 5th - 6th: 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 7th - 12th: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Day 2 - Wednesday, June 1st - (Audition)

Grades Kind. - 2nd: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Grades 3rd - 4th: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Grades 5th - 6th: 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 7th - 12th: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Day 3 - Thursday, June 2nd - (Call Backs)

* Students will be emailed on Thursday, June 3rd at 9:30 p.m. with their individual call back time for this day.

* Call backs will be held between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Register for Auditions:

Please register online for the auditions at www.uniteddancecenter.com. A \$15.00 audition fee is due as well as the \$35.00 annual registration fee at check out.

Audition Attire & Items to Bring:

- * Please come looking your best for auditions!
- * Wear any color of leotard, pink tights and pink ballet shoes
- * Hair must be in a slicked back bun or low pony tail
- * Bring dance shorts or pants to slip on over tights
- * Bring turning shoes & any type of tennis shoes
- * Bring the last 3 pages of this packet
- * Attire items are for sale at the studio

About UDC Auditions:

The purpose for holding auditions is to ensure that dancers are placed with the correct team for the upcoming year based off of their current level of dance technique. Auditions will run like a regular dance class. Dancers will warm up and show flexibility. They will also show jazz, ballet and hip hop technique. Dancers do not need to prepare any type of routine prior to the audition.

Dancers will be placed on teams based off of technique level. Students are not placed on teams based off of parent opinion or wish. The placement auditions are closed to parents. We have teams for beginning, intermediate and advanced technical dancers. All are welcome to audition. If your student does not make the team, we will help you make a personalized plan for your student for the upcoming year.

Team Lists Announcement:

Teams will be emailed out on **Friday, June 10th** at 11:00 a.m. Other important information will be available such as the required class schedules for the Competition Team Summer Course & the school year. We are not able to create the class schedules until auditions are over and teams are created.

Competition Team Requirements & Expectations:

Class Attendance:

Consistent class attendance is extremely important for a dancer to progress, grow and improve. One student's absence affects the entire class of students, therefore all dancers are expected to come to class each week, and on time. Absences will be monitored. If a student is absent 2 times in any required class, parents will be contacted. If a student is absent 3 times in any required class, parents will be contacted and students will be considered on probation. If a student is absent a 4th time, the dancer may end up being removed from the team at the Directors discretion. We understand that emergencies and illness happen. If your student must miss class, we ask that you let us know ahead of time so that the absence will be marked as excused prior to missing class. We do not have make up classes for students and tuition will not be discounted for missed classes. Students should not miss class for reasons such as birthday parties, going shopping, extended family in town, or orthodontic appointments (please schedule these appointments at other times).

Priority & Commitment:

Dancers must make competition dance practice their priority. All other extra curricular activities will need to be secondary to our required team class times. Students should not participate in other sports or in school plays if it conflicts with our practice times.

It is expected that dancers who are placed on a Competition Team commit to both the 4 week summer course, and the entire 2022-2023 school year. When a student does not fulfill their obligation to complete the entire school year, it affects the entire team and they will be charged the \$200.00 Cancellation Fee.

Cancellation Fee: \$200.00

Dancers who audition and then do not fulfill their commitment from June 2022 - May 2023 will be charged a Cancellation Fee of \$200.00. This policy begins on June 2, 2022. There are no exceptions. Parents and dancers should take this into consideration prior to auditioning. If a student quits at any time between June 2022 - May 2023 (including prior to the summer course starting) the same rule applies and the \$200.00 Cancellation Fee will be charged.

Summer Course Requirement:

We will hold 6 weeks of class from June 20th - July 30th for the new Competitions Teams! ***Competition Dancers are required to attend at least 4 of the 6 weeks of the summer course to keep up and improve technique throughout the summer.*** If a dancer has a family vacation or girls camp already planned during that time, please email Megan (UDC Director) to discuss the conflict. Dancers who are placed on a competition team will automatically be registered for the summer course after they are placed on a team. The pricing for the Summer Course will be similar to the monthly tuition that you are willing to commit to on the last page of this packet.

Competition Routines:

Each Competition Team will have 1-4 competition routines for the upcoming school year. Each team will also have one ballet routine for our Studio Spring Recital.

Convention Requirement *NEW Requirement*:

All competition dancers who are in 2nd grade as of August 2022 + will be required to attend one dance convention in the Fall with our studio. Conventions will cost approximately \$240.00 for two days of instruction from industry professionals. Attending convention teaches dancers to reach their full potential and is an amazing team bonding opportunity. We had many of our United Competition Dancers attend convention this past year and found it to be such a great experience for our students! Dancers who are ages Kindergarten - 1st grade are welcome to join if they wish!

Competitions & Recital:

Competition Dancers are required to attend two local Competitions in the Spring of 2023. We attend one competition in March and one Competition in April. These competitions are no further than 60 minutes from our Studio. All dancers who are on a team with 2 or more competition routines will also attend one competition in St. George. All competitions charge a fee of approximately \$30.00 - \$40.00 per dancer, per routine. The competition fee will be due on August 1st, 2022 for the upcoming season.

All United Dance Center students will participate in our Annual Spring Recital in 2023. We do not charge a recital fee. Tickets will be approximately \$8.00 for all spectators to help cover building rental costs.

Costumes, Make Up & Earrings Requirement:

Each routine dancers participate in will require a costume. We try very hard to find high quality, appropriate costumes at a good price. Competition costumes are \$85.00 per dancer, per routine. For teams who compete a hip hop routine, costumes are \$110.00 because tennis shoes will be included with the costume (unlike other costumes). The costume fee will be due October 1, 2022 for competition dancers. Dancers will be required to purchase the correct dance shoes and tights for their specific team for competition. **Dancers will be required to purchase one pair of clip-on or regular earrings for performances as well as one team lipstick for the year. Dancers will be required to purchase turning shoes for class and have an additional pair for performances only.**

Team Warm Ups/Spirit Attire:

Warm up jackets cost approximately \$85.00 and pants cost approximately \$35.00. Tank tops, t-shirts, and hoodies will also be available for purchase.

All Competition Dancers are required to purchase either a team jacket or team t-shirt if they do not already own one. Dancers will be asked to wear a United Dance Center T-shirt or Jacket at Competitions. Purchasing more than one item is optional. Dancers are welcome to wear these items to school.

Class Attire:

Wearing the correct class attire is important! Dancers are expected to wear the correct attire to every class.

Ballet Attire - Wearing a ballet leotard to class is required. Leotards may have a short cap sleeve, or tank top type straps. Light Pink Tights and Light Pink Canvas shoes must be purchased at UDC's Studio Store. Short (mid thigh), thin ballet skirts are optional. Hair must be pulled back into a bun or a pony tail. Tights with holes (larger than the size of a quarter) are not accepted for class. Holes smaller than a quarter may be stopped from running with a small amount of clear nail polish.

Jazz/Contemporary/Lyrical Attire - Dancers must wear dance shorts or fitted leggings with a fitted tank top, or a fitted cap sleeved shirt. No baggy t-shirts are allowed. Dancers will be required to purchase turning shoes for the summer course at UDC's studio store. As noted above, dancers will be required to purchase the correct shoes and tights for competition/performances. More information will come in October for performance shoes/tights. Hair must be pulled back into a bun or a pony tail.

Hip Hop Attire - Dancers may wear the attire listed above for Jazz, with the option of adding on baggy, stretchy pants, and a baggy t-shirt. Sneakers are required for this class (any sneakers that the dancers wear to school, work great).

Terms and Policies / Contract 2022 - 2023:

Please initial next to each policy stating that you are aware of and agree to the following terms:

(Initial) I hereby release United Dance Center and all staff members and officials from any claims of damages or injury suffered by the registered student(s) in connection with or by their association with United Dance Center. This includes my heirs who may act in our behalf. I give my permission to United Dance Center to use photos of my dancer online (for the website, Facebook, Instagram, etc) or in an advertisement.

(Initial) I understand that tuition is determined on an annual basis and is not pro-rated monthly. Some months have more classes than others due to holidays, extra practices, longer/shorter months, etc. Tuition is due on or before the 1st day of each month. A \$10 late fee will be assessed for all payments made after the seventh of the month. No refunds are given for any reason. Tuition is not lowered if classes are unattended. If tuition is more than 45 days late the student will not be able to participate in class. All balances on your account must be paid in full before receiving any costumes or performing. If an account goes 90 days past due, it will be sent to collections.

(Initial) I understand that if for any reason my dancer does not complete the dance year (through May 2023), I will be required to pay the Cancellation Fee of \$200.00. I understand this policy begins on the day that this contract is signed.

(Initial) I understand that consistent class attendance is extremely important and that all dancers are expected to come to class each week on time. I understand that by signing this form as a parent/guardian, I am committing myself and my dancer to attend classes and all competitions for the entire 2022 - 2023 school year.

(Initial) I understand that after my dancer is placed on a team I will be automatically registered in the software used by United Dance Center for the 2022 Summer Course and the 2022 - 2023 dance year. (Parents are welcome to use this software to make payments online, but are not required to. Details to come.)

Company Agreement

As a parent/guardian, and as a dancer in membership with the 2022 - 2023 United Dance Center Competition Teams, we have read through the Competition Requirements, Terms and Policies, and understand the above Rules and Requirements to participate with United Dance Center. Failure to follow the Requirements and Terms will result in dismissal from the Company. I understand the time commitment and financial commitment associated with registering to participate on a Company Team. I understand that if I do not fulfill this contract through May 2023, I will be responsible to pay the Cancellation Fee of \$200.00.

As the dancer, I understand that having a positive attitude is of the highest priority in class and crucial for a successful team. As the dancer I understand that gossip, excluding other dancers, and any type of bullying will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal from the Company.

By signing below, we understand the Requirements, Terms and Policies, and Time/Financial Commitment associated with participating on a Competition Team.

(Dancer Name - Please Print)

(Dancer Signature)

(Date)

(Parent or Guardian Name - Please Print)

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

(Date)

Competition Team Registration Form
2022 - 2023 School Year

Student Name: _____ Current Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Student's Year in School (as of August 2022): _____

Please list any disabilities, allergies, or medications we should be aware of: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____ Mother / Guardian Phone Number: _____

Father / Guardian Name: _____ Father / Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

This email address will be used as our #1 communication source

Emergency Contact Name (other than parent/guardian): _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____ Relationship with Student: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Circle the following number that best describes your dancer: (There are no wrong answers)

#1 - Dancing is a fun hobby to me. I have several other interests as well.

#2 - I love to dance. I am willing and ready to fulfill the requirements of working hard and coming to class every week.

#3 - I love to dance. I love to work hard. I want to pursue dance seriously and work towards participating on a high school or college team in the future. I will work on my flexibility in class and at home.

Are you currently on pointe? If yes, how long have you been on pointe? _____

For new students, tell us a little about your prior dance experience (if any): _____

* Please fill out the back side of this page! *

Time & Financial Commitment

At UDC, some of our teams have weekly practice on Saturdays (between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m). Please mark if you are ok with weekly Saturday practices. _____ Yes _____ No

As previously mentioned, our teams who compete 2 or more routines will be required to attend a competition in St. George. Please mark if you are willing to attend the St. George Competition. _____ Yes _____ No

Competition Students are required to take a variety of classes with their team (such as Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop and some teams add on Lyrical/Contemporary and Conditioning/Flexibility Classes). Ballet is the foundation of technique. Intermediate and Advanced teams will take ballet 2+ times per week. Pointe dancers will be required to add on an additional "Pointe Only" class.

UDC's Monthly Tuition is as follows:

- 1 Hr. / Week: \$50.00 Monthly
- 2 Hrs. / Week: \$90.00 Monthly
- 3 Hrs. / Week: \$120.00 Monthly
- 4 Hrs. / Week: \$140.00 Monthly
- 5 Hrs. / Week: \$160.00 Monthly
- 6 Hrs. / Week: \$180.00 Monthly
- 7 Hrs. / Week: \$200.00 Monthly
- 8 Hrs. / Week: \$220.00 Monthly
- 9 Hrs. / Week: \$240.00 Monthly
- 10 Hrs. / Week: \$260.00 Monthly

Please Mark the Option That You Would Like to Commit to For the 2022 -2023 Competition Season

*Note: If you are ok with more than one option, **feel free to mark multiple boxes**. This does not ensure that your dancer(s) will take exactly this amount of hours. Dancers may be placed in a group taking less hours. We will try our best to keep close to what is marked below.*

- 2 Hours Total per Week / 2 Days Weekly / 1 Competition Jazz Routine + Ballet Recital Routine
 - *For Kindergarteners & 1st Graders Only*
- 3-4 Hours Total per Week / 2 Days Weekly / 2 Competition Routines + Ballet Recital Routine
 - *Dancers in 2nd Grade and up are required to take at least 3 hours per week*
- 5-7 Hours Total per Week / 3 Days Weekly / 3 Competition Routines + Ballet Recital Routine
 - *Recommended for Intermediate Level Dancers*
- 8-10 Hours Total per Week / 4 Days Weekly / 3-4 Competition Routines + Ballet Recital Routine + Possible Pointe Only Ballet Routine
 - *Recommended for Advanced Dancers, Dancers currently on pointe, Dancers close to pointe, and Dancers who are aiming to make a high school level team in the near future.*