

DYNAMIC
Dance Allstars
HANDBOOK



Welcome to Dynamic Dance Allstars!

Team Fee Information

Tuition: \$ Due the 1st of each month
Cash or Checks only please.
Check made out to Dynamic Dance Allstars
(*\$25 dollar fee for all returned checks*)



Junior and Senior Teams:

\$130 per month: Includes instruction for rehearsal times and our custom company technique classes. In addition, the cost includes instruction, choreography, insurance, facilities, all extra rehearsal times, payment for competition hours and travel for coaches. There is also a one time a year registration fee of \$25.00 paid at the time of registration.

- At a dance studio we would pay \$101 a month for 2 and ½ hours of class and rehearsal hours per week. \$112 for an 8 week session, 1 hour of technique class per week -- divided by 2 for 1 month(4 weeks) = \$56 a month. Plus \$45 a month for DDA monthly fees = \$101 a month total.
- Now, at \$130 a month the dancers will be getting at least 4 hours of class and rehearsal per week. That is double the amount of instructional hours for only \$29 more.
- Dancers will be dancing a minimum of 16 hours a month.
- Our rates are equivalent to \$8.00 an hour per class.
- The going rate for classes at dance studios is \$14.00 per hour class.
- At a dance studio, 4 hours a week of class/rehearsal time would cost \$224.00 a month.
- Our fees also include ANY AND ALL EXTRA rehearsals classes that are needed at no additional cost to you.
- We have also added technique classes at NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!
- We have made these changes to our program so that the dancers have 2 hour sessions, 2 times per week so that the dancers can have more time dancing as a team. This will allow them to grow and become more successful.

****There is a 5% discount on DDA tuition fees if you pay for 2 months at a time! That reduces the cost to \$247.00 for 2 months!****

Mini and Youth Teams:

\$70 a month includes:

- Mini and Youth teams will rehearse for 1.5 hours a week. Rehearsals will take place on one evening a week.
- Amount includes instruction for rehearsal times and our custom company class.
- In addition, the cost includes instruction, choreography, insurance, facilities, rehearsal times, payment for competition hours and travel for coaches. There is also a one time a year registration fee of \$25.00 paid at the time of registration.

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PAYMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR FINANCIAL DIRECTOR, KRISTI, FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Contact Info



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Staff Bios

Cost Information

Uniform: \$160.00 (approx.) (Will be used for EVERY year your dancer is on the team.) This includes: customized uniform shell and skirt, black long sleeve body liner, black spanky briefs, socks, and bow. (Uniforms can run upwards of \$800.00, so this is a good price!) Senior teams will be purchasing black pants instead of a skirt and spanky briefs.

Purchased and ordered in September.

Poms: \$35.00 New each year. May be reused if they are in extremely good condition and well taken care of.

Purchased and ordered in September.

Shoes: *(May be reused each year if they are in good condition.)* There will be at least one pair of shoes needed. You will need black jazz shoes that will go with our uniform. Shoes will be ordered as a team so that we all get the same style and color. *We will also order tan jazz shoes (\$37) or dance paws (\$14) as a team **only if needed.*** Jazz shoes run about \$37.00 with shipping. ***Purchased and ordered in September.***

Costumes: We will do at least one dance, if not two, that we will not wear our uniform, for. Therefore, an additional costume or two will need to be ordered. In trying to keep costs down, we usually order from discount catalogues to keep the cost under \$50.00. ***Purchased and ordered throughout the year.***

Warm Ups: A ***warm up jacket will be required*** of each dancer. The cost is \$45.00 for the jacket. Warm up pants are also available. They are **OPTIONAL** and cost \$35.00. *Optional* Warm up jacket embroidery with the dancer's name and DDA logo is available for an additional cost. ***Purchased and ordered in September.***

Competition Entry Fees: Competition entry fees vary from event to event and will be detailed for you at the parent meeting in August. Some competition venues split the cost amongst the team members for each competition. Other venues charge per dancer and per dance. The fees range from \$10-\$40 (some fees are per dance). This fee will be due **before** the competition and an invoice will be given to remind you of the amount and when it is due.

Additional Items Needed

Rhinestones: Rhinestones will be added to each dancers uniform and warm up jacket. They run approximately \$35.00. **Purchased and ordered in September.**

Tights: Tights will be purchased as a team. We do this to keep everyone looking uniform. They run approximately \$14.00. Only one pair in each color (black and tan; 2 pairs total) is required per dancer. However, it is recommended that you purchase more than one pair since tights run easily. We will only be ordering tights ONE time per season, if you would like to order additional pairs of tights, you will need to do so when the initial order is placed in September. **Purchased and ordered in September.**

Fake Hair: each dancer will be asked to purchase fake hair that will go around your bun. It should match your hair color well and be **curly!** **This will be bought on your own at any beauty store (ex. Ulta, sally Beauty Supply).**

Accessories: Accessories (shoes, hair pieces, competition bow, etc) **may** be ordered to go with each costume. We try to keep the costs down on these as well. These items will be placed on your individual invoice. These will be paid for as invoices are given out.

Practice Clothes: Practice clothes are ordered for the junior and senior teams. The clothes help lead to cohesiveness at practice. There are three personalized top and three bottoms. These items will be worn every year your dancer is on the team. Cost is approx. \$150.00 total. Purchased and ordered in September.

UDA Nationals: UDA Nationals is usually the first weekend in February at Walt Disney World! It is an amazing opportunity for dancers of all ages. This will be optional since it can be an expensive cost, but to our dancer's it is invaluable! There will be fundraising opportunities for this trip. The team flies down to Orlando and stays at the Caribbean Beach Resort. UDA Nationals is **OPTIONAL for all dancers**, but an invitation will go out to every team and every dancer. The cost is approximately \$900.00 including flight, hotel, Disney Park entry and competition fees. 100% of the team members will need to want to go on the trip in order for a team to attend. More information will be provided on this pending qualification. We will have a meeting detailing information in October or November.

.Jeni Camery

Jenifer Camery's main passion in life is dance. She has been enrolled in various dance classes since she was a little girl including ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, turns & leaps, etc. During high school she was a member of the Batavia High School Dance Team where she held responsibilities of manager and JV Captain, and had the remarkable opportunity to dance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Jeni has also danced with Dynamic Dance Allstars since high school. She began coaching with DDA in 2008 for DDA's Mini Team. In 2009 she progressed to coaching DDA's Youth Team and Senior Team. In addition, in high school Jeni was involved with the National Honor Society, orchestra, track field, volunteered at RMS Summer School, and received Red Cross training in CPR. Jeni now attends Northern Illinois University and is majoring in Elementary Education. She is participating in the dance program through NIU's School of Theater and Dance and hopes to pursue an endorsement in dance performance. She is actively involved on campus in NIU's Honors Program, as a Senator for the Student Association's Senate, as a member and Fundraising Chairman of Alpha Sigma Alpha, volunteering at a community center where she tutors elementary level students, and a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Jeni's goals for the future are to become an elementary school teacher and continue to dance until she is 80 years old or needs a hip replacement (whichever comes first).

Nea Cortez

Nea Cortez began dancing in sixth grade with the Orchesis program at her middle school. It was through Orchesis that her love of dance was instilled. During Nea's freshman year at Batavia High School she was a member of the Junior Varsity Dance Team. As a part of this team Nea was under the instruction of Ramona Kitching and Debbie Von Oehsen. Her sophomore year, Nea was selected to be on the Varsity Batavia Dance team. She danced as a member of the Varsity Dance Team for three years. During her senior year, Nea was elected to the role of Captain. Additionally, throughout her senior year, she coached for the Dynamic Dance Allstars Junior team and was responsible for hip hop choreography. She continues to coach for DDA as the Junior and Junior Elite team coach. Nea is currently a student at Wabauunsee Community College. She intends to transfer to Judson University where she will finish her college career majoring in psychology.

Staff Bios

Debbie Von Oehsen:

Debbie Von Oehsen began to study dance at the age of three. She continued to study dance throughout elementary and high school under the direction of Bruce Stegman, Jay Fagan and Dorothy Kirschbaum. In college, Debbie studied ballet, modern, tap, jazz and contemporary dance at Northern Illinois University and was a member of the NIU Dance Line while completing her degree in elementary education with an endorsement in dance performance. Currently, Debbie teaches first grade at Grace McWayne Elementary School in Batavia, IL. She has recently earned her Master's Degree in Reading Instruction from Aurora University. Debbie is the founder and artistic director of Dynamic Dance Allstars dance company. In addition, she is a dance instructor at Moves Dance Studio in North Aurora, IL. Debbie was also formerly the Head Junior Varsity Coach and Assistant Varsity Coach for the Batavia High School Dance Team for four years.

Katherine Kersten

Katherine Kersten is a graduate of Batavia High School and a former member of the Batavia High School Varsity Dance Team. After graduation, she assisted with the Batavia High School Junior Varsity Dance Team. She then went on to dance with the Vikettes Pom Pon squad at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. She graduated from Augustana in May 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business with a concentration in Marketing. She is currently a graduate student at National-Louis University in Lisle, IL, and is working on her Masters Degree in education. Her passion for competitive dance brought her to her current position as a coach with Dynamic Dance All Stars, where she coaches the Junior and Junior Elite teams with Coach Nea Cortez.

Kyley Cikesh:

Bio coming soon!

Competition Information

Competition Season: Competition season is a fun and exciting time! For those of you that may be new to competitions, here is a little bit of information. First, be prepared to be at the competition **ALL** day. We will leave early in the morning and not return until about 6 in the evening. We could perform at any point in the day and sometimes don't find out our time until the morning of the competition. Some venues give out the information sooner than others. If I get the performance times early, I will be sure to let you know as soon as I know so you can be there to watch your dancer! Dancers will be assigned a classroom where they will be able to meet and leave there belongings all day. *Parents and guardians are not allowed into these areas!*

*Please be aware that performance times are not always set in stone! If you or family members are going to be attending the competition to watch, please make sure to leave at least an hour to an hour and a half on either end of the performance time. There have been instances where competitions have run up to an hour EARLY! Please come early so you don't miss your dancer!

Dancers are not permitted to leave early from the competition. If there is a need due to a big event, please let the coaches know beforehand, otherwise dancers will not be released until the end of the day to a parent or guardian. Please limit these times to an event such as a wedding or funeral. It is important for team unity that the entire team attends the competition for the whole event!

The girls are to stay with the team at all times. There will be designated time for them to meet with their families, eat lunch, etc. We will let you know when those times are. The dancers are required to be with a "buddy" at all times (ex. bathroom, snacks, etc.). Coaches will make a schedule of where the girls should be and when for the entire day.

Coaches must know who each dancer is going home with! They will check out with one of the coaches and let them know who they are riding home with. The girls will not be able to ride home with someone unless we have the permission of the dancer's parent beforehand. If there is a change in how your dancer is getting home. Please call and let us know ASAP.

We have to hear from that dancer's parent or guardian directly!
Dancers may not arrange rides on their own!

The dancers have a checklist of what to bring to the competition. You will receive a hard copy and a copy by email. Please make sure your dancer uses the checklist!

Any additional information that I receive from the contest host and driving directions will be given out as well. As always, if you have any questions please let me know as I will be happy to answer them!

Junior Competition Schedule

Junior Teams

Dates subject to change

November 20th and 21st 2010-Fox Valley Dance Showcase

Metea Valley High School
Aurora, IL

Sunday, January 10, 2008—TDI

Plainfield East High School
Plainfield, IL

Sunday, January 17, 2010—TDI

Wauconda High School
Wauconda, IL

Last weekend in Jan./first weekend in Feb.—UDA

National Dance Team Championship
Orlando, FL

Sunday, February 7, 2010—TDI

TDY Final Frenzy State Competition
Geneva High School
Geneva, IL

Memorial Day Weekend 2010 —Showstopper

Showstopper Regional Competition
Paramont Theatre
Aurora, IL



Rehearsals

DDA has a brand new facility in Batavia, IL! All Rehearsals and technique classes will take place at this location.

Address: 917 First Street, Batavia, IL 60510

Rehearsal Schedule

Our rehearsal schedule is available at the studio and on our website.

It is expected that when you join DDA, you join for the entire season. Our official season runs from September 2010 through the end of June 2011.

EXPECTATIONS FOR DANCERS:

- Attend all Classes
- Attend all rehearsals
- No cell phones in rehearsal.
- Have a positive attitude.
- No big egos.
- Treat all instructors in a professional manner
- Contact your coach by phone 630-540-8314 or email, staff@dynamicdanceallstars.com if you are going to miss a class or rehearsal.

TDI = Team Dance Illinois

NDA = National Dance Alliance

UDA = Universal Dance Association

CSG = Championship Spirit Group

Fundraising

Fundraising is available for all team members. Various fundraisers will be held throughout the year. Most money earned will be applied to the dancers personal DDA account. Some fundraisers are team fundraisers and will go into the general fund to pay for team expenses.



- Car Washes
- Jewel Shop and Share
- Bake Sales
- Candle Sales
- Any other ideas are welcome!



Senior Competition Schedule

Senior Teams

Dates subject to change

November 20th and 21st 2010-Fox Valley Dance Showcase

Metea Valley High School
Aurora, IL

Sunday, January 10, 2008—TDI

Plainfield East High School
Plainfield, IL

Jan 23, 2010—Universal Dance Association

Chicagoland Dance Chamionship
Chicago, IL

Last weekend in Jan./first weekend in Feb.—UDA

National Dance Team Championship
Orlando, FL

Sunday, February 7, 2010—TDI

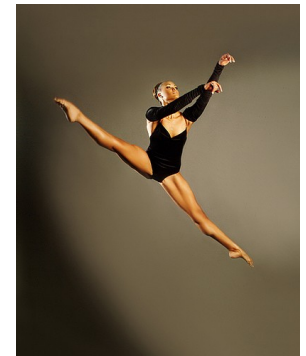
TDY Final Frenzy State Competition
Geneva High School
Geneva, IL

March 14, 2010— CSG

Windy City Challenge
Lisle, IL

Memorial Day Weekend 2010 —Showstopper

Showstopper Regional Competition
Paramont Theatre
Aurora, IL



Mini and Youth Competition Schedule

Mini and Youth Teams

Dates subject to change

November 20th and 21st 2010-Fox Valley Dance Showcase

Metea Valley High School
Aurora, IL

Jan 23, 2010—Universal Dance Association

Chicagoland Dance Chamionship
Chicago, IL

Last weekend in Jan./first weekend in Feb.—UDA

National Dance Team Championship
Orlando, FL

March 14, 2010—CSG

Windy City Challenge
Lisle, IL

May 22-24, 2008 —Showstopper

Showstopper Regional Competition
Paramont Theatre
Aurora, IL

More competitions may be added!
If we decide to forgo UDA Nationals, another national competition during the summer of 2010 will be looked into.



Other Important Info

Transportation: Parents are asked to drive to and from competitions. Carpooling is available. This seems to work out great because competitions can be all day long and many parents do not wish to stay the whole day.

Overnight Competitions: Once in awhile an overnight stay at a hotel for a competition is necessary. If we stay at a hotel, each dancer will split the cost of their room as well as chaperone rooms. Parents are always welcome to attend away competitions with us and stay at the hotel as well! At least 2 chaperones will always accompany dancers on an overnight stay.

