

# COMPETITION DANCE TEAM

*Tiny Expressions Primary Team (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) & Mini Expressions Elementary Team (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)*

We are very excited to announce the **TENTH** year for the Dance Expressions competition dance teams. Our goal is to provide an introduction to the exciting world of competition dance. It is a bigger commitment than a regular dance class and it takes both the dancer and parent **commitment** for the entire group to succeed. Please read on and take into consideration these things to think about before making this commitment. I would advise a team folder for all hand-outs including this one to refer to later on in the year! Take a look at the 2011-2012 class schedule to see if the team time fits into your schedule. During the class every week the team will work on fundamentals of competition dance and putting together a competition Jazz and/or Pom routine. **This year we will again require that each team member take an additional studio class to further improvements on dance skills, this is mandatory and we cannot make exceptions!** Also, taking a summer class is highly recommended esp. for girls new to the teams & also 4<sup>th</sup> graders new to Mini's (whether you've been a Tiny or not). For their 2<sup>nd</sup> fall class they need to choose between Dance Expressions Ballet, Jazz, or Lyrical. In the winter months we will add additional practice times on a Friday/Saturday/Sunday closer to competition time. We will have access to a gym for a few practices. Good attendance is mandatory for both dance teams and the benefit for all involved. When you fill out your 2011-2012 registration form please indicate which team you are trying out for. **Must have registration form filled out and turned in prior to tryouts!!! Please make note of this because we send team information home beginning of August via registration form info!**

## COMPETITION DATES-

We will compete at 3 Showcase America Dance competitions. Checking on a possible Ameri-dance date in January for one Mini routine, officer line's & soloists. It's also possible the Mini's may do another January basketball game☺ Tentative dates & contests listed.

\*Oak Hills Contest either Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> (new for us this year) OR the March Cincy Regional see below

\*Centerville Invitational- Saturday, March 3rd

\*No Tipp contest this year due to me being out of state with the Butler Kickline

\*Butler Kickline Invitational- Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

\*possible Oak Jr contest (we will do either the Feb. or March cincy event not both) Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

\***officers only**-State/National officer line championships- Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (this is the end of Spring Break I believe)

\*\*\*Contests can last anywhere from 5 hours to 10 depending on how many teams enter. All team members will be required to stay for awards. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from contests.

## COST-

The cost per month for the Tiny team class is \$35.00 a month, Elementary team class is \$40.00 a month (**3 instructors per team**)

IN ADDITION--Each individual will be ordered the following items~~~~~ Costs are approximate!!!! You will receive an ordering form at auditions. **Returning member** costs will be lower since they have many items.

- Costume or costumes (Mini's) plus accessories.	Approx. \$55.00 each
- Jazz shoes (Tinys)or foot Undeez-Mini's( <b>order &amp; pay for @ open house in Aug</b> )	Approx\$20.00 each
- Several competition team and parent t-shirts	\$10.00/\$14.00 each
- Black pull-over jacket	\$45.00
- make-up kit (new girls)	\$12.00
- garment bag (new girls)	\$15.00
- team entry fee (each girl will contribute \$15.00 toward competition entry fees)	\$15.00
- Pom rental (We will share Butler Kickline poms and pay them a "wear and tear" fee)	\$10.00
- Officers- (fee incl. additional choreographer cost & split of contest & State fee)	\$125.00 approx
- Officer costume	\$55.00
- Fake hair piece (to be ordered & paid for separate in Nov)	\$23.00
- Gym rental	\$ 5.00
- Optional zip up Dance Expressions track jacket	TBA

\*If your daughter is chosen for the team you will need to send a **start-up fee** of **\$75.00** to start your account along with your sizing/ordering form (which they will receive audition night). We will start ordering shirts & the jacket in the summer and this money will go toward that. These items will be ready for the girls when they start classes in September (shirts will be ready for Airshow parade).

**\$125.00** will then be due during one of the open houses. Chosen officers will pay an additional \$100.00 first week of classes. Other ordered items will come out of this amount & the amount that you will probably not be using toward team items you already have. PLEASE NOTE\* PLEASE NOTE\*PLEASE NOTE\* \$200.00 may or may not cover your expenses. If you are a new member (mini esp.) depending on number of shirts ordered your cost may be higher than the \$200.00 w/ **balance** due in February/March. Another example, if you are a returning tiny (Tiny's only have 1 costume) you will more than likely receive a **credit** in February/March. Officers chosen in August will have a higher bill than team members due to additional costs. You will receive an itemized statement of prices and where the money is going. We will start individual fundraisers in September and any money earned will go toward balance of items or toward class fees. It will be logged into your account. Your final team statement will come out Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> with any balance or credit due.

Individual & team fundraisers may be offered to offset costs. Anyone w/ ideas & those willing to assist with a fundraiser please see me.

\*Competition team parents will be asked to help with things such as fundraising, being a room mom at competitions, assisting with costume accessories, hosting a team/parent get together etc.

**Parent commitment-** Please understand that team members missing too many classes or important gym rehearsals will **not** dance at a competition. Family vacations or other activities that interfere with a Jan/Feb/March rehearsal are not excused. You cannot make these up with a private lesson. It affects the entire team, not just your child. There is a no tolerance policy. Please make sure you can commit before you tryout! You will receive the gym schedule as soon as I can make arrangements with the schools, however please be flexible because we are at their mercy. If you quit the Tiny's or Mini's mid-year you will not be permitted to try back out!!!!

**AUDITIONS** are WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st 2011!!

Please wear black leotard with black tights. Black booty shorts are optional. Hair must be pulled back in bun or pony-tail or fake hair. During the audition judges will observe the dancer as if they were in a dance class. They will be doing various leaps, turns and jumps. They will also learn a short dance routine. They will be judged on technique, flexibility, learning ability and showmanship while performing.

Results will be posted on studio door at 9:00 p.m. and on the website by 9:30 p.m. that evening (www.danceexpressions.com)

**Tiny team audition- 5:00-6:15 p.m. ~~~~~ Mini team audition-6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST *~~~~~* DON'T FORGET *~~~~~***

Team members chosen will receive information PRIOR to the open house in **August** re: officer auditions/ payments/shoe ordering etc

**\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT-** All dancers that audition will receive a commitment and sizing form THAT NIGHT. If they make the team you have **ONE week** to send it in with your \$75.00 startup fee & studio registration form/fee. This is also your confirmation that you accept your position on the dance team. If I do not receive form and payment I will assume you have changed your mind. **PLEASE PUT THIS ON THE CALENDAR.** Last year we were chasing \$ & forms for 3 weeks, we cannot do this. **You will not be in the parade if we do not receive this information in the time allotted. Late fee of \$15.00 if you do not make the deadline.**

\*\*\*I realize auditions at this young age are tough to handle. Due to the increasing interest I do feel they are still necessary. Some have asked if they have been on the Tiny team, will they automatically be on the Mini team? The answer is no. If they were an officer, does it automatically mean they will be an officer the next year? No. Everyone has to go through the audition process. Please discuss this with your child so that they understand everything that is involved. The decision of the judges is final. If you are able to commit to everything mentioned above please turn in the bottom portion of this form.

GOOD LUCK AT TRY-OUTS Miss, Lori

*Keep the top half~~~ turn in the bottom half in order to audition*

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**Tiny & Mini Audition sign-up form~~~**

**I \_\_\_\_\_ along with my daughter \_\_\_\_\_ understand the time commitment, money obligation and audition process.**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_**

**CIRCLE TEAM AUDITIONING FOR~ **Tiny Expressions** or **Mini Expressions****

**GRADE for 2011/2012 \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL YOU ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_**

**PARENTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_**