



The Valley Dance Company is an amazing opportunity to develop technical dance skills, while making friends and building confidence. This audition only group is open to all Valley Dance students ages 7yrs & up and will run for the entire 2020-2021 Season.

Due to Covid-19, it is difficult to plan an exact timeline of performances, events, etc... Because of this, we will be 'easing' into the formation of a competition team at our studio. The Valley Dance Company is a performing company, however we will be attending 1 or 2 local competitions. Based on the ages and levels that come out to auditions, we may split the company up into different levels (jr company, senior company, etc...) The requirements, expectations, and commitment level for team members are as follows:

Performance Opportunities:

-VDC Winter Dance Concert

**A special winter dance concert showcasing our Valley Dance Company dancers.*

-Parades (Bethlehem Halloween Parade)

-Iron Pigs Game (Dance Team Night)

-Community Events

-Valley Dance Recital

- 1 or 2 local dance competitions

**True Dance Challenge (Bethlehem, Pa) & Omega Dance Competition (Allentown, Pa)*

School Year Requirements

All company members are **REQUIRED** to take either a Jazz technique or Ballet Technique class, in addition to any other styles they wish to enroll in (lyrical, acro, tap, etc...)

In addition to those classes, there will be a 1.5hr Company Rehearsal each week.

Please note: When choosing your classes for the year, please keep in mind that a dancer will not be cast in a dance style that they have not previously trained in. *(For example, if you are not currently taking a modern/lyrical class, you would not be placed in a lyrical dance).*

If your dancer is serious in advancing in their dance technique, especially if they wish to compete in a solo, duet or trio, I **STRONGLY** recommend taking a ballet technique class. Taking a ballet class will quickly improve a dancer's technique, strength and flexibility in all aspects of dance.

Attendance

-Attendance is crucial in a performing company. Missing a rehearsal affects not only that student, but the entire performing company. If a dancer continues to miss rehearsals, they may be removed from certain dance pieces.

Financial Commitment:

Just like any other activity your child does, there is a cost.

Company Rehearsal Fee: \$65/month Sept-June (this cost includes rehearsal time, choreography & administration fees for group pieces. *Solos, Duos or Trios will involve additional fees & rehearsals*)

Company Costume Fees: In an attempt to keep costume costs low, most costumes can be rented from the studio. When you return your costume at the end of the season, your rental fee will be returned to you.

*There will be one \$80 costume fee for our group costume.

\$50.00 Company Payment due by September 1st and will be applied to costume fee.

Competition Fees:

The 1 or 2 competitions we will be attending are local and will not require any travel costs. However, there are entry fees.

Entry Fees for Group Dances- approx. \$35-\$50 per person

Entry Fees for Solos/Duets/Trios- approx. \$55-\$120 per person

(these entry fees will be finalized in the Fall, once we know what group #s we have and the exact costs from competitions)

It is up to you how many numbers you want to be considered for. That does not mean, however, they will be placed in the number of dances requested.

Team Wear:

All Valley Dance Company members are required to have a team jacket. Prices and designs will be provided in the Fall. (approx \$75-\$80).

Fundraising

We will hold 1 fundraiser in the Fall. The money you raise will show up as a credit in your account and can be used towards costumes, competition fees, rehearsal fees, team wear, etc...

Sportsmanship:

Valley Dance is proud to NOT be a “dance moms” studio. Valley Dancers are best friends in class and out. They are determined, dedicated, and cheerleaders for each other. We care more about the people they become than the trophies they win. While dance competitions are fun, they are not why we dance. Dance is an art and a skill that takes years to master. Every student and parent on the Valley Dance Company supports these ideas and has an amazing camaraderie. Any type of negative comments, attitudes, and judgements will not be permitted either from the PARENT or STUDENT. Remember, children take their cues from their parents.