



SO GLAD to know you are considering being a part of our Company dancers! Here is some info that will aid in making your decision:

1. **What are Diversity Company Teams?**

Our Company Teams are the competition teams! They compete at four competitions a year (throughout March and April) and have other various community performance opportunities. Our Company teams practice 1-3 days per week depending on age and how many dances you choose to be in. Yes! You have the option to choose between one and three competitions dances, each a different style!

2. **What is the difference between Academy Classes and Company Teams?**

Academy classes are the recreational option that will perform at our winter and spring recitals. These classes are one hour a week and are recommended for our beginning dancers. Company Teams are for the dancer who is ready to take their skills to the next level and work at a bit of a faster pace. Anyone who tries out for a Company Team is required to have had at least one year of previous dance experience (at any studio), with the exception of the Minis Team (4-6 year olds). We have all levels of Company Teams available so don't hesitate to join a Company Team even if you haven't been involved in dance for a long time! There are beginning, intermediate, and advanced options available!

3. **What is required of Company dancers?**

Commitment is the number one requirement! Company dancers need to remember that they will be a part of a team and that the team doesn't function well if there are frequent absences. Of course there are necessary and unavoidable absences at times but if the teacher gets notified and the dancer has a legitimate excuse for missing, we will understand. Summer Technique is also required of Company Dancers. This gives the newly formed teams a chance to bond together, to get on an even ground in their skills, to work on their endurance and flexibility, and to learn new styles of combos each week so they can work on catching onto choreography faster. Summer Technique will be held each week in June and July. Then we join together in August for a 3 day parade clinic where dancers will learn two parade routines and will get to march in 3 parades! Students have so much fun being a part of the parades and it always starts out our Fall Term on an exciting note!

4. **What are the costs associated with competing?**

The cost will depend on how many dances you choose to be in. One dance requires 1 ½ hours of dance per week @ \$50 a month. Two dances requires 3 hours a week @ \$65 a month. Three dances requires 4 ½ hours a week @ \$80 a month. For those of you with multiple children enrolled with us, each child receives a \$5 per class discount. Competition costumes vary in price between \$50 and \$80. We will never overcharge you on costumes! If we can find them for cheaper, we will always let you benefit from it. Competition fees are a standard \$20 per dance, per competition. We do require you have a t-shirt, jacket, hoodie, or some sort of Diversity apparel for competitions, though how much you choose to purchase of these options is entirely up to you! There are also duffle bag and suitcase options to make your load a little lighter. :) We have a great friend in the apparel business that gets us amazing deals on these things and we always let our dance families benefit from the savings. And as always, there will be plenty of fundraisers to help out with these fees!

5. **Is there a fee to audition?**

No, but the yearly registration fee of \$20 will be required at the time of audition, along with the registration form being filled out and the waiver being signed. Everyone who auditions WILL make a team and this fee will also secure the spots for the summer classes you register for. Don't forget about our summer tumbling classes and summer camp options!

At Diversity, we strive to make dancing a positive and uplifting part of your child's life! We know these kids need family time, down time, friend time, etc., and we work hard to make dance be a highlight to their already-full lives, instead of it taking over their lives. Our constant goal is to build each child up and to give them something to be proud they are a part of! Upon registration, you will receive all paperwork and important details up front, so that there will never be hidden pop-up fees or unexpected obligations.

We welcome anyone who wants to join our Diversity family, both Academy and Company classes. The more the diverse backgrounds that join us, the more differences we have to enrich the dance experience for these kids! For those of you who want to compete, tryouts for our Company Teams are:

Thursday, May 26th

3:30-5:00 ages 4-8

5:00-6:30 ages 9-12

6:30-8:00 ages 12+

At tryouts, students will use the first 45 minutes to learn a short combo that displays age-specific skills. They will have 15 minutes to work on it and then students will be broken into small groups where they will try out in front of the competition teachers. They will perform the combo, as well as any other skills they feel they are best at. Students will be notified that night by email which team they are on.

Required attire for tryouts is all black. Please no loose-fitting or baggy clothes and hair must be pulled back. Any dance shoes are fine for tryouts. (Students will be required to have a certain kind of shoe once classes start and these can be purchased at the studio.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please call, text, or email me at 435-225-2821 or jen@diversitydanceutah.com. So many great lessons and experiences come from being a part of a competition team and we are so excited to start our fourth year on the competition circuit! Please join us for an incredible year!!

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