



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 5yrs & up and will run for the entire 2021-2022 Season.

The Valley Dance Company is a performing company, our Petite, Jr & Sr Companies will be attending 3 competitions this year. The Mini Stars will be attending 1 competition. The requirements, expectations, and commitment level for team members are as follows:

Performance Opportunities:

-VDC Winter Dance Concert (date TBD)

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

-Parades (Bethlehem Halloween Parade)- (date TBD)

-Iron Pigs Game (Dance Team Night)

-Community Events

-Valley Dance Recital- (May or June 2023)

- 3 local dance competitions

**True Dance Challenge (Zoellner Arts Center-Bethlehem, Pa)- March 2023 (exact date TBD)*

**Omega Dance Competition (Scottish Rite Cathedral- Allentown, Pa)- April 22nd & 23rd 2023*

**That's Entertainment (Breinigsville, Pa) -June 3rd & 4th 2023*

Summer Requirements

All company members are **REQUIRED** to take the Summer Dance Intensive (August 15th-19th)

School Year Requirements

Jr & Sr Company- Dancers are **REQUIRED** to take a Jazz and Ballet Technique class, in addition to any other styles they wish to enroll in (lyrical, acro, tap, etc...). There will also be a 75 min Company Rehearsal each week.

Petite Company- Dancer are **REQUIRED** to take a Ballet Technique class, in addition to any other styles they wish to enroll in. In addition, there will be a 1hr Company Rehearsal each week.

Mini Stars- Dancers only need to be enrolled in the 45 min weekly Mini Stars class.

Tap Company- Dancers are REQUIRED to take a 45 min Tap technique class, in addition to a weekly 1 hour Tap Company Rehearsal.

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).*

Company Rehearsals:

Mini Stars- Tuesdays 4:45-5:30pm

Petite Company- Wednesday 4:45-5:45pm

Junior Company- Thursdays 5:30-6:45pm

Senior Company- Wednesdays 7:30-8:45pm

Tap Company- Thursdays 6:45-7:45pm

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.

-Only 3 unexcused absences from rehearsals will be allowed throughout the year. If a student misses more than 3 rehearsals they will be asked to leave the team.

-Being late for rehearsal twice will result in 1 unexcused absence.

-Regular attendance in all dance classes is expected of Company members. Excess absences from ANY one-dance class may be cause for dismissal from the Company. No refund of payment shall be given in the event of dismissal.

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*).

Enrolment in company rehearsals will be through our Parent Portal and payment will be received via AutoPay on the 1st of each month, along with normal tuition.

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.

Competition Fees:

The 3 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 VDC team jacket if they do not already have one. Prices and designs will be provided in the Summer. (approx \$80-\$100).

Fundraising

We will hold multiple fundraisers this year, beginning as soon as July. 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.

Finally... Don't forget to have fun! You'll gain a lifetime of great memories and friendships during this time together so enjoy every second! We strive to make this the most positive and rewarding experience for our dancers and look forward to having another incredible and exciting dance season

Valley Dance Company Agreement 2022-2023

Please sign and return this page. Keep the Company contract for your reference.

Both dancer and parent have read and understood all that is expected as a member of The Valley Dance Company. We understand that these policies are created to ensure the absolute best training and most positive and rewarding experience for everyone. Both dancer and parent understand that failure to meet the conditions set forth in this contract could result in the dancer's dismissal from The Valley Dance Company.

Dancer's Printed Name: _____

Dancer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Printed Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

