

TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM 2015-2016

GOAL

To give the dancer additional performance experience as well as learning dedication, discipline and teamwork.

REQUIREMENTS

While participation is voluntary and placement is not based on auditions, commitment to the team is essential so that the dancer may get the most out of the experience. Dancers must commit to competing in at least **one style of dance**; tap, jazz or hip hop, to be a part of the team. A minimum of three years of dance experience is needed to be placed on the Teen Team and all dancers need to be enrolled in a **ballet AND tap** class in order to participate. TEEN TEAM members may be chosen to participate in 3 SMALL GROUP TEAMS and/or the SENIOR BALLET PRODUCTION.

1. The **TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** will meet for at least three hours per week. Additional practices may be held and will be at the discretion of the instructor(s). We will do our best to give you ample notice of any additional rehearsals.
2. Dancers are required to take a corresponding technique class in addition to competition team rehearsal. Regular attendance at technique class is required. If one does not attend technique class on a regular basis, he/she will be removed from competition routines or from the team entirely. Please see ATTENDANCE POLICY.
3. Dancers *NEW* to the **TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** will need to be assessed during Assessment week. Dates and minimum skills needed for Assessment Week can be obtained by contacting the Synergy office.
4. Team members will learn and compete in **at least** one routine per desired style during the year.
5. Choreography and staging takes a lot of creativity, effort, and time. Out of respect for our instructors/choreographers, we ask that you help protect our material by not posting team music mixes or choreography videos, whole or in part, online in any form. Thank you in advance.
6. The **TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** members are required to compete at three local* competitions/public events as well as *Tremaine Nationals July 6-11*. Public events may include, but are not limited to, parades, local fairs, nursing homes, and other community events.
7. **EMAIL AND FACEBOOK:** Regardless of the dancer's age, whoever is financially responsible for the student is *required* to have an email address on file AND belong to our PRIVATE SYNERGY DANCE TEAM FACEBOOK PAGE. The vast majority of our TEAM information (particularly last minute information!) is disseminated via email and Facebook. Including competition and other associated fees; therefore a financially responsible adult *must* be included in the email list and on our Facebook page.

*Local is defined as non-airfare required competition.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The **TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** is a ONE YEAR commitment. If a dancer chooses to leave the team at any point of the year for other reasons than listed under #7, there will be a penalty of \$200 to cover the cost of instructor salary to restage performance pieces.

1. **TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** members are required to attend all team class times as well as

their corresponding technique class. They are expected to come dressed and on time.

2. Dancers will be allowed to make up technique classes during another similar class (please see Kari or website for class times and for approval); however, all classes must be made up within that same month. Competition rehearsals WILL NOT be made up and dancers must learn the material from another dancer in that class to allow for maximum use of time with the entire team present.
3. Team members will be allowed to miss **three pre-approved rehearsals**. Exceptions to this would be student/family illness, family death and pre-approved school functions. If a dancer misses more than 3 rehearsals, **without prior approval**, he/she will be removed from the class with no refund of fees. A penalty of \$200 will be incurred to cover the cost of instructor salary. **DANCERS ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH VIDEO FROM MISSED CLASS(ES) PRIOR TO THE NEXT REHEARSAL.**
4. **TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** members and their families agree to maintain a positive attitude and set a good example for other students by being respectful in class, arriving on time, and being prepared and open-minded. Appropriate body language/demeanor and discussions, verbally or posted online, will be appropriate, positive and becoming of a dancer in this studio. Inappropriate conduct will NOT be tolerated and will result in removal from the class with **NO REFUND**. Any dancer failing to comply with these rules will receive one warning from the instructor and a conference with said dancer's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before being dismissed from the group
5. If a dancer becomes ill, is unable to attend a competition, or decides not to continue with the competition class, he/she is required to pay for the costume. If another dancer decides to take his/her place, they may sell their costume to them for no more than 75% of the original cost.
6. If a dancer is injured and no longer able to participate with the **TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM**, the remainder of the team balance for the year will be voided. Competition fees and costume fees already paid for and prior class fees will not be refunded.
7. Recital is mandatory for competition team participants. Dancers are expected to perform in recital with their technique class and their competition team. This is done so that we may maintain the same number of students in the technique class and showcase the accomplishments made during the year. Not all competition numbers may appear in recital as allowing adequate time for costume changes and the length of the show will come into consideration.
8. We can only help your dancer grow if he/she is attending classes. A dancer's development depends on his/her commitment. We are committed to helping dancers meet their goals. We ask that everyone do their part.

FEES

1. The cost to participate on the **TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** is \$800 a year for dancers participating in any Teen Line, Production or Senior Production. In addition to class fees, the dancer/family agrees to pay for team costumes, tights, shoes (this does not include recital costume as this is part of the "technique" class) and all competition entry fees.
2. Each dancer is required to have a SYNERGY warm-up jacket, which costs approximately \$100-130 depending on the jacket.

3. **COMPETITION FEES:** Members will pay entry fees for all competitions entered by the deadline date published by SYNERGY. Competition dates and entry fees will be posted in the studio as soon as the information becomes available. **All SYNERGY DANCE TEAM MEMBERS MUST have a credit card on file. If competition fee is not paid by the deadline, SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY will automatically charge the entry fee to your account.** Competition fees are payable to SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY by check or in cash. If payment is made by credit card; a 3% surcharge will be added to your entry fee. **IF PAYMENT IS NOT MADE BY THE DEADLINE DATE THE STUDENT WILL ***NOT*** PARTICIPATE IN THAT COMPETITION/CONVENTION!!!!**
4. **DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:** Accounts must be kept in good standing in order to compete. Competitions may NOT be entered if there is an outstanding balance on your account. If there is a balance on your account, any payments made will be applied to reduce that balance *first*. Payments for competition will be used for competition entry ONLY if your account balance is up to date. Otherwise, payment will be applied to reduce your balance. Accounts must be up to date, and competition fees paid, by or before a competition's payment deadline date.

CONDUCT

As a member of the Dance Team you represent yourself, your family, and the entire Synergy Dance Academy dance community. We applaud you for conducting yourself in a mature and responsible manner!

1. The dancer agrees to maintain academic grades that are acceptable to their parent's standards. As per parental discretion, a dancer will be granted a one-month leave of absence, if necessary, with no penalty to put scholastic obligations in order. The dancer will be fully responsible to make-up any work/choreography when continuing with the program.
2. The dancer agrees to have proper hygiene and cleanliness at all times, and to abide by the dress code when required
3. The dancer agrees to refrain from illegal and non-prescription drugs, steroids, or any other substance used to increase physical development, as well as consumption of alcohol, and use of tobacco.
4. The dancer agrees to keep their belongings organized and clean and to leave all areas in the same condition or better than they found it at classes, rehearsals, and performances.
5. Any student or parent posting any comments on social media or demonstrating any behaviors that SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY deems hurtful or negative will be asked to have a conference with the student and parent to address any and all issues that may arise.

MASTER CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM members are required to attend **one** master class/workshop within the academic year. Team members are encouraged to take part in these workshops in order to enhance their dance experience; however, attendance is not required at **ALL** events, but highly encouraged.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. There will be a "Parent Liaison"/"Team Parent(s)" who will help organize various activities within the team. For example, coordinating rhinestoning of costumes, meal-planning for dancers at conventions and competitions, organizing parent events/activities during conventions/competitions, organizing team bonding events outside of rehearsal time, passing along information about costumes and meeting places while the team is traveling via email or other mode of communication, etc.
2. Every Team Family will have a folder behind the desk. Please check it on a regular basis for information regarding Team.
3. Team Members are **required** to wear team warm ups/sweats on stage for awards and recognitions at conventions and are **encouraged** to wear them at competitions and events.

A lot of thought has gone into placement, choreography, music selection and costuming for each piece. Please do not question the instructors on these matters. Thank you in advance.

These are the conditions under which the TEEN SYNERGY DANCE TEAM will be conducted. Read them carefully with your child(ren) so you both have a complete understanding of what is expected. If you have any questions, please contact the studio. Your signatures below constitute an agreement with SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY, and demonstrate that you have read and understand our DANCE TEAM policies. If you have any questions, please ask them *before* signing this agreement

Student Name (*please print*): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____