

PETITE, JR, TEEN & SR COMPETITION TEAMS

JR, TEEN & SR HIP HOP CREWS

AUDITIONS 2023-2024

Competition Team Auditions Wednesday, May 24th:

5:30pm – 6:45pm AGES 9+

6:45pm – 8:00pm AGES 14+

Hip Hop Crew Auditions Thursdays, May 25th:

4:30pm – 5:45pm AGES 8+

6:00pm – 7:30pm AGES 12+

Students must be age listed above by December 2023. The group students audition with will not affect the team placement.

Register for Auditions: Please email the studio at livelovedancestudio@yahoo.com to register your child. There is a \$15/student fee for dancers that are not currently on the Comp Team or Hip Hop Crew this year. Current Team or Crew members are only accessed an audition fee if trying out for a separate team than the one they are currently on. The fee will be added to your online account and paid online or in person the day of the audition.

Please read the following important information:

What is the Petite, Jr, Teen and Sr Competition Team and what is required to be on it?: The Live, Love, Dance Studio Competition Team is a highly selective dance company that allows the serious dancer to have more performance opportunities, be part of a fun, yet challenging team and compete to receive judges opinions/views. Competition dancers must make a serious commitment to attending ALL classes and performances. For the Summer, students must participate in our 7 week competition team technical classes. For the 9-month Dance Season, students must be enrolled in core classes of Level Ballet, Jazz Technique Turns & Leaps, Jazz and/or Tap. Other optional classes are highly recommended. Tuition is based on number of classes taken and will vary. We encourage Competition Team students to participate in multiple classes, therefore large discounts are offered. Costume fees will vary. Comp fees are billed per competition at approx. \$50-\$60/dancer/ dance.

What is the Jr, Teen and Sr Hip Hop Crew and what is required to be on it?: Our Hip Hop Crews offer students a great way to be part of a team with not as much commitment as being on the Competition Team. During the Summer, our Teen and Sr Crew must take at least 2 out of 3 required Crew classes. Master Workshops will also be available. During the 9 month dance season, Hip Hop Crew students must take at least 1 additional dance class each week. Students must make a serious commitment to the Crew as they will typically participate in at least 1 performance & 2 competitions per year. **Crew Tuition: add \$57 onto your regular monthly tuition. Costume fee of \$100.00. May or may not include sneakers.**

Tuition payments and fees must be paid regularly or students may not be able to participate in classes/performances.

What will happen at the audition?: For both Comp and Crew auditions, students will be lead in a stretch, progressions across the floor and then taught a short combination in class. Students will audition in small groups selected by our judges and teachers.

Students will be judged on level of technique, expressions, confidence and stage presence as well as how quickly they learn material and if they pay attention to the choreographer's details. Students' past classroom behavior, sportsmanship and attendance records are also taken into account. Accepted dancers will be placed on teams based off of technique level. Students are not placed on teams based off parent opinions or wishes. The auditions are closed to parents. We have teams for beginning, intermediate and advanced technical dancers. All are welcome to audition. If your student does not make the team, we will help you make a personalized plan for your student for the upcoming year.

What should I wear to the audition?: Please come looking your best for auditions! For Competition Team: please wear dance attire - pink or tan tights, black leotard, and hair in a bun or ponytail. Black dance shorts worn over leotard and tights is acceptable. Please bring all dance shoes to the audition in a dance bag. For Hip Hop Crew: Black leggings/pants with a leotard or fitted tank top and hip hop sneakers are acceptable. Hair pulled up into a ponytail. No baggy clothing or midriffs showing, please.

If I make the team, what is expected of all Competition Team & Hip Hop Crew

members?: This is a very serious commitment for a dancer, just as serious as any other school sport, play, or activity. Excessive absences through-out the year will not be allowed. Negative attitudes and poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Students with outstanding balances on their accounts will not be able to continue in classes or performances. Jr, Teen and Sr Competition Team members only must attend Saturday choreography classes January – May, roughly one weekend per month. Attendance in all classes is closely monitored. Students on our Competitive Teams or Crews are not allowed to be members of other dance studio competitive or performance teams.

What is the typical yearly schedule for a Competition Team and Hip Hop Crew member?:

Fall: Possibly attend a one-day local dance convention or held in-studio.

Winter: Possible Holiday performances.

Spring: Perform in benefit dance shows and at least 2 Dance Competitions (typically not more than 2 hours away). Will require that student keeps entire weekend open. Schedule for competitions are released in September.

Late Spring: Competition Teams Prep for recital opening and/or closing dance numbers!

Summer: Competition Team Members must enroll in our 7-week Summer class sessions at the studio (Classes are on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings over the Summer). Workshops are also offered! Teen and Sr Hip Hop Crew must attend 2 out of 3 summer crew classes.

* Please note: The Competition Teams & Hip Hop Crews are sometimes asked to participate in other community performance events throughout the year.

*Teams and Crews may have extra social events such as Secret Santa and Fundraisers!

*All our Competitive Team and Hip Hop Crew students and their families qualify to attend Family Team Trips to places such as Disney World or NYC based on trip availability!

When do I find out if I made the Competition Team or Crew? :

All information will be EMAILED to you within a week after auditions. Students will receive their Summer Schedule & Fall Schedule information then, as well.