

# Tween, Junior, Teen, and Senior Companies:

## **Is dance your passion? Love to perform? Love to challenge yourself? Love being part of a team?**

The dance company is a program centered around a more committed dance experience. It is much more demanding of your time and finances, as compared to recreational level classes, but gives your child a more in-depth learning experience of dance and performance. Company dancers are given the opportunity to dance more hours per week, perform and compete at several dance competitions. These dancers develop close and meaningful relationships with their team and teachers, learn the value of teamwork and dedication, and reinforce basic life skills like time management and organization. Below are a few FAQs for company, feel free to email [amy.carydanceco@gmail.com](mailto:amy.carydanceco@gmail.com) with any additional questions/concerns!

## FAQ:

### ***How often will class be held?***

Currently, our Tween-Senior company members take between 7-9 dance classes per week – Required classes include Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Contemporary, Technique, Tap (Tween/Junior Only), Hip Hop (Tween/Junior Only). Optional classes include, Tap, Hip Hop, and Acro. These classes are generally spread between 3-4 days (totaling approximately 8 hours) per week. As a Tween, Junior, Teen or Senior Company member, your child may be asked to participate in additional dances (small groups, large groups and productions) that will require weekend rehearsals throughout the year.

### ***Dance Opportunities?***

Your child will be required to participate in all group dances in each of their classes as well as opportunities to learn/ compete a solo, duet, or trio! Depending on audition results, your dancer may also be offered an opportunity to participate in additional small or large group dances (and potentially learn a dance from a guest choreographer!). Members of the company may be given the opportunity to work at CDP as a Teacher Assistant, or lead their very own classes at our annual In-House In-House dance convention (this is an intensive choreography study, ending with a weekend intensive taught by our very own Senior company members)!

### ***What about dance competitions and other performance opportunities?***

This past year our Companies were required to attend 2 dance conventions and 2 competitions. Competitions and conventions are typically held on weekends starting in February, on through April. During convention weekends dancers will be given the opportunity to take class from, and perform for, world renowned choreographers and dancers, receiving feedback on their work and performance (dancers can expect to compete several of their dances at one of the conventions we will be attending). Dancers are also required to participate in the Cary and Apex Christmas Parades as well as our studio's Benefit Show: CREATE (mid-January), and our studio's Spring Recital (held in June). Every other year our dancers are required to travel to Showstopper's National Dance Competition in Myrtle Beach. We **WILL** be attending Showstopper's Nationals the week of July 4th, 2020. Other performance opportunities may arise through the season (this year our dancer's had the opportunity to perform in Disney World). Please keep in mind, these specific experiences are not guaranteed from year to year.

### ***Summer Requirements?***

Dancers will be expected to attend their scheduled summer dance classes as well as the **MANDATORY** dance camp July 24th-28th. Juniors, Teens and Seniors will meet 12:30-4:30 each day, and Tweens will meet 4:30-8:30, Wednesday-Friday, potentially earlier in the day Saturday-Sunday. Please email [amy.carydanceco@gmail.com](mailto:amy.carydanceco@gmail.com) for more information.

### ***What is the financial commitment for the team?***

In addition to monthly tuition payments for dance classes, please see the Company Expense Overview document for an outline of additional expenses, and approximate due dates. Company tuition is charged at the standard CDP rate based on the amount of class time per week.