

Tween, Junior, Teen, and Senior Companies:

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

The CDP 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, develop close and meaningful relationships with their team and teachers, and learn the value of teamwork and dedication.

Below are a few FAQs for company.

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 Only**), Hip Hop (**Tween 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.

How many dances will I perform?

Your child will be required to participate in one group dance for each dance genre (ex: one ballet dance, one jazz dance, one tap dance, etc). Select dancers might have the opportunity to compete an additional small group or large group dance. Some groups will have the opportunity to work with a guest choreographer on either a class or small/large group routine. These additional dances will rehearse on weekends outside of your regular weekly classes. In addition, all dancers have the opportunity to compete a solo, duet, or trio. Please indicate your interest on your company audition form when you register.

What about dance competitions and other performance opportunities?

Tween-Senior are required to participate in two dance competitions, one local and one in Concord or Lenoir (locations might change depending on our competition schedule). Dancers are also required to travel to two dance conventions. Dance conventions are weekend-long dance intensives taught by famous dancers/teachers in the industry. They involve a full weekend of dance classes during the day and an optional competition in the evening (dancers can expect to compete several of their dances at one of the conventions we will be attending). Competitions and conventions are typically held on weekends, Friday-Sunday, from February-April.

All dancers are required to participate in the Cary and Apex Christmas Parades as well as our studio's winter benefit show, CREATE (this event happens mid-January), and our studio's Spring Recital (in June).

Our dancers are also required to travel to Showstopper's National Dance Competition in Myrtle Beach every other year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are still in the midst of planning our 2020 summer and have not decided if we will be attending Showstopper Nationals in 2021. We will keep you updated!

Other performance opportunities may arise through the season. In past years we have performed in Disney World, in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, for the Harlem Globetrotters, at Memorial Auditoriums 25 days of cheer, and various other events. These opportunities vary from year to year and might only be offered to dancers of a certain age. These extra opportunities are discussed during our parent meetings and are not guaranteed or required.

Summer Requirements?

Dancers will be expected to attend their scheduled summer dance classes as well as the MANDATORY dance camp held July 22nd-26th. Our older companies typically meet from 12:30-4:30 each day. Meeting times may be later on Saturday and Sunday. We encourage all dancers to take advantage of weekly summer dance classes as well.

What about 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.