

MINI STAR PLANNING GUIDE 2018-19

Being part of a competitive dance team can be a great opportunity for your dancer to learn the skill of **PERFORMING** at a higher level in front of an exciting audience.

You will gain **ARTISTRY** and **CREATIVITY** through classical and contemporary dance styles.

You will receive **FEEDBACK** from dance professionals (judges) that can help you **EXCEL** and **IMPROVE**.

You will grow a stronger sense of **TEAMWORK** and connect with other dancers through additional **COMMUNITY EVENTS**.

Competitive dance will increase your **SELF CONFIDENCE** and give you tangible **GOALS** to measure your growth.

The Performance Dance Team focuses on **HEALTHY** competitive habits such as...

- Time management skills
- Dedication to a team through peer support
- Breaking through personal barriers

"We would love for our dancers to come in "first" in everything they do, but that's not going to happen - and it's not important that it does. What's important is that they learn respect for others and others' accomplishments as well as their own. That's winning!"



TEAM



General Guidelines For Dancers Parents

- Rehearsals are held weekly during the Mini Star Combo Class.
- All competitions and conventions will be held during weekends in the greater Denver area. Dancers are responsible for transportation and lodging.
- Team Members are expected to maintain 80% attendance or better in their weekly class/rehearsal. Please do not over-commit!
- Each season is a 9.5 month commitment.
- PDT costumes are professionally constructed or stylized by our in-house seamstress.
- Team Members will have a personalized monthly payment plan to include most of their season's fees. Payments will start in September. Please refer to the Team Fees section for details.

Costumes & 2018-19 Events

Why do PDT Costumes cost more?

It is important for the PDT dancers to feel unique and ELITE! Extra attention and custom design goes into all of the PDT costumes. There are often additional accessories or embellishments that are added to every costume. We work hard to find the balance of afford-ability and artistry!

Event Calendar Overview *(subject to change!)*

2018

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| August 13-24 | FIRED UP Summer Rehearsal Series <i>(Sch. TBA)</i> |
| August 25 | BBQ: Meet & Greet, VIP Registration, Parade Prep |
| August 25 | Cornroast Parade |
| August 27 | Fall Class Schedule Begins! |

2019

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| January 12 | Onstage Dress Rehearsal |
| January 25-27 | COMPETITION #1: 24/7 <i>(no Mini Stars)</i> |
| February 8-10 | COMPETITION #2: Starquest |
| February 22-24 | COMPETITION #3: Showbiz |
| March 1-3 | CONVENTION: JUMP <i>(optional)</i> |
| March 29-31 | COMPETITION #4: Nexstar |
| April 5-7 | CONVENTION: Adrenaline <i>(optional)</i> |
| April 13 | Children's Festival |
| April 26 | Year-end Banquet |
| April 27 | Team Showcase |

Other Fees To Anticipate

- **A Team Jacket**

Team Members will need to purchase a jacket to be worn to and from venues and at all events and awards ceremonies.



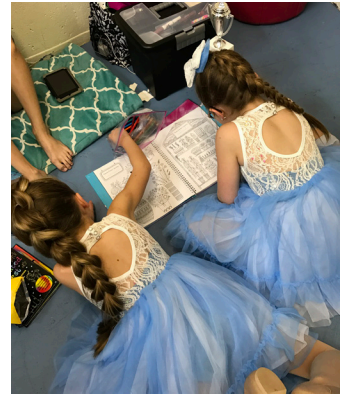
- **A pair of dance shoes**

Each piece of choreography will be unique. Various colors and styles of jazz shoes, character shoes, foot thongs, and tap shoes could be needed for each costume concept. Sneakers are included in the costume fee for Hip-Hop pieces. Shoe prices can range from \$38-\$65.



- **Hair and make-up products**

Different hairstyles could be used for each piece. Girls will need to provide styling products and make-up. Detailed directions will be given to help assist you with this process.



- **Travel expenses**

Depending on the event, you may find it more comfortable to stay overnight in the Denver area when participating in a competition or convention. Many events will give a discounted rate for staying in the host hotel. We will keep our Team Members informed of lodging options.



Team Fees & Payments

Tuition fees...

Mini Stars will have a weekly class that will include their technique plus their rehearsal time to learn their competition dance.

Competition fees...

Mini Stars (ages 4-6) \$50/group piece 3 competitions

Recital fees...

We understand that there are more fees with PDT than with just taking regular classes. In order to make it more manageable for our PDT families, we offer a payment plan that wraps as many fees together as possible...even including RECITAL COSTUMES AND RECITAL FEES!

PDT Costumes...

\$50 DEPOSIT due for each costume must be paid in order to accept your spot on the team. More info under the "PDT Costume section". The remaining balance is included in your payment plan.

Optional Convention...

Conventions are a training opportunity where dancers attend an all-weekend workshop and take classes from a professional faculty. All PDT dancers are required to attend at least 1 convention each season (Mini Stars are exempt but highly encouraged to attend).

APR: Convention - ADRENALINE

Sparks (ages 5-7) \$175

OPTIONAL for Mini Stars!

Sample Payment Plan

Name: Lonnie Leaper
Age: 5
of PDT Pieces: 1

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| Fees for Mini Star: 1 weekly class | |
| Competition Entry Fees (3 competitions) | \$150 |
| 9.25 months of tuition (1/4 payment in June) | \$509 |
| 1 weekly class @ \$55/month | |
| Recital Fee | \$30 |
| Costume Fee | \$60 |
| 1 @ \$60/costume | |
| Jewelry Fee (PDT earrings) | \$8 |
| PDT Payment Plan Processing Fee | \$30 |
| Team Shirt | \$10 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL: | \$797 |
| MONTHLY FEE: | \$89* |

* PDT costume fees and convention fees are not included in the payment plan. PDT costume deposits (\$50/costume) are due on August 1st. Convention fees are due by September 1st. Monthly team fees are calculated for a 9 month pay series. First payment is September (last payment in May).