



LOVELAND DANCE &

CONSERVATORY DANCE
TEAM

PLANNING GUIDE
2018-19

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Our Competition Philosophy

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



What's NEW & IMPROVED?

Pre-Season BBQ

Meet new people and make new friends before the season starts.

Team members and family members!

Simple/Clean Team Look & Team Uniform

Nice dance basics for uniform community performances.

Hair & make-up video tutorials will be available to you on-line.

New Faces on the Choreography Team!

Some familiar faces, but some NEW fresh faces to add to the team.

Weekly "Team Time"

Pre-rehearsal team time will be added to Saturday rehearsals.

Team bonding, announcements, stretching/conditioning,
event choreography, and more!

Community Performance Piece

We will be ready to perform on-the-fly with this preset and pre-choreographed performance piece that can be modified for any venue! To be performed as our FINALE at the end of season.

New Apps for Communication

Improved apps and forms of communication will be demonstrated and established pre-season, at the Team & Family BBQ!

NY Trip (by invitation only)

Invited dancers will get a taste of the New York dance industry with this educational, dance-filled, and high energy one-week trip to the big apple!

Who is Choreographing?

Katie McSwain

Ali Hasert

Claire Sheek

Maddie Martinek

Kirsten Arispe

GUEST Krista Leons

GUEST Whitney Thibodeaux

General Guidelines For Dancers Parents

Performance Dance Team Members are held to a higher standard. In order to maintain a level of excellence, PDT members have additional classes, rehearsal times, requirements and fees. If you can't meet the PDT requirements, we have other performance opportunities that can accommodate any dancer at any level in an equally gratifying environment.

- ALL DANCERS MUST AUDITION or be invited before they are selected for the team (even if you have been accepted before you will need to re-audition each season).
- You cannot "pick" which pieces you want to be placed in. All casting decisions will be made by the Director and the audition panel. Your piece placement is based off of your audition, your previous training, your prior class attendance and work ethic and your summer class involvement.
- Rehearsals are held on Saturdays, for usually 45 minute time slots. Required technique classes must be taken separately (please refer to the Class Requirements section).
- 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 attend ALL rehearsals and maintain 80% attendance in required technique classes. 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.

What are we Casting?

Mini Stars

(Average age for competition: 4-6)

Mini

(Average age for competition: 7-10)

Junior

(Average age for competition: 11-12)

Teen

(Average age for competition: 13-15)

Senior

(Average age for competition: 16-18)

Mini STARS Greeley

Mini STARS Loveland

Mini Tap

Mini Hip-Hop

Mini Jazz

Mini Lyrical

Junior Tap

Junior Jazz

Junior Contemporary

Junior Hip-Hop

Teen Ballet (on Pointe potentially)

Teen Jazz

Teen Contemporary

Teen Open

Teen/Senior Tap

Teen/Senior Hip-Hop

Senior Jazz

Senior Contemporary

Although each division has a set age range, some dancers may crossover into other divisions depending on how they are cast. The age of a group is calculated based on the AVERAGE age. Example: A 12 year old may compete in both the Junior and Teen division.

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.



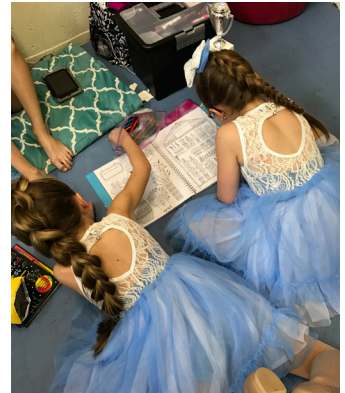
- **A pair of dance shoes for each piece**

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, make-up and false eyelashes. 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.



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. These costumes are usually not ordered from a mass catalog but rather handcrafted, fit and designed for each individual dancer. There are often additional accessories or embellishments that are added to every costume. We work hard to find the

Mini Stars (ages 4-6)	\$70
Mini/Junior (ages 7-11)	\$95-\$115/piece
Teen/Senior (ages 12-18)	\$110-\$140/piece
Hip-Hop (ages 7-18)	\$165/piece (includes shoes)



Event Calendar Overview *(subject to change!)*

2018

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
September 8	Regular Rehearsals Start!
November 2-4	CONVENTION: Monsters <i>(required for HH only)</i>

2019

January 12	Onstage Dress Rehearsal
January 25-27	COMPETITION #1: 24/7
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>(required for all PDT)</i>
April 13	Children's Festival
April 26	Year-end Banquet
April 27	Team Showcase

Team Fees & Payments

Rehearsal fees...

Each piece rehearses for 45 minutes each week. The annual fee is based on the amount of scheduled rehearsals over the season and how many dancers are cast in the piece. Larger groups tend to cost less as a frame of reference.

Annual Rehearsal Fee	\$250-\$300/piece
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Competition fees...

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

Solos, duos and trios cost more and will vary each competition.

Tuition fees...

Technique classes are required for Team Members in-addition to rehearsals. Tuition rates can vary greatly depending on the dancer's ability level. Please see the section titled "After Auditions" to get a better understanding of the time commitment and financial requirements. The office staff in both Greeley and Loveland will be available to assist you when planning your weekly schedule.

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!

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.

Conventions...

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).

NOV: Convention - MONSTERS

Junior (ages 6-10)	\$200
Intermediate (11-14)	\$230
Advanced (ages 15-18)	\$230

Required for Hip-Hop Only!

MAR: Convention - JUMP

Mini (ages 3-6)	\$175
Junior	\$240
Senior (ages 12+)	\$255

Optional

APR: Convention - ADRENALINE

Sparks (ages 5-7)	\$175
Mini/Juniors (ages 8-12)	\$250
Teen/Seniors (ages 13+)	\$250

Required for All PDT*

**Required for all team members unless exempt. EXEMPT: Mini Stars, Tap Only, Hip-hop Only*

Convention fees are an estimate! New prices still TBD from the convention companies.

Sample Payment Plan

Sample #1

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

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*

Sample #2

Name: Tessa Turner
Age: 13
of PDT Pieces: 3

Rehearsal Fee for Piece #1	\$250
Rehearsal Fee for Piece #2	\$250
Rehearsal Fee for Piece #3	\$250
Competition Entry Fees (4 competitions)	\$600
9.25 months of Tuition (1/4 payment in June)	\$2257
Unlimited @ \$244/month	
Recital Fee	\$30
Recital Costume Fees	\$240
4 classes @ \$60 each	
Jewelry Fee (PDT earrings)	\$8
PDT Payment Plan Processing Fee	\$30
Team Shirt	\$10
ANNUAL TOTAL:	\$3925
MONTHLY FEE:	\$436*

* 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).

Before & After Auditions

In order to maintain a high level of excellence, dancers must meet the following requirements **PRIOR TO AUDITIONING** for Performance Dance Team

ALL DANCERS (ages 4-18) must have experience performing in at least one major dance recital

- If dancer is auditioning for general team placement, which uses a variety of JAZZ based techniques, they must have...
 - Minimum of 1 year of previous Ballet training (ages 7-8)
 - Minimum of 2 years previous Ballet training (ages 9-18)
- If dancer is auditioning for TAP or HIP-HOP, they must have...
 - Minimum of 1 year of previous Tap or Hip-hop training (ages 7-18)

If you are selected for PDT...

Dancers that are chosen for PDT will have firm weekly class requirements. The guide below tells you what weekly classes you need to register for depending on what PDT pieces you are cast in.

The office staff can assist with the class registration process as well.

MINI STARS (ages 4-6)...

- Mini Star Performance Combo

JAZZ piece of choreography (ages 7-11)...

- 1-2 Ballet classes/week at your level
- 1-2 Jazz classes/week at your level

JAZZ piece of choreography (ages 12-18)...

- 2 Ballet Classes/week at your level
(3 Ballet Classes/week recommended)
- 1 Jazz class/week at your level
- 1 Contemporary class/week at your level

TAP or HIP-HOP piece of choreography...

- 1 Tap class/week at your level
- or 1 Hip-hop class/week at your level

HELPFUL TIP!

"Jazz" choreography consists of many different styles including...

Lyrical

Contemporary

Character

Musical Theater

Open

Quick Audition Tips

Preparing for the PDT Audition...

- **Application** Dancers and parents will need to complete the audition form prior to auditioning. It is important that you have read all the requirements and know the maximum number of pieces we can cast you in.
- **Dance Attire** Dancers will need to wear classical Ballet attire/ shoes and hair in a bun for the Ballet portion. For the Jazz portion, dancers need to wear fitted attire (leggings, shorts, camisole top etc...) and Jazz shoes. For the CREW audition, dancers must wear sneakers and athletic clothing. No jeans!



IMPORTANT REMINDER! Due to size limitations and the ELITE standards of PDT, we can not accept all dancers that audition. Even if you have been accepted before you will need to re-audition each season.

HELPFUL TIP!

If a dancer is auditioning for general team pieces that use Jazz technique, the dancer will need to audition in both the Ballet and Jazz portion.

Dancers may audition for only Tap or Hip-hop only pieces.

During the PDT Audition...

- Keep your number pinned to the front
- You will NOT have to prepare any choreography in advance. All material will be shown during the audition.
- Stay focused and do not talk to other dancers.
- Smile the whole time - be proud. Shine!
- Be prepared to show off your moves. We want to know if you have any tumbling skills or break dancing tricks.
- Results will be posted at both studios 1 week after the audition

For great audition tips, visit our website at www.dancedreamstudios.com/join-our-dance-team/

Audition Info on Last Page

Auditions for TEAM 2018-19

ACRO

Ages 10+ 9:30am

TAP

Ages 7-10 10:00am

Ages 11-12 10:20am

Ages 13-18 10:40am

HIP-HOP

Ages 7-12 11:00am

Ages 13-18 11:40am

JAZZ

Ages 7-10 12:00pm

Ages 11-12 12:20pm

Ages 13-18 12:40pm

BALLET

Ages 7-10 1:00pm

Ages 11-12 1:20pm

Ages 13-18 1:40pm

Pointe 2:00pm

Saturday, June 23

@ Loveland Studio

Alternative audition dates
available. Talk to us!

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Parent Meeting Prior to Auditions

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## Wednesday, June 20

### Greeley Location

5:00-5:30pm Parents of Invited Mini Stars

5:30-6:15pm Parents of Ages 7+

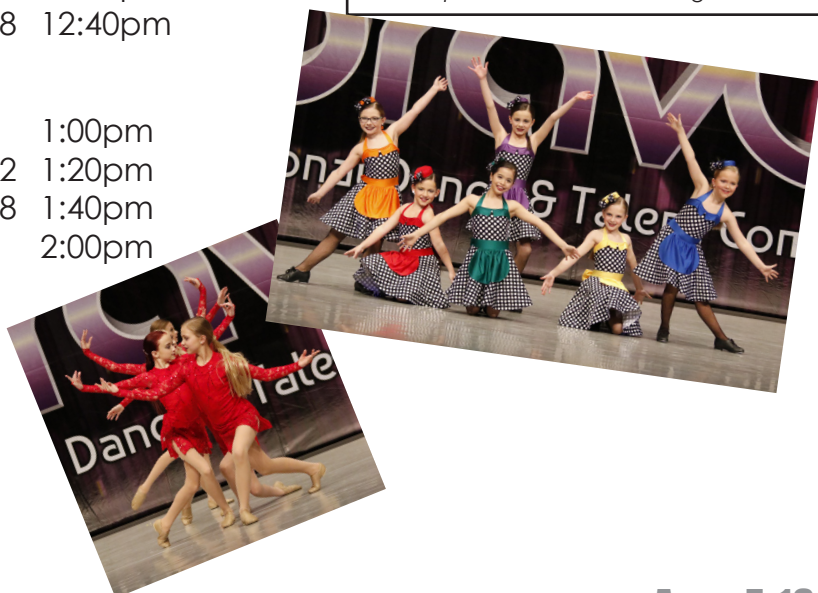
## or Thursday, June 21

### Loveland Location

5:00-5:30pm Parents of Invited Mini Stars

5:30-6:15pm Parents of Ages 7+

*A parent representative must be  
present at either meeting time.*



## Mini Invitation

If you have a **DANCER** ages 4-6 that is ready to take  
it to the **NEXT LEVEL...**

Let us know! We can assess your dancer to see if  
they are ready for **TEAM!**

### Ages 7-18

Must Audition

### Ages 4-6

By Invite Only