

AMHERST DANCE ACADEMY

ADA DANCE TEAM *I'd Rather Be Dancing*

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ELIGIBILITY

Dance Team Eligibility Requirements*

- You must have completed at least one full semester with ADA within the last calendar year.
- You must participate in team auditions.
- You must enroll in a team rehearsal class.
- You must enroll in a ballet technique class and a tap class. Those taken at other locations do not qualify for this requirement.
- You must make every effort to attend two choreography training camps during the summer to learn the dances for the following year. Non-participation in these camps may forfeit the opportunity to participate in certain numbers on team for that year. (see below)

ADA may have videos available of the team choreography available as part of the camp tuition for dancers that attend. If a dancer is absent for one of the two weeks, a DVD may be available for a set price per dance. A dancer may then opt to purchase the DVD and learn the dance on their own. The dancer may then demonstrate for an instructor the dance learned, and the instructor will then decide if and when the dancer is capable of performing with the team for that number.

- If there is joint custody involving the dancer, then both parents must review the policies, requirements, schedule, and agree with signatures to fully support their dancer's interest and commitment to perform with the dance team. Please contact us if this situation applies.

* A detailed list of policies and standards are included in the dance team packet.

More information is available at the studio.

COST: TWO OPTIONS

How much does it cost*?

Many factors determine the overall cost of the year:

- What grade of ballet your dancer will be placed in.
- How old he/she is.
- How many numbers your dancer is in.
- How many costumes you purchase.
- Are you willing to commit to a full year?

Level 1: Festivals Only Option.

This is the foundation of dance teams. It includes summer choreography camp, rehearsal classes, and dancing in the local festivals and parades through December.

Each dancer would also get dance team warm up pants and jacket, costumes, and a performance make-up kit.

Level 2: Full Year Option.

This choice includes everything listed in Level 1 and then continues into Spring. Your dancer will have additional instruction and rehearsal classes.

He or she will also have opportunities in:

- Dance Revolution Convention & Showcase
- Dance Competition(s)
- Local Spring Festivals
- Spring Recital (Team Dances)

Please contact us for a complete cost analysis sheet for the upcoming year, personalized just for your dancer!

TRAINING

EXPERIENCE

Ability

AND MORE

TRAINING

Dance Team is performance training, and more.

Dancers grow, develop, and learn to love dance more than ever before. They learn life principles of working hard, and working at something they love to make it better. Dancers and families get to enjoy the successes of these lessons, too. Dance team is a great opportunity and we don't want you to miss it.

See just where your dancer might go in life if the chance is presented and the door is opened. We are here to offer that for you.

Team Highlights!

- Growth in dancing abilities, skill, genre expression, style, & more.
- Positive atmosphere with emphasis on having fun!
- More than just a dance class, team provides an environment for a dancer to excel beyond grade levels.

Dancers receive more practice time, quality critique, adjustments, and rehearsals. They are tested more as they dance ballet, tap, and other genres. They have the chance to take dance further, beyond the walls of a graded school where the evidence of their knowledge, experience, and ability can shine.

EXPERIENCE

Every Dance Team member participates in local public events, including parades, city events, and festivals.

Dancers are placed in different numbers to perform at various locations/events during the year. Instructors base placement on technique, ability, attitude, and support from family. Depending on the experience option you choose, your dancer may perform at dance convention, in showcase, or on national television!

We offer more local dance performances for entertainment & fun than any other studio in the area!

Our team dancers will get up to three different performance numbers at no additional cost after costumes. **With the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade added to the list, dancers will have the chance to perform as part of a national dance team on live television.*

ABILITY

Ability speaks to not only a student's dance aptitude and current school level, but to the family's willingness and capacity to commit to team.

Auditions are a great starting point. Next come the summer choreography camps, and the fun really begins. But, the ability to commit and thrive in dance team is more than that. It is a huge family effort.

It has been well said over the years, that team families are the heart of the studio as they support their dancer not only in classes, but at recitals, performances, fundraisers, and other special events. We thank you continuously for that! We also understand that every family dynamic is not the same. If you have questions or concerns, let us know. We will do as much as possible to help make this work for you and your dancer.

Amherst Dance Academy promotes positive dance education focused on student achievement, committed teamwork, and confidence building. As you read further, please take the time to consider this for your dancer.

ADA Team Performances*

Drumheller Orchard Apple Festivals

Clifford Sorghum Festival

Apple Harvest @ ACHS

Local Christmas Parades

Dance Revolution Convention

King's Dominion

Cherry Blossom Parade, D.C.

Spring Fling

Amherst Car Show – Spring/Fall

Christmas/Spring Recitals

**Please contact the studio or check the online calendar for exact dates and times. Performance number amounts are likely to change depending on actual schedule and opportunities to perform. More events may occur in the spring than listed and all events are weather dependent.*

AND MORE

Amherst Dance Academy has always strived to maintain a family atmosphere, beneficial to the dancers' education.

Our instructors have strong character values in and out of the studio. Our performance numbers and dance costumes are clean and appropriate.

Our dance team members carry on this tradition in their good attitudes and behavior throughout their time at the studio.

They attend classes regularly as expected, and are prompt to practices, rehearsals, and performances. They put in extra time caring for their uniform, dance costumes, and other team items. They can be found in the halls between classes helping the newer students with leotards and shoes. They are always wearing friendly smiles and willing to share their love of dance with anyone who will listen.



our 2015/16 ADA Dance Team

We wanted to say thank you, so now as part of our dance team year, we've added some fun optional events!

Team members and their families can kick back and enjoy the rewards of their hard work and try something completely different. Some of these events include: ice skating, hiking, game nights, musical theaters, bike rides, and more.