

7th Grade Dance Team Tryout Information

To Prospective dance team members and their parents:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the 7th Grade Dance Team. To ensure that the clinic and tryouts run smoothly, I want to provide you with as much information as possible. Please be sure that you and your dancer are familiar with this document. The tryout clinic is designed to teach the dancers the tryout dance. Each girl will be assigned to a tryout group.

Mandatory Tryout Meeting for Dancers

Each dancer must attend the tryout informational meeting on February 13 from 3:30-4:00 in the Mountain Brook Junior High cafeteria.

Clinic and Tryouts

The schedule for the clinic will be as follows: *(please remember to eat a snack before clinic)*

- **Monday March 20th** – Candidates report to the **New Gym** by 3:25. After a brief introduction and some preliminary business, dancers will learn the first section of the dance. ***Carpools should pick up at 5:30.***
- **Tuesday March 21st** – Candidates report to the **New Gym** by 3:25. Information concerning tryouts will be covered with the dancers. They will also finish learning the tryout dance. ***Carpools should pick up at 5:30.***
- **Wednesday March 22nd** – Candidates report to the **New Gym** at 3:25 for mock tryouts. Dancers will have the chance to run a mock tryout with their tryout group. ***Carpools should pick up by 5:30.***
- **Thursday March 23rd** - Candidates report to the **Cafeteria** no later than 3:30 for tryouts. Family members, friends and dance instructors are **NOT** allowed inside the building. Results will be posted on the **7th Grade Dance Team Web Page** (<http://www.mtnbrook.k12.al.us/Page/429>)

Scores of the candidates are confidential. No candidate may see her score sheets or the master score sheet. Requests from those that did not make the team that would like to get information about their strengths and weaknesses may be emailed to thorntonj@mtnbrook.k12.al.us no later than April 7th.

Tryout Clinic & Tryout Attire

Tryout clinic: comfortable dance practice attire- any dance shoe or tennis shoe will be fine, hair in ponytail

Tryout attire: white t-shirt, plain black gym shorts, tan jazz shoes, hair in ponytail. No jewelry or ribbons.

Information for 2023-2024 7th Grade Dance Team

Mandatory New Member Meeting

There will be a meeting of all new dance team members and a parent on **April 10th @ 5:00 PM** in the cafeteria. Information concerning summer camp, the dance season, and used uniforms will be given at this meeting. It is very important that all new members and a parent are present at the meeting. A fee will be collected at this meeting for dance camp.

Used Uniform Sales

Used uniforms will be available on a first-come, best-fit basis- **April 24th at 4:30-5:30 pm in Ms. Thornton's classroom.** More information will be given at the new member meeting.

Varsity Uniform Fitting

The Varsity representative will conduct fittings for new uniforms in the Dance Room- **April 24th @ 5:30 pm in the dance room.** It is very important that all new members and one guardian are present at the meeting. More information will be given at the new member meeting.

Summer Dance Camp

Universal Dance Association (UDA) will conduct our private camp this year. The dates for camp this summer are **June 25-27 at Mountain Brook Junior High in the Old Gym.** (6/25: half day PM, 6/26 and 6/27: all day) ***The team will be learning material for the upcoming season, therefore it is a required camp for all team members.***

Practice

Practice will be held **every Tuesday & Thursday** from **3:30-5:00** and will begin the first week of school. There may be times during the season when practice could be extended or canceled. Please plan dance classes around practice days and game days. Football games are usually Thursdays, and basketball games can be on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays depending on the schedule. Football and basketball schedules will be given as soon as they are announced for the season.

Attendance

Because the 7th Grade Dance team will perform as a team, attendance at all practices and performances is required. Your absence impacts the entire team. Absences will be excused for illness and family emergencies. The expectation is that your first priority is the dance team. You must contact the Coach if absent for practice, performance, or other scheduled events. Please contact the Coach directly, not through another dance team member. See bylaws for additional information.

Physical

A completed physical must be turned in before camp in June. Physical forms will be given at the new squad meeting.

**** You will need to complete and return the following forms via email to thorntonj@mtnbrook.k12.al.us with your tryout fee of \$30.00 through the link on the team page by 3:15pm Friday, March 10th. Late applications will not be accepted for ANY reason.**

- **Completed Application**
- **Signed Agreement and Release Form**
- **Signed Dance Team Bylaws**
- **Tryout Fee (\$30.00) Include a copy of the receipt in email. Link on team page.**

Thanks again for your interest in becoming a member of the 7th Grade Dance Team. **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SMILE TO CLINIC!**