We are looking for some NEW dancers, as young as 5, to join our dance teams!

Does your child dance around the house performing all the time? Is your child at least 5 years old? Have we got a program for you! We have designed 7 different teams, starting with our itty bitty 5 year olds, created for the dancer that loves to perform. **No experience necessary!**

Ages 5-9: For our youngest teams, there is no experience necessary. We are just looking for dancers who can follow directions, love to perform and love to dance. If your child is able to pay attention in a regular dance lesson, then dance team will be a breeze. We try to keep the commitment to a minimum for our little ones and focus on having fun and building self confidence with great performance opportunities.

Ages 10-up: If you love to perform and love dancing, you will love dance team! For our older teams, we do require dancers to currently be at an intermediate to advanced class level. Please ask your teacher if team is something you're ready for! For our top middle school/high school teams, the commitment level is more and equal to the commitment for most junior high and high school sports.

COMMITMENT:

Our youngest dancers are required to take 2 hours of classes a week, which can all be done Tues if you prefer. The other teams are required to take 3 hours of classes a week, which usually can be done all in one day if you prefer. Our top middle school and high school dance teams require 4-5 hours a week. Team dancers perform 1-2 times a month Nov-May and a few times in the summer if you're available. We do have some extra practices right before a big performance or production which happens about 5 times a year. Monthly tuition starts at $75 for our youngest dance team, this includes all required classes. Dance team members also attend our fun Dance Camp August 16th-22nd and competition April 29-May 1st.

Guidelines:

The attached Dance team guidelines will explain everything you need to know about dance team.

Auditions:

Our audition process is stress-free and fun! **Our goal is not to reject anyone**. Dancers perform a fun routine in groups, and based on that we place them in the team that fits them best. Our teachers or office staffs are the best ones to ask if you are not sure! We don't want anyone disappointed! With all of our teams, we are sure to find a spot for every young dancer and most of our older dancers! If you would like to try team, please sign up on the dance team audition sign up sheet in the lounge. Auditions are May 8th. Audition times are listed in the attached guidelines.

LET'S DANCE STUDIO'S DANCE TEAM GUIDELINES 2010-2011

DANCE TEAMS

Dance teams are dance groups who perform themed routines for public entertainment and compete at dance competitions. Dancers learn responsibility, teamwork, and stage presence. The dance teams perform 1-2 times a month at conventions, half times, parties, galas, events and more! Our teams are ranked the highest in the state and the Senior Company dancers are three-time National Champs!

OUR SEVEN DANCE TEAMS 2010-2011

Dazzlers (minimum age: 5)
Dance-sationals (minimum age: 6)
Dance Connection (minimum age: 7)
Pre-Company (minimum age: 8)
Junior Company (minimum age: 10)
Senior I/Senior II(minimum age: 11)

DANCE TEAM CAMP-REQUIRED; AUGUST 16-22

To help prepare our dance teams for the new season we have put together a fun dance camp Aug 16-22 at Let's Dance. Dance team dancers have said this is their favorite part of team! The kids really have a blast! The tuition is $110 for Dazzlers ½ day camp and $200 for full day camp, and $275 for the Intensive Camp-Company members. Camp is required so mark your calendar!

Dazzlers: Half Day Camp/$110

Dancesationals, Connection: Full Day Camp-$200

Company Dancers: Intensive Camp $275

WEEKLY CLASS REQUIREMENTS (June 7 2010-June 7, 2011)

Weekly Class Requirements for Each Team

Dazzlers: One Dance Team Class, One Jazz Class (2 hours/week)
Dance-sationals, Dance Connection & Pre-Co: One Team Class, One Jazz Class, One Ballet Class (3 hours/week)
Junior Company: One Company Classes, One Jazz, Two Ballet Classes, One Stretch/Tone Class (5 hours/week)
Senior I/Senior II: Two Company Classes, One Jazz, Two Ballet Classes, One Stretch/Tone Class (6 hours/week)
*Team members may take extra classes for a discounted rate of $25 for the first extra class and $15 for every class after that/per month.

MONTHLY TUITION

Dazzlers Monthly Tuition:	*$75 per month*	***Pre-Company Monthly Tuition:***	*$100 per month*
Dance-sationals Monthly Tuition:	*$85 per month*	***Junior Co. Monthly Tuition:***	*$125 per month*
Dance Connection Monthly Tuition:	*$95per month*	***Senior Co. Monthly Tuition:***	*$135 per month*

**Tuition is due the 1st of each month beginning June 1, 2010-May 1, 2011.*

PRACTICE POLICIES

To keep the routines looking good and stress free, dancers need to attend their required classes and performances regularly. It is understood that we will not get a perfect attendance in the summer months due to vacations but ask that dancers try and attend as many classes as possible. There are no refunds for missed classes but you may make up a class by attending additional ballet classes.

Besides the scheduled weekly classes we will be having extra practices to prepare for upcoming performances. We usually have extra practices right before we perform a dance for the first time and before big events like Inaugural Ball and Timberwolves Game. An extra practice before a performance must be attended or the dancer will not be prepared for the performance and cannot perform. Mark your calendars for the following extra practice weekends: March 19, April 16 and April 23.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

The best part of the year is when the dance teams get to show off their talents at the annual competitions. This is such a wonderful experience and great confidence booster for all dancers. The competition is all about making everyone feel a winner and a lesson in teamwork! Dance teams compete at 1-2 competitions a year. Spotlight Competition is scheduled for Apr 29-May 1, 2011 at Mandan High. Fees for competition average $32 per routine. Competition must be attended by all team members.

EXTRAVAGANZA PERFORMANCE

Every year we put on a dance team showcase for parents and public at Mandan High School. Dance teams perform their dances and soloists and duets get the opportunity to perform. This is a final practice and a family pep rally before competition. Extravaganza is tentatively scheduled for March 26 (rehearsal) and March 27 (evening performance) and is a mandatory performance. Instead of the hassle of purchasing admission tickets, each family pays a $10 fee for an all-family pass.

PERFORMANCES

Teams perform at many different events through out the year, traveling 1-2 times a year. The performances look the best when all dancers are in attendance. When dancers are absent, teachers must take extra time to redo formations and music counts which can be stressful on the other dancers. Dancers should attend performances regularly.

Dancers should always arrive a ½ hour before the performance unless it states differently in your yearly performance schedule. Each family will get an information sheet explaining how to wear your costumes, hair and makeup. The goal is to look exactly the same as your fellow teammates.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE-$30

A one-time yearly registration fee of $30 is due upon accepting your position on the team. No other registration fees are due for the year!

COSTUMES

Costumes range in price from $80-130. To help with the cost of costumes, we spread the payments out throughout the year. A payment schedule will be handed out at the beginning of the season.

AUDITION PROCESS

Auditions will be held at the Let's Dance Studio on Saturday, May 8th **Dazzlers (5-up) & Dance-sationals (6-up) 1:00 pm; Dance Connection & Pre-Company (7-up) 2:00 pm; and Junior and Senior (10-up) 3:00 pm.** An early audition for dancers who will not be able to make May 8th is scheduled for Thur,May 6th at 6:15 PM. Dancers will learn a dance combination to music and then will perform this combination in groups of four or five as they are video taped. Young teams will have a helper perform with them.

AUDITION RESULTS

The results will be posted on our site www.letsdancestudio.com by Monday, May 10th. Dancers who make the team MUST call 222-1052 or email at letsdance@midconetwork.com by Tues, May 11th and accept their spot on the team. If a dancer does not accept their spot by the end of Tues, May 11th, the dancer will be taken off the list and the next dancer on the list will be added to the team and notified. If you have concerns about your child's placement, please do not hesitate to call. Jenny will be open to visiting with anyone who needs clarification.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE 2010-2011

May 15th……Registration Fee $30
……Camp Deposit $50 ½ day
$100 Full day
$125 Intensive (Co members)

Summer Session

June 1st……..June Fees (refer to monthly tuition; pg 1)
July 1st ……..July Fees (refer to monthly tuition; pg 1)
July 15th…….First Costume- Deposit $50
……Order Team Jackets $95
Aug 1st……...Aug Fees (refer to monthly tuition pg 1)
Aug 15th…….Dance Camp Remaining Balance
$60 ½ day/$100 full day/$150 Intensive

Fall Session

Sept 1st……...Sept Fees (refer to monthly tuition; pg 1)
……..Xmas Production 1st Costume Rental Fee- $10 per class
……..Performing Shoe Order (TBA)
Sept 15th…….First Costume- Remaining Balance
Oct 1st..……..Oct Fees
Oct 15th……..2n Costume Deposit $50
……..Xmas Production 2nd Costume Rental Fee-$15 per class
Nov 1st…….. Nov Fees
Dec 1st……Dec Fees
Dec 15th……..2nd Costume Remaining Balance (TBA)

Winter Session

Jan 1st…….Jan Fees
…….Senior's 3rd Costume Deposit $50
…….Spring Production Costume 1st Rental-$10 per class
Feb 1st…….Feb Fees
…….Spring Prod. 2nd Costume Rental Fee-$15 per class
Feb 15th……..1st Competition Fees Due (refer to comp fees)
Mar 1st……March Fees
Mar 15th…….2nd Competition Fees Due (refer to comp fees)
……3rd Senior's 3rd Costume Remaining Balance (TBA)
Mar 15th ……..Extravaganza Family Fee $10
April 1st……...April Fees
May 1st……May Fees

DANCE TEAM AUDITION FORM

The Dance team guidelines must be read by and signed by both the parent and dancer, stating each has read the above guidelines. **Please bring to auditions May 8th**

Dancer's Name:_____ Age _____ Grade in Sept_____

Birthdate_____ Dancer's Parents Names:_____

Home Address:_____City_____Zip_____

Please list the phone numbers we can include in a phone tree. There are times it is important to get a hold of you and we will need this info. We only call when it is important.

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone 1: _____ mom or dad

Work Phone 2: _____mom or dad Cell Phone 1: _____ mom or dad

Cell Phone 2:_____mom or dad Student's Cell Phone: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS:_____ AGAIN TO CONFIRM:_____

Please give an email address that is most frequently used.

Parents: Do you frequently check your email? YES or NO

Dancer: Is there a team or teams you will not accept to be on and you would rather we leave your name off the list even if that is the only team you were chosen for? _____ What team would you prefer to be on? _____

Parent or Guardian: Please read each rule or requirement listed below and initial after each one stating you understand our rules and requirements for the Dance Team 2010-2011 season.

1. I understand team members are required to attend competition. Spotlight Competition is April 29-May 1! _____

2. I understand team members must attend extra practices. These dates have already been tentatively scheduled: March 26-27 (extravaganza), April 16 (comp rehearsal), April 23 (comp rehearsal). _____

3. I understand team members are required to attend Dance Camp Aug 16-22. _____

4. I understand there will be no pro-rating or discounts for classes missed. Students may attend another class for a make-up class and parents should always remember the extra practices dancers attend, free of charge. _____

5. I understand team members who miss the team class or extra practice before a performance will not be ready to perform and cannot perform unless allowed by team teacher. _____

6. I understand throughout the school year, team members cannot miss more than 10 team classes, or they will be dismissed from the team. _____

7. I understand team members cannot participate in school drill team, represent another dance studio or attend another dance studio as it is a conflict of interest and is also a rule at most competitions. _____

8. I understand all team members must purchase the official pink and black team jackets. _____

9. I understand all team members are required to attend the Extravaganza Show scheduled for March 26-27. _____

10. I am aware some venues the teams perform at require parents to pay admission to watch. _____

11. I understand Senior Company members who miss more than two ballet classes a month will not be able to perform until classes are made up. _____

I have read and understand the dance team guidelines for 2010-2011 Season.

Parent Signature_____ **Dancer Signature**_____ **Date:**_____