

ELITE AUDITIONS

The Westwoods Center of Performing Arts Elite commitment is for one full year, beginning in July 2011.

Auditions will be held on Friday, April 15th from 4:30-6:00pm. Anyone between the ages of 5 and 16 are eligible to audition. Dancers should arrive 10-15 minutes prior to audition start time so that they can stretch and be ready to go. No parents allowed during the audition.

Final results from the audition will be determined by Monday, April 18th. A list of the 2011-2012 Elite team will be posted on the Elite Bulletin Board at the studio by 4:00 on April 18th.

Requirements for the 2011-2012 Season:

- Summer Instruction – All dancers must participate in the 4 week Summer Ballet class (according to level), and also in the August Choreography Camp (exact schedule TBA).
- Fall class requirements for Elite Dancers 5-8 year olds:
 - Ballet
 - Tap
 - Jazz
 - 3-4 45 min. Elite rehearsals each week
 - It is also recommended that dancers take a turns, hip-hop, and/or gymnastics class.
- Fall class requirements for Elite Dancers 9 years and older:
 - 2 Ballets
 - Tap
 - Jazz
 - 3-4 45 min. Elite rehearsals each week
 - It is also recommended that dancers take a turns, hip-hop and/or gymnastics class
- Elite Dancers must purchase a warm-up suit to wear to competition and performances.
- Elite Dancers must participate in the four to five scheduled competitions throughout the season (will be chosen in September)
- Two to three conventions throughout the season (will be chosen in September). Conventions are a requirement for dancers 7 years and older. This includes Master Classes held at the studio. Master Classes are required for all Elite Dancers.
- Costume expenses, competition entry fees and convention fees are the responsibility of the parent/dancer. Every family will have the opportunity to participate in fundraising activities to help lessen these expenses.
- There will be a parent meeting held in May (date TBD) to discuss fundraising options, etc.

- Regular technique classes (jazz, tap, ballet, etc.) will be starting the week of August 22nd, 2011.
- Weekly Elite rehearsals will begin the week of September 5th, 2011

Timetable of Events – 2011 Elite

Friday, April 15th – Auditions for dancers 5 and older at 4:30pm

Monday, April 18th – Team placement decisions will be made.

Tuesday, April 19th – Elite Contracts will be available at the front desk for pick-up.

April 18th – May 31st – Register for Summer requirements

April 23rd-30th – Pre-Registration for Fall Classes (best incentives for pre-registration occur on April 23rd).

May 16th – Signed contracts due back to Shannon

May (Date TBD) – Mandatory Parent Meeting

August 22nd – Regular Classes Start (technique classes only no Elite rehearsals)

September 5th – Weekly Elite Rehearsals Start

Financial Responsibilities and Obligations

Please note that each dancer/family will be given an opportunity to participate in fundraising activities to offset Competitive expenses.

Monthly Tuition – Tuition is paid directly to WCPA. Fees are based on number of hours of classes taken per week.. August 2011 will be the first full month of tuition.

June-July 2011: Summer Ballet class and Choreography Camp

Cost – see summer schedule for prices. Prices vary depending on age.

September 2011-June 2012 (this includes 3-4 weekly Elite rehearsals – tuition amount varies depending on number of Elite dances):

- Ages 4-5 - \$200/month. Tuition is due on the 25th of the previous month.
- Ages 5-8 - \$299/month. Tuition is due on the 25th of the previous month.
- Ages 9 and older - \$390/month. Tuition is due on the 25th of the previous month.
- Tuition must be paid by auto-debit or the year in full.

October 15, 2011: Elite Fees (includes extra rehearsal fees, choreography fees, administrative fees, teacher competition fees, and music fees)

- Ages 4-7 - \$150

- Ages 8 and up - \$175

Costumes – Costumes are the responsibility of the parent/dancer. Costumes range in price from \$175-200 (fully rhinestoned). We are working on bringing this cost down for the 201-2011 season. More information will be available soon. The average number of costumes a dancer will have is 3-4.

We will be doing away with the 501(c)3 non-profit for the 2011-2012 season and all payments (including entry fees and costumes) will go through the studio. We will still do a budget billing, breaking up these costs over 6 months.

