

2021-2022 Elite Info. Packet

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August...: Many of you have been asking about team items such as shirts and bags. We are currently working with Champion on our team designs for this season. Within the next couple of weeks our team store will open. At that time I will provide you with a link to shop. You may purchase tees, tanks, sweatshirts, hoodies and backpacks for dancers and fans at that time. The store will be open for approximately two weeks. We will notify you when it opens. You place your own order and pay for it online. All orders will ship to the studio separated and labeled by dancer.

August 22nd: 5pm Auditions for the DE Open Worlds team. This audition is open to current Senior Elite team members, current Junior Elite members who are in the 8th or 9th grade and Senior Elite Alumni. Please remember this is an audition. All dancers who try out are not guaranteed a position on this team. Open Team practices will be on Sunday evenings. Times to be determined.

August 25th: Senior Elite and Open team Only!! Jamfest housing for Dance Super opens today. All Senior and Open team members MUST reserve a room through Jamfest. They track this and dancers may not compete at Jamfest Nationals if they do not book through them. They have it set up a little differently this year. When housing opens on the 25th, I will have to go in and hold a block of rooms. I will then provide you with a team code and a group block ID that you MUST provide when booking. Once I provide this info and our block opens you will have a limited time to book so I just wanted to give everyone a heads up on this date so you could be planning on it.

August 28th & 29th: Open Team Choreography. Please hold these dates. Exact times TBA Your Choreography fee of \$75 will be due to your team treasurer on or before this date.

September 18th: Dance Workshop/ Intensive with Nick Anthony and Staff. This is MANDATORY for all Elite dancers. We are so excited to have Nick Anthony back from LA this year. He has roots in Eastern Kentucky and always loves to come share with our dancers. They will have classes in Hip Hop, Contemporary, Jazz and Lyrical. This will also be open to our Studio dancers as we wanted them to have this opportunity as well. So groups will be broken up by grade as opposed to team. Our 6th/8th and High School age dancers will be from 9am-1pm and 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th grade dancers will be from 2pm-6pm. Nick is currently finalizing the plans so I should have the pricing within the week. Training outside of their normal studio training is SO IMPORTANT for our kids and we are thrilled to offer this opportunity. More info to come. Please hold this date :)

October 6th: Jenny Wiley Performance at PHS. We are currently in a holding pattern due to current COVID related issues but we are hopeful that we will get to have our annual Jenny Wiley performance at Prestonsburg High School so please hold this date. This is when our Elite teams debut their Jazz routines :)

October 7th: All Teams Stage 8 Cincinnati entry fees are due to your team treasurer. Entry fees for two routines will be \$120. Solos are \$135, Duos \$150 and Trios \$180. You should have already booked a hotel for this event. You can stay wherever you like and I provided the link back in June if you wanted to book through Stage 8. They had a great rate. Also currently they have Junior, Senior and Open teams along with solos from those age groups scheduled to compete on Saturday the 18th and Mini and Youth teams along with solos and duos from that age group scheduled to compete on the 19th. However if you have both nights booked I would not cancel just yet. They have already flipped these age groups once since July and I don't want people to cancel and then them flip them again. But as it gets closer many of you may be able to cancel one night.

October 13th or 14th: Mini Small, Mini Large, Youth and Junior teams will begin learning lyrical choreography in practice this week and continue through November. It is IMPERATIVE that dancers not miss practice as we are learning competition routines. This choreography has already been paid for.

October 16th and 17th: Senior Lyrical Choreography. Saturday 8:00am-Noon, Sunday 1pm-9pm. (\$75 due to treasurer for choreography)

October 28th: All Teams Dance Connection Lexington Entry fees due to your team treasurer. Entry fees are \$80 for two routines Jazz and Lyrical and \$150 for the convention. So \$230 total due for most dancers. For those who are competing Youth and Junior or multiple Senior and Open routines it is \$40 for each additional routine. So \$120 for three routines, \$160 for four routines plus the \$150 for the Convention. You may stay wherever you like for this event.

November 7th: 5:00pm Senior Small try outs. Senior Elite team members only. Please remember this is an audition. All dancers who try out are not guaranteed a position on this team. Small Team practices will be on Sunday evenings. Times to be determined.

November 13th/14th: Small Choreography. Times TBD (\$75 due to treasurer for choreography)

November 23rd: Last day of regular class before Nutcracker .

November 29th: Nutcracker Tech

November 30th: Nutcracker Dress

December 1st, 2nd, 3rd: Nutcracker Performances

December 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th : Senior Large: 4:30-6:30
Open Team: 6:30-7:30
Senior Small: 7:30-8:30

December 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th: Mini Large practice 4:30pm-6:00pm
Junior practice 4:30-6:00pm
Mini Small practice 6:00-7:30pm
Youth practice 6:00-7:30pm

December 17th-19th: All Teams Stage 8 Cincinnati. Duke Energy Center. First Comp of the season !!!!!

December 20th-January 2nd: Enjoy your Christmas Break :)

January 3rd: DE Classes resume

January 6th: All Teams Groove Athletic Championships Columbus entry fees are due to your team treasurer. \$170 for two routines, \$205 for three routines, fourth routine is free for those this applies to. You may stay wherever you like in Columbus for this event. There are many hotels very close to the convention center.

January 8th-9th:All Teams The Dance Connection Lexington. Central Bank Center. Competition on Saturday and Convention on Sunday

January 26th: Seniors and Open team Only. Jamfest Dance Nationals Entry fees due. \$230 for two routines. \$305 for three routines. Fourth routine is free.

January 28th-30th: All teams The Groove Athletic Championships Columbus. Greater Columbus Convention Center.

February 12th-13th: Seniors and Open Team Only Jamfest Super Dance Nationals at the Kentucky International convention center in Louisville.

February 17th: Mini, Youth and Junior teams. 10% down payment on Stage 8 Nationals is due to your team treasurer. The Balance will be due by March 31st. This event is different than other competitions bc it offers packages for dancers and family members that include tickets to Universal or Sea World as well as a competition only package if you don't wish to purchase park tickets. So don't purchase any park tickets until you check out these rates and see if they are any better. Please note when looking at the Dancer Registration pricing you should refer to the "Preferred" price. We will receive this price for attending a Stage 8 event this season. Also note that the pricing includes only one performance. Our teams will have two so see where it says below that \$85 for additional performances. Be sure to add that. For those dancers doing Youth and Junior you will need to add three additional performances. We also have the opportunity at the Stage 8 and Dance Connection event to earn bids which would pay partially for our entry fees. That will be determined at those events. I am including a picture of the pricing information on your team FB page where this packet is posted. I think this is very well laid out and explained but if you have any questions please feel free to ask me.

Registration experiences for dancers and parents and families will be completed and paid through our Studio portal and can not be done so individually. At a later date before the deposit is due we will give each of you a form to fill out to make your selections so we can be sure to get all dancers and their families entered correctly since everyone can choose different experiences.

All park tickets are valid April 26-May6.

You should have your hotel booked for this event. We sent a link out back in June.

March 11th-13th: Senior and Open Team only: We will attend this event if still in need of Worlds bids. Groove Dance Grand Nationals in Pigeon Forge at the LeConte Center. Entry fees are \$195 for two routines, \$230 for three and 4th routine is free. We won't know until after Jamfest if we need to attend this event. If so, entry fees would be due two weeks prior to the competition.

March 31st: Mini, Youth and Junior teams: The Balance of your Stage 8 Nationals fees is due to your team treasurer.

April 10th: Elite Showcase at the MAC. All Elite dancers are required to participate.

April 21st-26th: Dance Worlds Orlando (Seniors and Open team only) More info will be distributed about this event and travel arrangements will be made pending receiving bids.

April 30th-May 2nd: Mini, Youth and Junior teams Stage 8 Nationals in Orlando, FL. At the Hilton Orlando located at 6001 Destination Parkway in Orlando. Solos compete on Saturday. Teams compete prelims on Sunday and Finals on Monday.

June 4th and 5th: Dance Etc Spring Recital. Elite dancers are required to participate in ALL four Recitals regardless of which shows your regular classes are in. Please do not plan vacations at this time :)

Other: The vast majority of dates and things you will need and need to know for Elite are included in this packet. However there are a few things we will be ordering at a later date including costumes, rhinestones for costumes, earrings, etc. Once Sherri adds her Pburg date for her February competition at the MAC we may add that. We will let you know ASAP.

If you have any questions you can contact your team President or one of the Elite Coaches. Please make sure you check the team FB page daily as we distribute ALL information this way. Thanks, DE Staff