



# DDA Performance Troupe 2022 - 2023

Petite/Mini ages 8 and under \* Junior ages 9-11 \* Teen ages 12 and up

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## Weekly Troupe Rehearsal Class

Every team has a weekly rehearsal, just like regular classes. You will see rehearsal blocks on the class schedule for the 2022-2023 season when it's released. However, we cannot put teams on rehearsal times (example: Juniors) until AFTER auditions, as we never know how many teams we will need until we've had auditions. The costs are also the same as all other classes on the schedule. Weekly rehearsal classes are 45-60 minutes.

## Class requirements for Performance Troupe members

Performance Troupe members **MUST** be enrolled in **at least two** classes, beside their rehearsal class. More classes are always encouraged, but that is the minimum required. We've added Troupe Technique classes this year and that can be taken to count toward your two classes. But for Teens, Teen Troupe Technique is **STRONGLY** encouraged. The only reason we can't require it is because we did not when this was originally put out :)

## How are teams split? What style dance routines will each team have?

The style of dance routines for each team will be decided at auditions based on how we feel will be the best fit for each age group (each team will have two dances). This means for example; the Junior team may have Jazz and Hip Hop routines or Minis may have Jazz and Tap routines.

## Attire/Costume costs

Costumes are approximately \$65-75. We do a two or three in one costume to save \$\$ and for convenience! We also do a DDA Performance Troupe tank (\$20) and a Jean jacket with DDA rhinestone emblem on back - you purchase jacket on your own and we have them rhinestone-ed (\$20). Past members do not need to purchase a new jacket or tank if yours still fits from last year! All dancers must purchase required shoes and tights through the studio, so all dancers have the same brand and style.

## Performance season

Our performance season runs December – May. A performance schedule will be provided in Sept. once the session gets started. Examples of performances are: Local Assisted Living facilities, NIU Basketball game, Windy City Bulls, and other local events. There will be 4-6 performances.

Please note that Assisted Living facility performances do NOT allow for a huge crowd - this is NOT covid related, this is how it has always been as we are bringing a large group into their "home." If only 1 or 2 attendees per dancer allowed is not something you are OK with, you should reconsider if this is a good fit for you. We do try to livestream when possible, though!

## "More than dance" - other fun parts of Troupe

We have big/little sisters/brothers within Troupe and it's a great way to build confidence and leadership. We will also do a few team days each year, where we do teambuilding and have FUN

## Auditions: August 5, 2022

Ages 8 and under 10:00-11:00am. Ages 9-11 11:00am-12:00pm. Ages 12 and up 12:15-1:15pm

Please register for auditions in your parent portal. This is a "no-cut" team (everyone makes it!) but we still need to have auditions to see everyone's abilities and know where to best place them..

We will have a choreography day in August or September where dancers will learn a portion of their routines, so we have a good start to our weekly rehearsals. Cost is approx. \$20 per dancer depending on length of rehearsal.