



D A N C E T E A M

Variety Team

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Energizers Dance Team

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Introduction

The Energizers Dance Team is the competitive dance team of the Dream Center Dance Studio. The Energizers have achieved national prominence and recognition winning hundreds of national championships at all age levels, and the World Champion title at the senior level. Through competitions, performances, and practices, our staff works to develop the whole dancer – physically, mentally and emotionally.

We are confident in our ability to teach our dancers how to improve their skills and help them reach their athletic potential. Beyond that, one of our main goals is to teach our dancers skills they will use throughout the course of their life – teamwork, confidence, leadership and perseverance.

Mission Statement

We are committed to providing each athlete with an environment of learning and growth. Our goal is to enhance and develop leadership, self-discipline, teamwork, and self-confidence through an environment of cooperation, integrity, and enthusiasm. We inspire all instructors and athletes to embrace challenge and excellence allowing each person to accept accountability for their successes and be the best they can in athletics and in life.

Our Variety Team is a limited competition performance dance team with limited travel. This team gives those who love to dance but cannot make the commitment for the full competition team. This program will give dancers the opportunity to learn different genres of dance, participate in cardio and plyometric training and technique. We strive to encourage self-confidence, creativity, discipline and teamwork. The Energizers prides itself on having a wonderful family culture that is very welcoming to athletes of all abilities.

How to Register

Registration is available online via our website. Please visit www.energizersdanceteam.com to register your dancer.

Team Selection

Team Placement

All athletes will be required to complete the registration form prior to placement. There will be a mandatory parent meeting on August 22 at 6:30 PM for all parents. At this time the costume fee will be due. We will also collect a copy of your child's birth certificate and insurance card, which will be kept confidential.

Communication

Team Communication

Team information is given to parents on a routine basis. Methods of communication include:

1. Team Website (energizersdanceteam.com)
2. Team Calendar (mykidscalendar.com)
3. Weekly eblast from Director

The Director of Communications will work to ensure all parents are notified in regards to program information. Each team will have a parent liaison. Parent liaisons are seasoned veterans of the program and are available to help answer any team questions.

If you feel your question is still not answered, please contact the Team Director, Sheila. Please see the "Staff" section of the website (www.energizersdanceteam.com) for a list of all email addresses for staff that might be able to assist you in other areas (financing, fundraising etc.) Email works best. Every attempt will be made to respond within 24 hours. If you do not receive a response within 24 hours, please feel free to send a second request. Cell phone calls (262-339-9221) or text messages are also encouraged.

If you feel you need a more face-to-face conversation, please contact Sheila to schedule a meeting.

Time Commitment

Length of Season

The Variety Team season will be held September 2018 through March 2019.

Summer Technique

Dancers are encouraged to sign up for “Dance Team Technique” in. This will be an opportunity to bond as a team, learn choreography and kick off the upcoming season. The cost for the camp will be \$50.00. Camp will be held at the Dream Center and will conclude with a team building activity. Dates and times will be established at the meeting in July based on team schedule. We will also learn our parade routine during this camp!

Team Practices

Practices will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8:00pm. Please refer to the team calendar on google.

Team Practice Attendance Policy

Every effort should be made to attend all practices. When a dancer misses a practice, it affects the entire team. We do understand there may be times that missing a practice is necessary. We ask that you please notify the coaching staff prior to the missed practice. All practices are mandatory to attend the week of a competition.

Excused absences include but are not limited to a school event that is required for a grade or an illness/injury with a physicians excuse. If a dancer will be absent from practice and there is more than 24 hours before the scheduled practice, please email the attendance email account. If there is less than 24 hours, please send a text with your dancer’s name to the attendance line (262-709-8646).

Performances

Performances give dancers the opportunity to demonstrate their skills as well as teach them to strive to become better dancers. This is where the team’s hard work is showcased. Because the choreography of the routine is dependent upon all members of the team, all performances are mandatory for ALL team members. Supporting each other not only teaches sportsmanship, but it is important for the success of the entire team. Coaching staff will indicate report and dismissal time for each event. Competition fees are an additional expense.

Other Events & Important Dates

In addition to dance competitions, the Energizers Dance Team participates in local area parades and performances. See team calendar for these dates.

Financial Commitment

Registration Fee (non refundable)

\$120.00 is due at the time of registration. This includes the team t-shirt and team tank top!

Costumes

Performance costumes are chosen by the coaches to match the choreography and routine. A one-time costume fee will be due in full at the mandatory parent meeting. The costume fee (not including shoes) is: \$125.00.

Required Additional Costs for ALL Dancers:

1. Practice Wear: tennis shoes, black bottoms, team tank.
2. Performance shoes: Designated shoes must not be worn for practice or outside of competitions/performances.
3. Hair & Makeup Incidentals: Team Makeup, Team Whirl A Style Bun Holder, Bobby Pins, Hair Spray/Gel, Pony tail Holders, and Hair Nets are an additional charge and should be purchased at the Dream Center.

Competition Fee

Competition fees are paid per athlete, per routine. The estimated competition fee is \$125.00.

Travel

Travel expenses (gas, lodging, food, airline tickets and spectator fees) are not included in your monthly fee.

Monthly Payments

After Registration Fees, Competition Fees and Costume Fees are paid, there will be a monthly tuition fee. This fee includes insurance, USASF membership, practice time, music and choreography.

Monthly all-inclusive payment is:

Variety Team: \$75 for 7 months

Financial Policy

Monthly payments will be due on the 1st day of the month, beginning in September billed monthly through the month of March. A \$20 late fee will be added to any accounts that are not paid by the 1st.

Payment Months:

Variety Team: September –March

Tuition must be paid online through your family account. Please note that the accepted form of payment is an online withdrawal from your checking or savings account. We will accept a credit card payment; however there will be an additional 5% convenience fee per transaction applied to your account for this form of payment.

A \$35.00 fee will be assessed for each payment returned NSF and we will then require that you keep a credit card on file. No further checking account withdrawals will be accepted and another payment option must be chosen.

Failure to pay your monthly tuition will result in the dancer sitting out of practices and competitions until their account becomes up-to-date.

Registration Fee	Costume Fee	Competition Fee	Monthly Payment (September-March)	Total Expense:
\$120.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$895.00

Registration and costume fee is due on or August 23rd. Beginning in September, monthly tuition is due on the 1st of every month

Refund Policy

Energizers tuition is a reflection of the yearly costs for the program. Therefore, there will be NO REFUNDS or CREDITS if you chose to quit or are removed from a team. Be sure to review the contractual agreement. Upon termination, the balance of all fees paid for the dancer (**costumes, and monthly tuition (which includes competition, technique, camp/choreography, and weekly practice)**) will be charged and due immediately. You are responsible for **ALL** fees even if you chose not to finish the season.

Fundraising

Individual Fundraising

Fundraising on an individual basis will be available to Energizers families in an effort to reduce your yearly costs. These fundraisers will be available through the Dream Center. Past fundraisers have included:

1. Cheesecake Sale
2. Brat Frys
3. Pizza Sales
4. Entertainment Books
5. Candy Bar Sales
6. Wreath Sales

Any additional ideas are always welcome!

Dream Center Team Fundraising

There is a potential for required fundraiser(s) through the Dream Center to assist with any deficits in the overall Energizers Dance Team budget. One such fundraiser is our annual cookie sale held in December. Variety Team will participate by contributing $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount of cookies of the full competition teams.

Energizers Dance Team Booster Club

The Energizers Dance Team Booster Club, a 501(c) 3 is a not for profit organization. The Purpose of the Booster Club is to support and promote the competitive dancers of Energizers; promote the healthy aspects of competitive dancing; it's physical, mental and social benefits; and to encourage teamwork and camaraderie among competitive dancers.

The booster club will raise funds to help cover some of the costs associated with costumes, competitions, guest choreography, travel associated with the competitive team(s), as well as fun team building events. Funds that are received from the sources outlined below will help support the larger mission of the EDT Dance Boosters and will be used to help offset expenses related to the entire program and/or entire team. These sources are defined as any organization that receives the EDT Dance Boosters tax exempt number so that the organization can receive the tax exemption from the Federal Government.

Midwest Dance Fest

The EDT Boosters hosts an annual competition every year in January. This competition requires a lot of planning, and a lot of manpower to be successful. EVERY dancer benefits from this fundraiser. It is expected that ALL families will participate in the work required to make this event successful. This event directly benefits the families of our program by lowering the cost of your yearly tuition. We will expect one representative for each dancer from the Variety Team to volunteer.

Parades

ALL dancers are invited to attend the Allenton and Richfield parade in August and the Holiday parade in Menomonee Falls. Parades also benefit our program by showcasing our program to outlying communities and gathering support from those communities. In the event that you cannot attend the parade, please complete an attendance request.

Company Sponsorships

Businesses that partner with the Energizers Dance Team are promoted throughout events, and any donations received from this partnership goes to benefit the overall program.

Scrip

Scrip is a rebate program where families can purchase gift cards from many retailers at a reduced cost. The rebate is offered back to the EDT Dance Boosters and you can choose to have the allocated funds applied to your individual dancers account. Alternatively, you can donate your rebate back to the organization to benefit all dancers as a charitable contribution and receive a tax benefit on your individual taxes. All participants that purchase SCRIP must fill out a SCRIP Agreement Form.