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Hello Dancers and Families,

After the success of last year's competition team, DWA is fast becoming a competitive dance studio as well as a recreational one. This season we will be auditioning for more dancers to join our team. Our goal is to have younger dancers join our team enabling us to compete different age levels.

Competition Team Auditions:

Combinations will be taught on Friday Oct 14th starting at 4:00. Auditions will be held on Sunday Oct. 16th starting at 3:00.

5 combinations will be taught, students may choose which style or styles they want to audition for. The dance styles we choose depend on the dancers auditioning. Please try out for all the dance styles so you have a choice of what routine to join. The combinations will be modified (i.e. advanced dancers will be expected to do the double or triple pirouette and our younger dancers a single).

Everyone will be in the production number, so if you do not make it into the routine you want, you still will have a spot on our competition team! The more dancers we have the more levels we can compete.

Costs:

The cost are based on the number of Routines you are in, entry fee's for three competitions, and teachers fees for their time for attending three competitions. The fees are as follows and include the production number. Costumes are extra. These are a yearly fee, onetime cost.

Routines:

1 Routine and Production = \$375.00, 2 Routines and Production = \$475.00,
Production Routine only = \$255.00. **Please note if you are asked to do a duet or solo you must add an additional \$150.00 to the fees.** Solo and duets may opt out of one of the routines; everyone must be in the group number.

Once you are on Competition team, there will be a \$175.00 deposit due when you sign on after the auditions. Balances due January 1, 2012.

Fundraising:

Fundraising is a big part of competition teams. The more fundraisers we have the less the cost to the family is for fees. Last year we did one fundraiser (Yankee Candle) and each dancer received \$80.00 toward their fees.

Fundraising is done by parent volunteer, so we will be asking for competition dancer's parents to lead the fundraising effort for the team. Fundraising will help with the cost of the competition team fees, but also for costumes, hotel, and traveling fees. Please note DWA is not responsible for any fundraising.

Choreography Practices:

There is a \$5.00 choreography fee paid to each teacher, when you have practice with them. Practices are every Friday for approximately 30-45 mins. So if you're competing in Hip Hop and Lyrical and the Production number, you can expect your practices on Friday to run 1 hour ½ -2 hours.

Please note:

This is a commitment, from September through May, only 2 excused absences from rehearsal will be allowed. To become part of this team you must commit to the rehearsals and the competitions.

All the competitions, we will be competing in this year are will be held in Massachusetts.

When you become of member of our competition team, dancers will experience a new and exciting level of dance, performing and the thrill or competition. Through hard work and dedication these dancers will learn teamwork, camaraderie, self-esteem, and the ability to take constructive criticism and use it to improve as performers. Our philosophy on competition is to use it as a training tool for each dancer, to see other dancers and styles and levels of accomplishment. Participation in such events is a reflection of DWA's commitment to a well-rounded dance education for the dancer. It is not only about the way we train our dancers, but also on how we as teachers, influence them as people.

Please email if you would like to be part of our competition team, or if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Dana Aniello
Director/ Owner