

SunSet Dancers Dance Company *Agreement* 2008-2009

Company Director:

Katie Behrens

Company Instructors:

Katie Behrens

Heidi Heneks

Colleen Kobler

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Jenny O'Brien

Company Support:

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The Aim of the SunSet Dancers Dance Company is to:

- Provide our students with a unique opportunity to experience various disciplines of Dance.
- Provide students with an exceptionally high standard of teaching in all aspects of Dance.
- Encourage and reward effort and achievements.
- Provide all our students with the opportunity to perform regularly at a variety of events.
- Most importantly... Provide students with a warm, friendly and family environment, at the same time learning a variety of professional discipline art forms. The training that our students receive within the company will provide them with confidence and communication skills that will be valuable in later life.

Company Parent and Dancer Meeting at the Park District
Saturday, August 2 @10:00AM

Nutcracker Information meeting at the Park District
Saturday August 2 @ 11AM

Fee Requirements:

All fees must be paid by check or cash.

Please make all checks payable to The Geneva Park District.

Only enrollment for classes may be paid for by credit card.

- There is a *non negotiable* Dance Company Fee of \$85 per dancer. That is paid Before November 26th. This fee helps compensate the instructors for their time spent at Conventions, Competitions and Performances
- 2 day Dance Convention fees range from \$125 - \$200 (January 24th-25)
- Competition fees range from \$35 - \$85 per dancer and dance.
- Costumes fees are \$55/per dance and are already included in the price of the Fall Company class.
- Uniforms for Company Members: Dancers are required to purchase Sunset Dance Company warm up and dance bag. These are the same as last year so if you already have them you do not need to purchase them again. Warm ups cost \$75-\$80, Company Bags cost \$35-\$45
- There will be an option to purchase additional SunSet Dancers Dance Attire, such as sweatshirts, t-shirts, and dance pants. These items may be worn to class but not in class at any time.

The Days of the Auditions:

Audition attire: Dancers need to wear a solid color leotard, tights or tight fitting jazz pants, hair in a bun and/or completely swept out of face (no pony tails) dancers need to bring all shoes, (ballet, jazz and tap).

- ❖ You must be **registered in order to audition**. You may register at the main office.
- ❖ Audition times will start sharply each day. Once auditions have begun dancers may not enter the rooms.
- ❖ Dancers should arrive at least 30 minutes *prior* to audition time to sign in and warm up.
- ❖ Teachers are looking for ability to pick up on choreography quickly, performance ability, and over all attitudes in the classroom environment.

All dancers must audition in the age group that corresponds to the age they are by September 1st, 2008.

2008-2009 companies	ages	time	instructors	resident fee	non-resident fee	dates
Company auditions	5-6	10:00AM- Noon	staff	\$35	\$45	8/11-8/13
Company auditions	7-9	1:00PM- 3:00PM	staff	\$35	\$45	8/11-8/13
Company auditions	9-11	1:00PM- 3:00PM	staff	\$35	\$45	8/11-8/13
Company auditions	11+	3:00PM- 5:00PM	staff	\$35	\$45	8/11-8/13
Company Nutcracker auditions	5-9	2:00PM- 4:00PM	staff	\$15	\$25	8/15
Company Nutcracker auditions	10+	4:00PM- 6:00PM	staff	\$15	\$25	8/15

Pre Company

Teacher: Katie Behrens

Thursday

Ages 5-7

4:15PM-5:15PM

Members are required to take a Jazz technique class. Members will be learning a jazz/hip hop dance. Totaling 2 classes a week.

Lyrical/Jazz Company

Sr. Company

Teacher: Katie Behrens

Tuesday

Ages 9+

4:00PM-5:30PM

Jr. Company

Teacher: Colleen Kobler

Monday

Ages 7+

6:30PM-8:00PM

Members are required to take a Jazz and Ballet technique class. Members will be learning a jazz dance and a Lyrical dance. Totaling 3 classes a week.

The SunSet Dancers Member List will be e-mailed out on Sunday August 17th after 7PM.

Nutcracker List will be posted out side the large dance room on Monday August 18th.

*****All company lists are final, no understudies or apprentices will be allowed.

Tap / Musical Theater Company

Jr. Company

Teacher: Jenny O'Brien

Wednesday

Ages 7+

5:30PM-7:00PM

Sr. Company

Teacher: Heidi Heneks

Saturday

Ages 9+

10:30AM-12:00PM

Members are required to take both Jazz and Tap technique classes. Members will be learning a Tap dance and a Musical Theater dance in class. Totaling 3 classes a week

Nutcracker

ALL Company Members that wish to participate in The Nutcracker must be enrolled in a Ballet class at the Park District.

Company performances and shows:

The 2008-2009 Company will perform at the following events and venues:

- ❖ **The Nutcracker > December 19th and 20th, 2008**
- ❖ **Adrenaline Dance Convention- January 24th and 25th, 2009**
- ❖ **Spring recital > May 16th, 2009**
- ❖ **Swedish days > Summer event**
- ❖ **Swedish day Parade > Summer event**
- ❖ **3-or more Park District (IPDGA) competitions**
 - 2/21 at Batavia
 - 3/8 at Fox Valley
 - 3/15 at Bloomingdale
- ❖ **2 Private party Competitions > January through May**
- ❖ **Marklund Homes > January through May**
- ❖ **Concert in the park > Summer event**
- ❖ **Nursing/ Senior living homes > Summer event**

PLEASE BE ADVISED

Most of our “performances” are in the SUMMER, and the “Competition” season runs January –May.

SunSet Dancers Company Class/ Rehearsal Dress Code

*(Dancers that do not show up to class in the proper attire may not be permitted to dance, **HAIR MUST ALWAYS BE SECURE AND OUT OF FACE, No pony tails**)*

All Dancers are required to have the Proper Dress and Correct Dance Shoes for Each Class.

JAZZ/ HIP•HOP/Musical theater Solid color leotard Black, Tan or Pink Tights Black or Tan Jazz Shoes Tight Fitting caprice Jazz pants	TAP Solid color leotard Black, Tan or Pink Tights Tap Shoes Tight Fitting caprice Jazz pants	LYRICAL / BALLET Solid color leotard Black, Tan or Pink Tights Ballet shoes for ballet and Jazz shoes for Lyrical or paws if teacher permits
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- Black or Solid Color Leotard for All Classes- No dance tops!
- Absolutely **NO** Baggie Dance Clothes Absolutely **NO** Street Clothes (tank tops, shorts, sweatshirts)
- If you have to ask “can I wear this?” you should take it off.
- **NO** Loose Jewelry
- **NO** Eating or Chewing Gum in Class- Water May be brought to class

Dancer and Parent Attendance/ Class Behavior expectations

- The SunSet Dancers Dance Company **is a FULL year Commitment and will perform year round, so year round enrollment is required. (INCLUDING SUMMER)**
- *All dancers will treat each other and their teachers with kindness and respect. Dancers will not critique each other or give corrections; this is the teacher’s job. Any dancer that creates drama in the classroom could be subject to dismissal from the company.*

- ❑ **All Company Rehearsals and Performances are required.** Members of Company will be allowed 5 absent days total from Company Rehearsals from September 2008 through July 2009. Advanced notice will be required and a form will be provided.
- ❑ **Until the choreography is complete, dancers that miss class may be choreographed out of the section that they have missed. It is the dancer's responsibility to learn any missed choreography outside of class.** Attendance is most important during the time the choreography is being set on the dancers.
- ❑ Two *Unexcused* absences, Dancer *MAY* be pulled from next performance depending on date.
- ❑ **All Dancers are required to attend ALL REHEARSALS AND TECHNIQUE CLASSES the Week of a Performance or Competition or Dancer WILL NOT PERFORM.**
- ❑ Parents YOUR Dancer ***MUST*** be enrolled in their required Technical and Company Classes before each session starts. **For fall they must be registered by Friday August 29th. SPACE in technique classes is limited and is not guaranteed just because you are in company. SIGN UP EARLY.**
- ❑ ***Teachers will be giving technique level assignments at the beginning of the fall term. Students will stay in this level until the teacher gives them the approval to move up. Teachers will not be giving technique level assignments through out the year only in the fall. Teachers are the only ones who can move a child up.***
- ❑ Parents must fill out the advanced notice of absence sheet located on the trophy case in order for students to be excused from company class.
- ❑ Please allow yourself plenty of time to arrive to class *on time* as classes will start *sharply*, if you have a time conflict with your child's company class please notify the teacher and make arrangements.
- ❑ **Parents please make sure that you pick up your child promptly after class; our teachers must wait to leave until all students are picked up and we worry when you arrive 5 or more minutes late. If you know you will be running late please call the office and get a message to the teacher so that we do not worry.
630-232-4542 after 5PM call 630-232-7867**
- ❑ During Company Rehearsals and technique classes All Dancers will be **expected** to treat each class as an audition... **Behave, Rehearse, and Perform with their BEST EFFORT AT ALL TIMES.** If dancer acts inappropriate during class he/she WILL be asked to sit out.
- ❑ Dancers/Parents are to check their mail folder and e-mail EACH *WEEK* for upcoming information on Events, Rehearsal Schedules, Performances or Newsletters.

SunSet Dancers/Parents

Convention, Competition & Performance Expectations

- ❑ Company Members/Parents are responsible for:
 - 1) Purchase of the appropriate uniform for dance events
 - 2) Purchase under garments, costumes, shoes and make-up. (List of appropriate needed supplies will be provided in dance packet after auditions).
- ❑ **Dancers, Be Responsible!** Write your name on **ALL** your dancewear and personal belongings.
- ❑ Each Dancer is responsible for their own Costume, Make-Up and Dance Items when at Competitions. It is the Dancers Responsibility to have all items of their completed costumes for a competition or show. If there are any missing pieces of costume or wrong shoes, no make-up, no jewelry... dancer will NOT perform. **Competition fees will NOT be reimbursed.**
- ❑ Convention/Competition Fees MUST be paid by the instructed date in order to participate in the Convention/Competition. Fees turned in after the instructed date may have a late fee or may not be accepted. **Please keep in mind that Convention/Competition Fees are NON Refundable. (This is the normal policy of all dance Convention/Competitions)**
- ❑ Dancers MUST arrive to Conventions, Competitions and Performances at instructed times.
- ❑ Dancers MUST always show respect to other dancers and stay until Company Performance is over or Competition Ceremony is over.
- ❑ Parents: Please remember that at competitions it is your job to be supportive and cheer on your dancers. It is the teachers' job to be critical of a performance. Parents are expected to show good sportsman ship at all events. Inappropriate behavior towards others or your child at an event may cause you to be asked to leave.
- ❑ During Company Events All Dancers will be **expected** to... **Behave, Rehearse, and Perform with their BEST EFFORT AT ALL TIMES.** If dancer acts inappropriate he/she WILL be asked to Leave.
- ❑ **Dancers will ALWAYS have Proper Manners and Respect at ALL Company Events:**

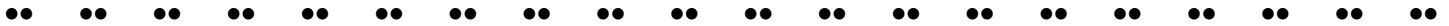


SUNSET DANCERS AGREEMENT

I have read the SunSet Dancers Dance Company Agreement. I understand the Company Dress Code and Company Class Requirements. I understand the Convention/Competition and Performance Dress Code and Expectations and Agree to abide by these Rules.

Dancer Signature and Date

Parent Signature and Date



*Please detach this portion and keep the top one for your records.
Return this portion to Katie Behrens at the time of your Audition*



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PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND TURN IN WITH YOUR AGREEMENT

Childs Name	
Parents Names	
Childs Birth Date	Month- day- year - age as of September 1, 2008-
Home Address	
E-Mail Address for Company Info	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone/s	
Emergency Phone	
Companies Auditioning For	

I would like to be on the fundraising team. YES NO

I WANT TO BE ON THE PHONE TREE. YES NO