



Parent Handbook 2023-2024



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NEW! This Year

Sunrise Dance Company

Ages 5-7yrs.

- 1 required weekly rehearsal
- 1 required weekly ballet class
- 2 required annual competitions
- 4 required performances
- 1 encouraged convention for ages 6 and up
- 1 encouraged weekly elective class

Sunset Dance Company

Ages 7-18 yrs.

- 2 required weekly rehearsals
- 1 required weekly ballet class
- 1 required weekly elective class
- 3 required annual competitions
- 4 required performances
- 1 required convention

The Goals of Sunrise and Sunset Dance Companies are to:

- Create a FUN and encouraging learning atmosphere
- Educate our students in various disciplines of dance
- Provide students with exceptional dance training at an affordable price
- Build confidence and friendships
- Provide multiple performance opportunities
- Most importantly, provide a warm and friendly environment through which students are able to gain confidence and skills that will be valuable throughout many aspects of life

SUNRISE DANCE COMPANY FEE STRUCTURE

Ages 5 – 7yrs. Class Code: 4210329-18

Item	Dates	Price
Sunrise Company Rehearsals (ages 5-7yrs.) REQUIRED	Tuesdays 5 -6pm Class Code: 4210329-18 (9/5/23 – 8/8/24)	\$57 (res)/ \$64 (non-res) NEW! Monthly fee Sept. 2023 –July 2024
1 weekly Ballet Class REQUIRED	Day/time selected by dancer (9/5/23 – 8/8/2024)	Listed in program book
2 Park District Competitions REQUIRED	TBD – Spring 2024	\$35 performance fee due by 10/31/23
1 Convention (encouraged)	Nov. 5, 2023 Midwest Convention Center, Northlake, IL	\$120 due by Sept. 15, 2023 For ages 6-7 only, one observer band included
1 weekly elective class (encouraged)	Day/time selected by dancer (9/5/2023 – 8/8/2024)	Price varies per class. Please see price listed in program book or at genevaparks.org.
Costume and team gear REQUIRED	Fees due by 9/30/23	Approximately \$250

Sunrise Dance Company requires a weekly commitment from 9/2023 through 8/2024.

Weekly class commitment is 1.75-3 dance hours, with additional hours on competition and performance weekends.

SUNSET DANCE COMPANY FEE STRUCTURE

Ages 7 – 18yrs. Class Codes: 4210329-05

Item	Dates	Price
<p align="center">Sunset Company Rehearsals (ages 7-18yrs) REQUIRED</p>	<p align="center">Wednesdays 7 -7:45pm AND Thursdays 7:20-8:20pm Class Code: 4210329-05 (9/5/23 – 8/8/24)</p>	<p align="center">\$107 (res)/ \$121 (non-res) NEW! Monthly fee Sept. 2023 – July 2024</p>
<p align="center">1 weekly ballet class (beg. – level II) OR 2 weekly ballet classes (level III – level IV) REQUIRED</p>	<p align="center">Day/time selected by dancer (9/5/2023 – 8/8/2024)</p>	<p align="center">Price varies per class. Please see price listed in program book or at genevaparks.org.</p>
<p align="center">1 weekly elective class REQUIRED</p>	<p align="center">Day/time selected by dancer (9/5/2023 – 8/8/2024)</p>	<p align="center">Price varies per class. Please see price listed in program book or at genevaparks.org.</p>
<p align="center">3 park district competitions AND 1 national dance competition REQUIRED</p>	<p align="center">TBD – Spring 2024</p>	<p align="center">\$215* performance fee due by 10/31/23 *actual fee subject to change based on competition availability</p>
<p align="center">1 Convention REQUIRED</p>	<p align="center">Nov. 5, 2023 Midwest Convention Center, Northlake, IL</p>	<p align="center">\$120 (ages 7-8) or \$159 (ages 9-18) due by Sept. 15, 2023 For ages 7-8 only, one observer band included. Additional bands \$25</p>
<p align="center">Costume and team gear REQUIRED</p>	<p align="center">Fees due by 9/30/23</p>	<p align="center">Approximately \$280-\$380* *Actual fee subject to change</p>

Sunset Dance Company requires a weekly commitment from 9/2023 through 8/2024.

Weekly class commitment is 3.25-4.5 dance hours, with additional hours on competition and performance weekends.

Solos, duets, and trios are given at director discretion and require additional rehearsal, costume and competition fees.

PERFORMANCE AND COMPETITION CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change due to venue and competition availability

Item	Dates
Turn It Up Dance Challenge Convention	Nov. 5, 2023
Jingle Ball Recital	12/10 or 12/17 w/ mandatory dress rehearsals on 12/9 or 12/16
Park District Comp. #1	Spring 2024
Park District Comp. #2	Spring 2024
National Dance Comp.	Spring 2024
Park District State Comp. (Sunset only)	Spring 2024
SDA Annual Recital	May 2024
Movies In the Park	Summer 2024
Swedish Days Performance	June 2024
Swedish Days Parade	June 2024

Sunset Dance Company requires

a weekly commitment from 9/2023 through 8/2024.

While some scheduling issues cannot be avoided, please make every effort to plan family vacations and other commitments outside of required performance dates. We will make every effort to announce required dates ASAP. Dancers who are unable to attend required performances or miss multiple rehearsals may be removed from future performances.

Additional performance opportunities may arise throughout the season, and we will do our best to notify parents as soon as possible regarding any changes.



Dancer & Parent Contract 2023-2024

Please review the following dance company rules and guidelines and return to Miss Ryann no later than 9/7/23.

- I/we understand that the Sunrise and Sunset Dance Companies are an 11-month commitment and will perform year-round. Year-round enrollment in all company and technique classes at the Geneva Park District is required, including summer 2024.
- I/we understand that technique Classes are required to be taken with the Geneva Park District. Dancers may not perform or compete any SDC works without written permission from the directors. SDC members may not perform with any other dance company or studio during the season.
- I/we understand that all dancers will treat each other and their teachers with kindness and respect. Corrections and critiques will be given from instructors and should not be given from participants. Any dancer displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or unnecessary comments could be subject to dismissal from the program.
- I/we understand that all dancers will be expected to behave and practice with their best effort at all times, taking corrections and maintaining a positive, respectful attitude. If a dancer acts inappropriately during class they will be asked to sit out and parent will be notified.
- I/we understand that practices and scheduled performances are mandatory.
- I/we understand that if a dancer misses rehearsals during time choreography is being set, they may be removed from the section. It is the dancer's responsibility to learn any missed choreography during their own time. Attendance is most important during the time the choreography is being set on the dancers.
- I/we understand that all dancers are required to attend all rehearsals and technique classes the week of a performance or competition. Missing class or

rehearsal the week of competition could result in dancers being unable to participate in the performance. Illness or school events that require a grade may be considered as an exception.

- I/we understand that dancers should arrive early and prepared to participate at all practices and performances. Late arrival could result in the dancer being unable to participate.
- I/we understand that dancers should be picked up promptly after rehearsals and performances. If you will be late to pick up your dancer, please call or text Miss Ryann or message on the Band app. If needed please call the office and get a message to the instructor. Sunset Community Center 630-232-4542.
- I/we understand that dancers should arrive in appropriate attire for rehearsals. Attire for rehearsals: leotard, tights, and hair securely pulled back (fitted shorts or leggings are allowed) For technique classes, dancers will follow the dress code listed in the program book for each style. For ballet classes, female dancers should wear a leotard, tights, and hair in a bun and fitted pants or leggings and a white t-shirt for males.
- I/we understand that participants are responsible for all required costumes and team gear purchases and fees must be submitted by the deadline. Late fees may be required or denial of participation may be necessary if payment is not received on time.
- I/we understand that competition fees must be paid by the instructed date in order to participate. Fees turned in after the instructed date will have a late fee or may not be accepted. Please keep in mind that competition fees are non-refundable.
- I/we understand that each dancer is responsible for their dance costumes, makeup and accessories when at a competition or event. Any missing costume pieces would result in point deductions at competitions, therefore the dancer may not be able to perform. Competition fees will not be reimbursed.
- I/we understand that dancers and observers can be judged based on good sportsmanship towards other teams at all competitions and events. All participants, including parents, friends and family observers must show respect to other competitors at all events. Any dancer or observer may be asked to leave an event if they fail to demonstrate supportive and positive behavior.

- I/we understand that the Sunrise and Sunset Dance Companies are no-cut teams. However, instructors may divide groups by skills/ability. Instructors have the right to place team members in age/level groups they see fit.



I have read the Sunrise and Sunset Dance Company Handbook and understand that it is a **binding contract** holding me responsible for adhering to the above verbiage until the season ends in August 2024. I understand the dress code and class requirements. I understand the Competition requirements and expectations and agree to abide by these rules.

Dancer Signature and Date

Parent Signature and Date