

Resilience Dance Company

The Resilience Dance Company is a competitive dance team consisting of dancers ages 6-18. RDC will dance under the direction of Missy Ridgway. RDC dancers compete at competitions and conventions on a regional scale. RDC will provide an opportunity for dancers to train at a high level and perform at competitions and conventions, while only dancing 2 required days per week. If students are interested in dancing more than the required amount, RDC provides additional opportunities through optional small groups and or solos, duos or trios which will be rehearsed on additional days.

Resilience Dance Company Outline

RDC will consist of 4 age levels: Mini, Junior, Teen & Senior. Each group will have their own dance schedule every week (see below). It is a possibility that RDC will offer an *optional* all company production number. Sign up for this dance will take place in the fall. RDC members are asked to make a commitment for the whole dance year.

Auditions

RDC auditions will take place on Wednesday, June 10 at Impact Dance Studio in Countryside, IL. The company list will be emailed 10 days after the audition. All dancers chosen are asked to return a commitment agreement along with the first session tuition no later than July 1. This fee will be non-refundable.

Location

All of the RDC classes and rehearsals will be held at Impact Dance Studio Countryside. The address is 6475 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525. The phone number is 708-469-7678.

Weekly Dance Schedule

Please note: the grade levels listed for each group are simply a basic guideline. Dancers may be moved to a higher level, technique pending.

Teacher Key:

DF = Diane Fotino

LM = Lizzie MacKenzie

MR = Missy Ridgway

RH = Reggie Harris

TA = Tanya Ashton

Mini Company – 1st & 2nd graders: 4 hours required per week

DF = Monday 4:00-5:00 – Company Class (competition dance rehearsal time)

TA = Monday 5:00-6:00 – Mini Lyrical

TBA = Friday 4:00-5:00 – Mini Ballet

DF = Friday 5:00-6:00 – Mini Jazz

* The Mini Co. will have 2 competition dances; most likely a Jazz & Musical Theater

*Small groups will not be available for Mini Company

Junior Company – 3rd & 4th graders: 4 hours required per week

TA = Monday 4:00-5:00 – Junior Lyrical

DF = Monday 5:00-6:00 – Company Class (competition dance rehearsal time)

DF = Friday 4:00-5:00 – Junior Jazz

TBA = Friday 5:00-6:00 – Junior Ballet

*The Junior Co. will have 3 competition dances; Jazz, Lyrical, and an Open *or* Musical Theater

*The rehearsal time for dancers who choose to participate in small groups is Saturday 9:00-10:30 am

Teen Company – 5th - 7th graders: 5 hours required per week

MR/TA = Monday 6:00-7:30 – Technique Class (Jazz/Lyrical)

MR/TA = Monday 7:30-9:30 – Company Class (competition dance rehearsal time)

LM/RH = Wednesday 6:30-8:00 – Teen Ballet

*The Teen Co. will have 3 competition dances in which all members would participate; Jazz, Lyrical, and an Open *or* Musical Theater

*The rehearsal time for dancers who choose to participate in small groups is Thursday 4:00-6:00 pm

Senior Company – 8th Grade-High School: 5 hours required per week

LM/RH = Wednesday 8:00-9:30 – Ballet

MR = Thursday 6:00-7:30 – Technique Class (Jazz/Lyrical)

MR = Thursday 7:30-9:30 – Company Class (competition dance rehearsal time)

*The Senior Co. will have 3 competition dances in which all members would participate; Jazz, Lyrical, and an Open *or* Musical Theater

*The rehearsal time for dancers who choose to participate in small groups is Saturday 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Tuition

Tuition will be paid by 6 week sessions. Tuition will be due on the first day of each new session. Dancers will not pay for weeks the studio is closed (Thanksgiving week, winter break, spring break). These weeks will be omitted from the tuition calendar. Please add a \$20.00 late fee for tuition paid after the first day of the new session. There will be a \$30.00 fee for all returned checks. An annual registration fee of \$25.00 per student or \$30.00 per family will be collected at the time of registration.

Price per 6-week session

Mini & Junior Company – 4 hours per week = \$240.00 per dancer per 6 week session

Teen & Senior Company – 5 hours per week = \$300.00 per dancer per 6 week session

Costumes

Each dance will require a new costume. Costume prices will not exceed \$200.00 per costume. A 50% deposit will be collected in the fall, and the remaining balance will be due in the spring. Shoes & tights to match the costumes will also be required and are not included in the costume price. Garment bags and hangers for each costume will also be provided for a fee.

Competitions & Conventions

RDC will be required to attend a total of **4** competitive events in the Chicago land area:

- 2 conventions which include workshop classes **and** competition
- 2 dance competitions
- RDC members will have the opportunity to attend additional dance conventions if they so choose
- The Mini Company may attend only 1 convention instead of 2. This will be decided upon by the Mini parents in the fall.

Summer Intensive for Juniors/Teens/Seniors August 17-21, 2009

After the summer off, this is our time to get our bodies back in dancing shape, meet our new friends, and get started on choreography. The RDC Minis will not participate at the intensive.

Who: This is required for all members of the RDC Junior, Teen & Senior competition teams.

When: Monday through Friday August 17–21, 2009

Where: Impact Countryside

Times: Juniors 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Teens 2:00 – 5:30 pm

Seniors 6:00 – 9:30 pm

Cost: \$175.00 for the entire week. The intensive fee is due on the first day, Monday, August 17.

Teacher travel & accommodation fee

A flat fee will be collected in fall to cover the teacher travel fees/accommodations/time at all competitive events. At this time, the fee cannot be determined because the number of total participants has yet to be decided.

Solos, Duos & Trios

If dancers choose to perform a solo or duo/trio, the fee is \$70 per hour for solos and \$50 per hour per dancer for a duo or trio. There will not be any choreography fees collected in addition to this fee.

Extra Rehearsals

At the beginning of each 6 week session, a rehearsal scheduled will be released. For the most part, the rehearsals listed will be for small group dances. In the event an extra rehearsal is needed for a large group dance, it will be scheduled in advance. A fee of \$10.00 per dancer per hour will be charged for all additional rehearsals. This fee should be added to the dancer's tuition for the upcoming session.

Small Group Dances

If dancers from Junior, Teen & Senior Company choose to audition for small groups, the rehearsal fee is \$10.00 per hour. If an outside choreographer will be choreographing a small group dance, all fees per dancer will be given before the audition.

Outside Choreographers & Master Classes

RDC is currently negotiating with guest choreographers Justin Giles & Sonya Teyeh to teach master classes as well as choreograph dances for the upcoming season. Dancers will be charged additionally for master classes.

Attendance & Absence Policy

- The dancer year will be split up into 3 semesters: fall, winter & spring. Each semester will be approximately 12 weeks in length starting in September and finishing in June.
- Each missed class counts as a single missed class. If two classes are offered on one day, two absences will be counted if the dancer missed the entire day.
- All dancers are allowed 6 vacation/free classes per semester.
- Dancer's absences are not to exceed a total of 6 missed classes per semester.
- Dancers are allowed to miss only 1 Company class (the class on the schedule in which competition dances are rehearsed) per semester.
- If any dancer is more than 15 minutes late to a class, or leaves more than 15 minutes prior to the end of class time, the class will be counted as an absence.
- Absences due to attending additional or optional dance conventions or competitions are excused.
- Dancers can participate in makeup classes if they so choose.
- If a dancer is physically injured, an absence will not be counted if he/she observes class and takes notes. If a dancer is ill and does not feel well enough to dance, they are asked to stay home. Please do not come too sick to dance.
- In the event a dancer does not maintain the absence guidelines above, (exceeds the 5 total absences allotted per semester or misses more than 1 company class per semester) the dancer will be removed from a competition dance of teacher's choice for the upcoming dance competition. In the case a dancer exceeds the absence rule a second time, the dancer will then be permanently removed from that dance for the remainder of the dance season.
- Costume and or competition fees will not be refunded in the case a dancer is removed from a dance due to non-compliance of the absence rule.

Food at Competitions

If the RDC parents are interested and there is parent volunteers to assist with the program, it is possible for dancers to have catered meals for dancers at the competitions and conventions. The cost is typically \$10.00 per dancer per meal. This will be decided by majority vote by the parents at the RDC parent meeting in fall.

Dressing rooms at competitions

RDC moms are asked to remain in the audience during the competitions. Older RDC dancers along with a select group of helper moms will be asked to help the younger dancers with their costume changes. This is to ensure the dressing rooms remain calm and run as smoothly as possible.

Extras

The following makeup items will be provided for each dancer: 3 piece eye shadow kit, eye primer, blush, lip liner, lipstick, liquid eye liner & pencil eye liner. Because we do not know exactly what the items will cost a year from now, the estimated cost of the items is about \$65.00. A group makeup lesson will also be offered.

All dancers will need a RDC warm-up suit. The cost for the suit will be about \$75.00. This cost includes both the jacket and pants, and all embroidery of the logo and dancer's names.

Nationals

RDC parents will have the option to vote on nationals for 2010. The three options would be: no nationals, Chicago nationals, or an out of state nationals. This will be decided upon by majority vote by the parents at the RDC parent meeting in fall.

Year End Recital

RDC will perform all of their dances in a year end recital in June for family & friends to come and see. RDC will also dance in Impact Dance Studio's recreational recital in June as well.