

Elite Edge Information!!!

For those of you who are new to the team, we call our competition team "Elite Edge"

I am so excited for a new year!!! I appreciate everyone's patience! I have this constant battle with how to be completely creative and organized at the same time. Having groups selected and then having to pick music doesn't always work and then sometimes it does. Sometimes I find the music first and then find out I am not ready to use that piece of music quite yet!!! When I think about everything, it's so funny b/c I probably over thinking and analyzing way too much!! Oh well....Anyhow here is what is coming up for all the Elite Edge Company Members



All soloist will begin practicing or will be scheduled in Aug/Sept

There are around 40 solos this year

I am doing new groups this year that are different then last year

Every year I've done something different, GroupWise, music wise, stylistically, etc.

We have many new company members that will need to be updated on what the basics are

We will have a parents meeting sometime in October

Attendance is mandatory! There will be no calling a few days b/4 saying the dancer will not be attending

Some of the following items can be taken care of now or as soon as possible

Tights, shoes will be listed when costumes are selectec

Costume prices will be listed no later than November w/ due dates of paymen

All dancers are required to have the following:

1. Elite Dance Shop Rhinestone Earrings or Clip on Earrings

(We are not requiring you to pierce your ears)

2. Begin or Continue to wear plain fake eyelashes for ALL PERFORMANCES

3. No Eye Glasses, please wear contacts

4. Purchase at least 2 pairs of the required tights for each dance from Elite Dance Shop

5. Purchase the required shoes for each Dance and keep as clean as possible for performance

(if they begin to look dirty or discolored, I ask that you purchase a new pair and keep the old ones for practice shoes. Judges look at our feet constantly. Never wear practice shoes for performances. We also don't want them too big that the feet do not look pointed)

6. Some dances might require a pony tail rhinestone clip or other hair accessory from the Elite Shop

7. Purchase Rhinestone Necklace from Elite Dance Shop

(I have talked to many people about the necklaces, b/c most teachers order them from the same place. You can do whatever you need to, to keep it on (add Velcro, safety pin, clear tape)

Please purchase a new necklace when it begins to turn green, this will not be acceptable

Also, have dancer take care of necklace to avoid discoloration for the year

Dancers Please Label Everything (shoes must be labeled on the inside of shoes!)





Music



1. I will let you know when your music is ready via note or e-mail
2. \$5 charge will be added to your account for a copy of dancers music
3. Only your dances will be allowed to be recorded
4. Please be patient, as I will not have all of the music cut right away
5. The cd will be handed to the dancers when I have it ready

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ FEES \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

CESOD ACCOUNTS

Competition fees are due by the 1st of each month \$50.00, a \$10 late fee will be applied after the 10th I will hand you what months will need to be paid for with the fall practice schedule. This payment will automatically be billed to your families account.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL FEES

Each separate Competition has fees per routine...Large Group fees, Small Group fees, Solo fees, Duet fees, Trio fees, etc..... (average group price is \$23 per dancer for each dance)

You will receive a very specific sheet of paper that you may refer to in regards to these particular fees along with the due dates...This information will not be passed out until competition dates have been released and chosen.

ELITE EDGE COSTUMES

Each dancer will have an invoice sent home with their Elite Edge Costume bill Remember we have to select the costumes before the invoice will be sent out. Payment due dates will be passed as soon as costume selection is complete. Dancers will not be able to receive costumes until they have been paid. Dec/Jan will be the time they will need to all be paid up

SOLO FEES

Each solo dancer needs to sign in on the clipboard...writing their name and date Parents will have a choreography fee and private lesson fees with Miss Charlee

*******REMINDER*******

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PURCHASE THE THINGS YOU ARE AWARE THAT YOU NEED ASAP! THAT WAY IF THE ELITE DANCE SHOP IS OUT OF IT WE HAVE TIME TO ORDER MORE FOR YOU. IT TAKES 24 HOURS TO GET THE ITEMS IN WEEKDAYS ONLY! ALSO THIS HELPS FINANCIALLY, SO EVERYTHING ISNT DO AT THE SAME TIME, NOT TO MENTION, THERE WERE MANY DANCERS RUSHING TO WALGREENS THE DAY BEFORE AND THE DAY OF COMPETITIONS, WE CAN PREVENT THIS STRESS OF PROCRASTINATION, TIME AND MONEY BY TAKING CARE OF THESE THINGS NOW! MAKE SURE TO STOCK UP!



Competition Etiquette

- ◆Elite Edge Warm-ups are to be worn at every competition, especially on stage
- ◆Dancers need to wear CESOD apparel at all times if they take off warm-up jackets
- ◆We ask that parents sit together to build team unity and to make it easy to locate members of our team and Elite Edge parents
- ◆Parents are not allowed backstage only dancers
- ◆Dancers need to be ready 1hour before their 1st dance w/ hair, costume, make-up, stretched and ready to go
- ◆Dancers must be on stage with their team to accept the trophies, this is mandatory
- ◆Please stay and watch all dancers for support, it means so much

Positive Attitudes

Remember to focus in on the positive rather than the negative

Constructive criticism is meant to be just that, not something to be taken personal

Try your best!

Work on fixing corrections

Let's always be aware that we can always reach a new level of greatness

Point our Toes, we are dancers...correction point our Ankles

Panicking is not the solution

Come prepared to work and have fun in the process

REMINDER: Miss Charlee is first and foremost your teacher and coach...Dance is a Sport

Please stay away from the gossip or taking part of it

Never exclude anyone from the group, we are team that works together

Never exclude anyone who does not go to CESOD

Sometimes we all get emotional, so let's try to stay calm and collected

Think twice before speaking, lets keep all comments **positive**

BE SUPPORTIVE IN ALL ASPECTS

Rules of the Studio

Please follow the basic rules of the studio

Keep the language & conversation topics appropriate

Come to class w/ focus and ready to be challenged

Keep the studio clean on the weekends

Pick up after yourself and put things back

Never sit down unless you were given permission

Elite Edge practices are closed from viewing all year

Never hang on the barres

Respond and Respect everyone

Private lessons are private

Leave everything at the front door you are now here to dance



Exceptions to weekday rules

Dancers at the studio over 2 hours may bring food into the studio if their practice is scheduled over 3 hours or they have a break. The Elite Edge team is only allowed this on the weekend. Please help me set a standard that this is not allowed by anyone during the weekdays. Only water is permitted in the studio and please keep the snacks and meals healthy.



Elite Edge Dress Code for Practices

Dancers need to have their secured to their head, all the way up, unless directed otherwise

Tight dance clothes are only allowed: tight legging capris

Tights and leotards, dancers hot shorts, tight take tops, proper shoes in Elite colors

No: Baggy capris or pants, t-shirts, regular workout shorts, undergarments of

any kind, no leotards in colors that are not Elite Colors and no layering of clothing



Congratulations to the dancers for making the team and becoming part of the Elite Edge Family! I am ecstatic for this upcoming year!

Makeup and Hair Policies

Hair will be worn in a bun, low pony tail or what ever dancers instructions are. All hair will be worn with a part at least 2 inches long on the right side of dancers head and the required hair piece assigned when costume is selected.



All dancer will be need to wear base makeup for stage and lighting purposes, black mascara, black liquid eyeliner on the top lid, pink-red blush (no oranges, peaches, hot pinks or bronzers) and grey eye shadows. The lipstick will be assigned once the costumes have been selected for each costume.



This is the Elite Edge Checklist for Competitions

The following are very useful and necessary to help keep things organized & collected.

*Bobby pins, hair pins, hair nets are required when in a bun, make-up bags or caboodles, safety pins, traveling sewing kits, highlighters, bottle of water, black sharpie, hairspray, gel, hair brush or comb, spare pony-tail holders that match dancers hair color, polish remover, glue, cotton balls, band-aids, Advil, competition schedule, healthy snacks, required jewelry, costumes labeled in garment bags, dance shoes labeled, dance tights labeled, CESOD apparel, Edge Warm-ups, slippers or comfortable shoes, an ipod or cd walkman for practice, a positive attitude, a smile, not to mention facials or expressive emotion and **READY TO DANCE!***

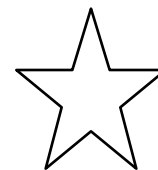


The competition schedule will be posted for the whole year by mid November. This will include practices, times, dates, location of regional competitions, dates of regional competitions, etc. Nationals will not be decided until the month of April. Nationals are usually in June and dancers will be required to practice 5 days after recital. Regional competition times will not be given until I am notified, which is at least 5 days before the actual competition. I have to re-write the schedules for you and then make copies, e-mails, calls, etc. Please do not call the studio and ask, we are trying to make calls out..but do call if it's 2 days b/4 and you didn't receive any information about the times.

In order to do my job and teach your children the best that I can, I need all of you to refer to the written information that I will provide for you. If the answers to your questions are not in the written information, it probably isn't something that I able to address at this time. And when such information is known a new written form will be written out for your convenience. I appreciate you wanting to be informed and completely appreciate your consideration and cooperation!

If you have any questions please feel free to ask me, call me, e-mail me or ask another parent who has been with me the past 2+ years, or gather a list and ask me at the parent meeting... Everything will be posted on the website, please check it frequently. Also, we have a new e-mail address cesodcrew@aol.com.

Remember we are all competing with each other not against each other! We are at the competitions for ourselves and to reach new goals! We need to cheer and support our friends and our competition, (Always wish good luck, Say Good Job or Give a compliment)



Thanks for helping and supporting me to accomplish such a wonderful TEAM!

Miss Charlee

