

What's Next?

COMPANY TEAMS 2018 - 19

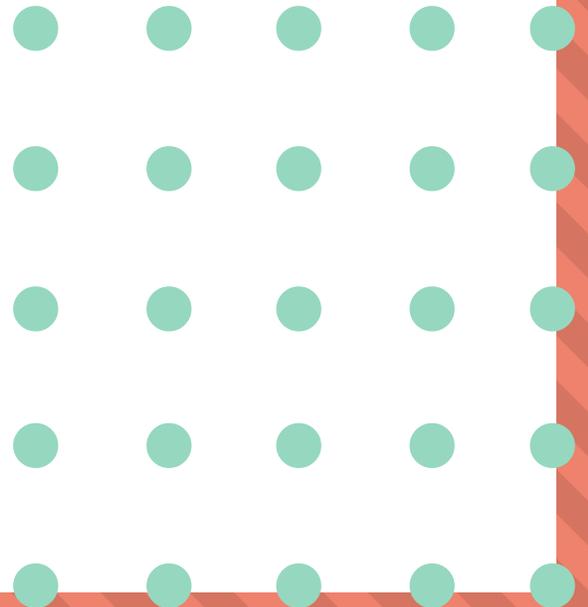
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Company Teams

Company Teams are offered for dancer's that are 10 (by Nov.1 2018) and older, looking for a deeper commitment and love to dance! These dancers train hard at Excel and attend conventions and master classes with their teammates to learn from the very best instructors around the world. They perform locally in the community as well as travel to several events throughout the season. They also perform in at least 3 of our recitals at the end of the year.

This years auditions/placements will take place at Excel on Sunday, April 22nd

* Ages 8-10 from 12:30-1:45

*Ages 11-13 from 2:00-3:15

*Ages 14 and up from 3:30-4:45

We evaluate each student individually as well as how the dancers will work well with others in a team environment. We will use our discretion to move students to a different level if needed during the beginning of the year. Please remember, we are all about performing and growing and not a competitive team. We know this is a commitment for your dancer so Excel's staff is committed to helping your dancer balance their time and energy to ensure they have full lives and grow into beautiful dancers and beautiful people inside and out.

Company Requirements

- * In addition to your team time, your dancer will also take the assigned technique class as well as a ballet and jazz that they will be placed in. (5 classes min)
- * Dancers must attend at least one of the scheduled conventions. (see dates & details)
- *To ensure continued growth we ask Company dancers to take at least 5 drop in classes through out the summer. (Jazz or Contemporary)
- * Attend **Mandatory** Summer Intensive- Aug. 8-10 (party on the 11th)
- * Each dancer is allowed 3 excused absences in classes through the year.
- * Purchase costume, Co. Jacket and Make up kit if you do not have them. (see details)
- * Attend all scheduled events for the year (see dates and details)
- * Have an awesome attitude, work ethic and compassion for your teammates!

Junior Company

Junior Company is offered for dancer's that are 8 (by Nov.1 2018) and up to age 11 by placement. We are so excited to offer Junior Company for dancers that want to experience a team with a smaller commitment and gradual introduction to full company! These dancers will train hard at Excel and attend an in house convention with their teammates to learn from the very best instructors around the world. They perform locally in the community as well as travel two events throughout the season. They also perform in at least 2-3 of our recitals at the end of the year.

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Junior Company Requirements

- * In addition to your team time, your dancer will also take the assigned technique class as well as a combo or single class of ballet or jazz. Once they decide the genre of choice for their 3rd class, they will be placed in appropriate level. (3 classes min)
- * Dancers must attend Showstopper. (see dates & details)
- *To ensure continued growth we ask Junior Company dancers to take at least 3 drop in classes through out the summer. (Jazz or Contemporary)
- * Attend **Mandatory** Summer Intensive- Aug. 8-10 (party on the 11th)
- * Each dancer is allowed 3 excused absences in classes through the year.
- * Purchase costume, Co. Jacket and Make up kit if you do not have them. (see details)
- * Attend Only- WMU or other games, Showcase of Talent and Nursing home.
- * Have an awesome attitude, work ethic and compassion for your teammates!

XLR8

XLR8 is an elite team focusing on leadership that is a wonderful addition to Excel! Not only do these dancers learn how to audition for college/professional careers, they are exposed to options for life as a dancer after High School. They are also work with guest choreographers, create resumes, head shots and choreograph their own duets and trios. XLR8 takes an extra convention trip for adjudication as well as organize our Team Banquet and teach at the XLR8 Experience. Additional and unique performances and trips are also offered as part of this team. Fundraising takes place over the summer for extra events that we attend. Spots are limited to 10-12 dancers and are chosen through a dance audition and interview process.

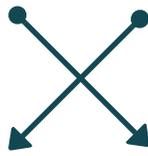
This years XLR8 Auditions will take place at Excel on Sunday, April 22nd

*For High School students from 5:00-6:00

We evaluate each student individually as well as how te dancers will work well with others in a team environment. XLR8 is also a team that requires much team work and positive attitudes as they are leaders at the studio. Please remember, we are all about performing and growing and not a competitive team, however XLR8 is a more serious dedication. We know this is a commitment for your dancer so Excel's staff is committed to helping your dancer balance their time and energy to ensure they have full lives and grow into beautiful dancers and beautiful people inside and out.

Company Requirements

- * In addition to your 1.5 class team time, your dancer will also take thier ballet and jazz that they will be placed in addition to Co. team (5 classes min)
- * Dancers must attend at least one of the scheduled conventions. (see dates & details)
- *To ensure continued growth we ask Company dancers to take at least 7 drop in classes through out the summer. (Jazz or Contemporary)
- * Attend Mandatory Summer Intensive- Aug. 8-10 (party on the 11th)
- * Each dancer is allowed 2 excused absences in classes through the year.
- * Purchase additional costumes and tank for XLR8
- * Attend all scheduled events for the year (see dates and details)
- * Have an aweome attitude, work ethic and compassion for your teammates!



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS NHSDA

Ms. Katie is so excited to be a Chapter member for NHSDA through NDEO (National Dance Education Organization). The mission of NHSDA is to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership and academic achievement in students studying dance and foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form and one worthy of recognition and prestige.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS INFO:

- * Dancers in grades 9-12 must achieve 30 points to be eligible for induction and rise ceremony at the end of each dance year.
- * Points may be earned by assisting classes(20@ most), helping/volunteering with activities at the studio (points by hr.) and your school (up to 5 points)
- * (1 hr= 1 point) Turn in points for approval @ front desk.
- * Our in house induction/ rise ceremony will take place at Excel on June 11th at 6:30 PM
- * Each dancer will be asked bring a small treat to share and families are welcome

THINGS FOR DANCERS TO DO MOVING FORWARD:

- * Complete online pledge/induction form -
- * Pay \$10 one time membership fee at front desk
- * Make sure Ms. Karly has your email so we can send your approved points to track.
- * Have all points completed before Induction/Rise ceremony
- * TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS! You don't have to be on Company to be a part of NHSDA, We want all High School dancers at Excel to be a part of the program

Graduating seniors may purchase:

- * Honor cords- \$18.00
- *NHSDA Pin- \$8.00

*"Dance is the hidden language
of the soul and body"*
-Martha Graham

Details

Team	Classes/ week	Performances	Conventions	Summer drop-ins	#Recitals
Junior Co.	3	3	1 Show- stopper	3	2-3
Company Teams	4	4-5	1	5	3
XLRS	6	5-7	2	7	5

Dates and Financials

Costuming Details with Financials-

- * Team Costumes, tank top and opening # costuming- \$145
- * Team Jacket if you do not have one yet- \$60 (\$9 for name if wanted)
- * Jewelry kit if you do not have one- \$25 (Necklace and earrings)
- * Make up kit if you do not have one- \$40 (Blush, lipstick, eyes and bag)

Performance Dates with Financials-

- *Mandatory Intensive at Excel- \$165 Company and Junior Co.
August 8-10 from 9:30-3:30 and evening performance @6:30pm the 10th
Intensive includes guest artists, company teachers, education classes, t-shirt and gift
- *Pool party at Ms. Katie's on August 11 from 12:00-2:30
- *WMU half time performance- \$10-18/ ticket depending on game. Dancer is free
Times TBA but usually takes place Nov. and Dec.
- *Christmas/Holiday Team Party- \$10 limit for gift game
Dec. 1st- 6:30-8:30pm
- *Kalamazoo Christmas Parade- Date TBD
- * Nursing Homes- One per year and usually take place either fall or spring
- * Detroit Showcase of the stars- \$30/dancer
April- Date is TBD
- * Showcase of Talent for Kids with Cancer- \$5 entry fee for observers
April- Date is TBD
- *Growler's game- dancing on the field
Cost and Date TBD

Other fun activities we have done in the past and would be announced in plenty of time: Big sis/Little sis team parties, Art hop, 4th of July Parade, Paw Paw Parade, K-Wings performance, Growlers game performance, Joffrey classes, Kalamazoo Christmas parade and more! Our big trips take place every other year and we have danced at Disney World, Orange Bowl, New York, and Carnival Cruise.

Conventions choices offered in the 2018/19 season-\$190-\$250 dancer fee plus travel and hotel

- *Showstoppers- Dates TBD- Sandusky, OH
- *ASH- February- Dates TBD- Chicago (XLR8 only)
- * Working on the second option for convention

