

Tumble 'N Dance 2024-25 Apprentice Teams Information

Parent Information Meeting: Thurs., May 16 at 6:30 pm at TND.

NOTE: Parents do not have to attend the meeting in order for their child to participate in the Apprentice Auditions in June. However, **it is highly recommended!**

Apprentice Team: Designed for serious students who wish to train at a higher level and participate in competition dance, but may be involved in other activities as well. Dancers who are new to competition dance at TND must be recommended by a TND teacher. All dancers wishing to be considered for the Apprentice Team must participate in one of the following: Apprentice auditions on June 15 or a private audition scheduled with Ms. April. Apprentice dancers usually range in age from 6-9 and 10-14. For more info concerning all things associated with [Competition dance @ TND](#), please click the link.

General Requirements:

- Required to attend technique classes once a week in ballet, tap, jazz, and gymnastics scheduled tentatively on Thursdays between 5:30-8:30 pm for the entire 24-25 Season.
- Participate in at least 1-2 small/large group entries at apprx. 3 local/regional competitions
- Required to attend summer dance camp intensive on July 22-26

Financial Obligations:

- **Monthly tuition for required Apprentice classes (no optional classes) = \$120.00 apprx.**
- Summer Dance Camp Intensive (\$260)
- Apprx. Regional Entry Fees per competition: Groups: \$65 per dancer x 3 regional competitions
- Competition Dress Rehearsal Fee: \$25 per dancer
- Group Competition Costumes: apprx. \$90 per costume
- *Spring Recital Costume - apprx. \$85
- *Christmas Performance Fee - \$30
- *Spring Performance Fee (recital and competition showcase) - \$85

Apprentice Audition: REQUIRED

The audition will take place at TND on Sat., June 15. There is no need to be anxious or prepare an audition piece. It will be structured into 4 mini-classes; ballet, tap, jazz, and gymnastics. Prior jazz, gymnastics, and/or tap experience is not required for the audition.

Audition Fee: \$15.00 [Audition Form](#) & Fee Due: June 10

Audition Day/Time: Sat., June 15 from 2:30-3:30 pm (Dancers will be divided into groups by age)

Summer Open Classes: Apprentice students are required to attend at least 2 open classes! (Fee = \$50)

Wed: 7:00-8:00 pm - Apprentice Teams - **DATE TBA**

Wed: 7:00-8:00 pm - Apprentice Teams - **DATE TBA**

Wed: 7:00-8:00 pm - Apprentice Teams - **DATE TBA**

REQUIRED Dance Camp Intensive: (Fee = \$260.00)

July 22-26 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Apprentice - REQUIRED

Tuition for 2024-25: Regular Season classes begin Aug. 5.

Apprentice Base Tuition for the 2024-25 Season: \$125.00 per month

***NOTE:** The class times for the 2024-25 season are approximate. The Final times will be confirmed once all competition dancers have been selected. Additional optional classes such as acro-contortion, lyrical, and hip hop will be offered to Apprentice students based on request; ie. If we have enough interested Apprentice dancers per age group, then we'll form an optional class. Apprentice dancers are also welcomed to take REC Hip Hop if they like.

Dress Code/Supplies: Apprentice dancers are required to wear a black tank leotard to their weekly class, along with footed tights. They will need a black chiffon wrap skirt to be worn for ballet + black Katrina/boy shorts to wear for tap, jazz, gymnastics, and/or hip hop classes. In addition, dancers will need to purchase the required shoes for the season which is typically *Capezio/Dance Class* jazz boots, *Bloch* black tap shoes, and PINK canvas ballet shoes. Exact colors for jazz shoes and style of tights will be announced after auditions when we begin finalizing the costuming for Apprentice competition dances.

Competition Costume & Jewelry: Apprentice dancers will need 1-2 competition costumes for the season. The costume fee is \$90.00 per costume and typically due by late September. Apprentice dancers will need to purchase Competition Jewelry (a rhinestone pony-tail holder, choker, and earrings) for the competition season. Parents will have the opportunity to place orders for the Competition Jewelry with TND or on their own from approved vendors.

Competitions: Apprentice will compete in two group entries at apprx. 3 regional competitions for 2025. The group entry fee is usually \$65 per competition. Competition season is February-May. We typically attend one competition per month during the season. The regional competitions that Apprentice dancers will attend will be held in the Atlanta metro area, ie. Riverside Epicenter, GA World Congress Center, Clayton Co. PAC. The schedule for each regional competition is set one week prior to the event. Therefore, when you receive the competition dates in August for the 2024 Season, please reserve the weekend dates for the competition. We will not know if your dancer will compete on Saturday or Sunday or the exact time until one week prior to the competition.

Attendance/Behavioral Policy: Regular attendance is required for classes/rehearsals throughout the entire season; summer 2024 through the 2025 spring recital and competition showcase. ***Participation in all TND performances, such as Christmas Program, Spring Recitals and Competition Showcase are required for all Apprentice dancers.** Attendance is expected at each and every regional competition that the Apprentice are scheduled to compete. Spur of the moment trips, using dance class/competitions as a means of discipline is discouraged while a member of the Apprentice Teams. You are a member of a TEAM and all members must be present and ready to work in order for the TEAM to be successful. Excessive absences and/or tardiness to classes, rehearsals, or competitions will result in removal from the Apprentice Team. Apprentice members are expected to be well behaved and committed to progressing in their instruction. Please consider your invitation to participate in the audition and possible Apprentice participation with these things in mind...being selected as a member of the TND Apprentice Teams is a joint student + family commitment, in addition to a financial commitment. You are committing to the entire 2024-25 Season as a member of the Apprentice Teams; you are expected to make this a priority over other extra-curricular activities, and be prompt with all payments to TND.

NOTE: Please be mindful that not all students in your child's current class may have been invited to participate in the Apprentice Auditions. Please don't openly discuss your invitation in front of other students or parents. Your consideration is appreciated.