

Starz Dancer

Denver Dance Starz Competition Team Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Summer is flying by and the start of a new dance season is JUST AROUND THE CORNER! Our choreographers are lined up and the teachers are busy making music selections. Welcome back both veterans and rookies! We can't wait to see what's in store for the upcoming year.

Choreography News

Our choreographers have been set and I am working on the schedule. I will send this out as soon as it is finalized (hopefully in the next few days).

Payment Schedule

Everyone should have received their 20112 statement and payment coupons. Please do NOT turn in payments WITHOUT coupons. The coupons insure that the payment is properly credited to your account AND serve as a receipt for you in the event that we miss a payment. **Everyone should have made their FIRST PAYMENT. It was due July 15.**

If you add, change or drop classes, please notify the front desk AND Michelle so that your account can be properly credited.

If you have questions regarding payments, please direct them to **Tina Lundy**.

Booster Club

The Booster Club officers are lining up fundraisers for the upcoming year and will have this information available at the Parent Meeting. If you have ideas for fundraisers, please contact Sherry Hammack: SHAMMACK128@comcast.net /720-560-4325 or Bernie Page: labpage@aol.com/303-280-9824.

Parent Meeting

There will be a MANDATORY parent meeting on **Wednesday, August 10** at 7:15 p.m. The meeting will be at the ANNEX in Studio C and it is **BYOC (bring your own chair!)** We do have some chairs available, but if you want to insure you have a place to sit, BYOC!

NEW PARENTS: If your dancer is NEW to the Competition Team, please plan to attend a **MANDATORY** new parent meeting at 6:30, prior to the full parent meeting.

Open House

We will be holding our Annual Open House on Saturday, August 6 from 10-2. Both studios will be open and we will be giving tours to prospective new dancers. If you know of any prospective new dancers, please invite them to the Open House. We will have some Open House Registration specials going on for anyone who registers that day. We will also be holding a sidewalk sale on select dancewear, and have new dancewear on sale. This is a great time to stock up on your dancewear and shoes, if you need them.

KAR Convention & Fusion Workshop

DDS is pleased to announce our participation in the new KAR Convention on October 15 at the Convention Center. This convention is a full day of master classes in several disciplines and the cost is just \$80 per dancer.

We are also pleased to announce the return of the Fusion Workshop with Miss Katie and crew! The Fusion Workshop will be on October 1 and the cost is \$115/dancer and will include 4 classes (tentatively Tap, Hip Hop, Musical Theater and Jazz). The Fusion Workshop will held AT THE STUDIO.

Both of these are OPTIONAL activities that your dancer may choose to participate in. However, I do need to begin the registration process soon, so I will need to get a commitment from those of you that are interested. I will be sending out a survey to find out who's interested. **Please complete it ASAP.**



Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee will be seeking volunteers to chair several upcoming events: 2011 Snack Shop, 2011 Lock-In, 2012 Wall of Fame Stars, 2012 Recital Flowers and several others. They will be discussing these positions and have sign-ups available at the parent meeting, so be thinking about if this is something you may want to get involved with.

The Scholarship Committee will also be selling punch cards at the parent meeting. The cards are \$10 each and if you buy 2 cards at once, you will not only earn an extra \$1 in punches, but you will also earn 1 scholarship point! Remember, dancers are no longer able to "charge" and they need to have a card at EACH studio, so come prepared to buy your dancer's cards and they will be all set for the weeks ahead.

Dress Code

Please review the studio dress code with your dancer prior to choreography and classes beginning. **ALL dancers are expected to have their hair pulled back and secured AND bangs clipped back during all dance classes and/or rehearsals.** Also, please remind them to wear proper dance attire during all classes and/or rehearsals, including tights under bootie shorts. Street clothes are NOT considered proper dance wear. LEOTARDS MUST be worn for ALL BALLET classes. **The studio dress code will be included in your CT Notebook inserts.**

Competition Team Notebooks

You will be receiving 2011/2012 inserts for your Competition Team notebook in August. There will be a dress code, schedule of tentative dates, scholarship and booster club info, phone lists, CT Agreement, Group Mom Phone List and staff list. For those of you that are new to the competition team, you will receive your notebook at the Parent Meeting.

Shoes

Although the dress code states specific shoes needed for class, if your dancer's CURRENT shoes still fit them, please do not buy them new shoes until costumes are finalized in October and you know what shoes will be needed for your dancer's costumes. Of course, if their feet have grown and they need new shoes, please get the ones listed in the dress code.

Relay for Life

Don't forget: the studio has 2 teams participating in the Relay for Life on September 10-11 at Webster Lake Park. We do still have some openings on the teams, if you are interested in participating. If you can't participate, but you would like to support us, there are several ways:

1. Make a tax-deductible donation of any amount. You may do so online at: www.WebsterlakeRFL.org You may donate to anyone on any of our teams.
2. Purchase a Luminaria from any team member or at the studio. Luminarias will light the relay path and ALL luminaria names will be read at the Luminaria ceremony the night of the Relay. We will have a table set up to decorate your luminaria at the studio. You may also submit a picture with your luminaria to be part of a power point presentation that night. The cost of each luminaria is \$10. You can purchase the luminaria in celebration of someone you know that is a cancer survivor or in memory of someone that lost their battle with cancer. ALL LUMINARIAS MUST be received by August 15, to be part of the ceremony. If you would like to purchase a luminaria, please contact one of the dancers participating on the team. You can get a list of dancers from the studio.
3. Donate to the general team fund through the Donation Box available at the studio.
4. Purchase a "star" in honor of or in memory of someone for a \$1.00 donation.
5. Drop off any old, unwanted cell phones in one of the drop boxes available at the studio.

All checks should be made out to THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY and all donations are tax-deductible.

Important Dates

August 6	10-2	Open House
August 10	6:30	New Parents Meeting at ANNEX
	7:15	MANDATORY Parent Meeting
August 22		Classes BEGIN
September 5		Studio CLOSED - Labor Day
September 10-11		Relay for Life