

# Woodcreek Dance Team

## 2019-2020 Requirements and Audition Information

We are so excited that you are considering auditioning for the Woodcreek High School Dance Team! We are looking for motivated and dedicated dancers who have some previous dance experience, love to perform, and are interested in representing Woodcreek High School with spirit and positivity. During the audition process, coaches will be looking for dancers who show improvement, have a positive attitude, and show potential to advance.

The purpose of the WHS Dance Team is to support programs at Woodcreek High School, provide entertainment at school events, and promote school spirit. As the Dance Team, we will strive towards academic excellence, we will have integrity, and will share our passion for dance. We are looking for dancers who share this vision and have the desire to be role models for Woodcreek and the community, and improve in their dancing abilities.

At Woodcreek we have a Sideline Dance Team and a Competition Dance Team; both teams are open to all grade levels. The Sideline Team will perform during most Varsity Football games and most half times, as well as, other events on campus. The Sideline Team will begin practices in May 2019 and their season ends after the last football game which is approximately November 2019. The Competition Dance Team is for those dancers who are already at an advanced level; the Competition Team performs at most Varsity Football games, some basketball games, most school rallies, and other events on campus as well as competing in 2-4 competitions throughout the year. The Competition Team will practice May 2019-March 2020.

Dancers are able to audition for both Sideline and Competition Teams; Competition dancers must participate in Sidelines. If a dancers would like to audition for both, they must attend the all audition clinics and indicate in their packet that they would like to be considered for both teams. Dancers who would like to be considered for both teams and indicated so on their packet, but do not score high enough to make the Competition Team can still make Sidelines. Dancers may also choose to audition for Sidelines only and will only have to come to sideline clinics.

This packet is meant to outline the audition process, give an overview of the expectations and requirements for dance team members, and answer as many questions as possible. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to email woodcreekdanceteam@gmail.com. We are looking forward to working with you throughout this audition process!

### **Audition Week** (Check in will occur in front of the dance room - Room 301)

*You must be present at every clinic, audition day, and following meetings for the team you are auditioning for or you will not be considered for the dance team. Should you make the team and miss a meeting, your spot will not be held. Both Sidelines and Competition have a Monday-Thursday requirement with Tuesday off for Sidelines ONLY. Competition Dancers will also have a solo and interview Saturday. Please see the schedule below. Remember Competition Team Dancers must be on the Sideline Team.*

**Wednesday, May 1st Sideline and Competition Team 4:00-4:30 turn in audition packets**

**Monday, May 6th Sideline Team 4:00-7:00 pm Sidelines and Hip Hop Routine**

**Tuesday, May 7th Competition Team 4:00-7:00 pm Contemp. Routine and Technique**

**Wednesday, May 8th Sideline Team 4:00-7:00 pm Jazz/Pom Routine and Technique**

**Thursday, May 9th Sideline and Comp. 4:00-8:30 pm Perform Technique, Sidelines, Hip Hop and Jazz/Pom in groups.**

Sidelines will be dismissed when they are finished (approx. 7:00). Comp stays to perform technique and contemporary.

**Saturday, May 11th Competition Team 10:00am- 3:00pm Solos and Interviews**

**Sunday, May 12th Sideline and Comp. Results via e-mail by 5:00pm**

## **Post Audition Important Dates**

(Full Summer/Fall rehearsal dates will be given at Parent Meeting)

Monday, May 13th **Sideline and Comp.** 3:30-5:30pm Uniform Fitting

Thursday, May 15th **Sideline Team** 3:30-5:30pm Sidelines/Home Routine Practice

Monday, May 20th **Sideline and Comp.** 6:00-7:30 pm Mandatory Dancer/Parent Meeting

**\*\*\*\$250 UDA Summer Camp Payment Due**

Monday, May 20th **Sideline and Comp.** 4:30-6:00 pm Sidelines/Home Routine Practice

Thursday, May 22nd **Sideline Team** 3:30-5:30pm Sidelines/Home Routine Practice

## **Important Audition Requirements**

Every dancer MUST submit a large envelope with the following items on May 1st between 4:00-4:30 pm:

**\*\*The items submitted in your audition packet WILL NOT be returned. Please plan accordingly\*\***

- Headshot (4x6 or 5x7 ONLY)- *does not have to be a formal or professional photographer.*
- A copy of your final semester grades from December 2018 (this can be a print out from Aeries or a copy of your actual report card)
  - Incoming Freshmen, please submit a copy of your previous 2nd trimester grades
- Completed questionnaire (questions and answers must be typed)
- Signed parent consent form/dancer agreement
- Information/contact form
- Competition Only: Solo song
  - Your CD should only have one track on it. You may also e-mail your cut song to woodcreekdanceteam@gmail.com by May 1st at 4:30pm with your *first and last name as the subject*.
  - Your solo should be 45 seconds long. If it goes over, we will fade it out. Please cut your own song if it does not start at the beginning. If you do not provide the cut version, it will be started at the beginning. All songs must have appropriate content/lyrics or you will score a 0 for the solo portion.

## **Audition Day Requirements**

Please wear the following attire during audition week:

- All black leotard, all black shorts over, with tan tights (All are acceptable: footed/convertible/capri)
- You may bring all black sweatpants, leggings, or joggers to slip on for Hip Hop
- A separate solo costume (optional) for Competition solo auditions
- Required shoes for the styles (jazz shoes and tennis shoes)
- Hair slicked back in a bun

On audition day, you will warm up as a group and do across the floors as a group. Then you will perform sidelines, hip hop and jazz/pom in groups of 3-4. Sidelines will be dismissed and Competition will stay to perform technique and contemporary in groups of 3-4. The coaches will give you these groups on the first day of audition clinics. The coaches will also assign the solo/interview time slots on the first day of audition clinics. Each dancer is required to attend and stay for all portions and may not leave early (with the exception of sidelines being dismissed before competition sidelines begin). Please arrange your schedule ahead of time. You will be dismissed after everyone is finished auditioning.

For the solo portion, you should come prepared with a 45 second, well-rehearsed solo in your desired style. Improvisation is not acceptable. Your self-choreographed solo must include technical elements (even if you perform Hip Hop). It should showcase technique that is not included in the technique portion of the audition, including any specialty techniques, tricks, or tumbling that you can do.

### **Sideline Technique for Auditions:**

Single Jazz Pirouette on the right and left side  
Double jazz pirouette on your best side  
4 8 counts of kickline choreo  
Brush leap and Sauté chat combination on the right and left side  
High-low double attitude on your best side  
Right, left and centered splits

### **Competition Technique for Auditions:**

Double Jazz Pirouette on the right and left side  
Triple Jazz Pirouette on your best side  
Battement around the world combination with a tilt kick  
Leg Holds front and side  
Brush leap and Sauté chat combination on the right and left side  
Side leap on your best side  
High-low chaine jete, double attitude, calypso on both sides  
Right, left and center splits  
\*Highly preferred, but not required:  
4 turns in second into a double pirouette on best side  
Back Leap, Switch leap, Disc Jump, Sissones

### **Dance Team Questionnaire:**

(Please type your answers on a separate piece of paper and include it in your packet)

1. What dance experience do you have?
2. What are your dance strengths and what are some dance elements you need to improve on?
3. Why are you auditioning for the team? What would you like to obtain from the dance team experience?
4. How will you be a role model for the team, school, and community?
5. What are the qualities that every team member should have and do you feel you possess those qualities?
6. How will you keep the dance team as a priority throughout the school year? Do you have any other commitments that may cause a scheduling conflict with dance team commitments?
7. Why is respect the most important asset to maintain and how will you ensure that you are respectful at all times while on the dance team?
8. What are your personal guidelines for your social media accounts and how do you plan on keeping your social media content appropriate at all times while on the dance team?
9. What will you contribute to the dance team if you make the team?
10. How will you do your part to make sure that everyone feels included and welcome on both the JV and Varsity dance team?

## **What to Expect if You Make the Team:**

The Dance Team represents the school on campus and in the community. The Sideline Dance Team performs in most football games and other campus events. The Competition Dance Team is for those dancers who are already at an advanced level; the Competition Team performs at most Varsity Football games, some basketball games, most school rallies, and other events on campus as well as competing in 2-4 competitions throughout the year. It is expected that dancers adhere to the dance team contract in order for them to maintain their position on the dance team. In order for dancers to be considered for the team they must excel in academics (2.0 GPA or higher), be respectful, honest, hard-working, have integrity, and possess a strong desire to improve their teamwork as well as dance skills.

If you choose to audition for the team, it is expected that you will constantly strive to be an exemplar student, be highly motivated, and constantly give utmost effort at all practices, performances, and in schoolwork. The coaches expect that you make the dance team a priority and understand that all practices and performances are mandatory. The coaches hold dancers to high expectations in being an all-around example on campus and in the community and only ask that only dancers who are willing to work hard and maintain that high standard audition for the team.

The dance team is asked to perform at several events throughout the year and will receive a calendar with all scheduled events. In the fall, dancers will be responsible for attending practices and games (both teams will commit to 1 hour conditioning and 4-5 hours sidelines/halftime practice per week. Competition teams will also have 1 hour ballet and 2 hours of competition rehearsal) Football games will be held Friday nights from August-November and require a 4-9pm commitment. Starting in January, competition team will have 1 hour of ballet and 4-6 hours of competition practices per week. The basketball schedule will vary. Exact schedules will be given out at the parent meeting. Dancers are also asked to attend the UDA Summer Camp July 19th-22nd. Please arrange your schedule now as every dancer should attend. Competition dancers have an optional camp June 27th and 28th in Long Beach, CA.

For uniformity purposes, dancers who make the team need to keep their hair a natural color - no pink/blue/bright red etc. For safety purposes, dancers with pierced ears must wear studs at practice - no dangling/hoop/bars etc. Dancers may not have any other body piercings with rings/bars/hoops while at practice, or any other team event. Please do not get any piercings throughout the year, as you will HAVE to remove them for camps, and all performances.

The Dance Team does have a summer practice schedule. It is highly encouraged that dancers attend as many summer practices as possible; however, if a dancer needs to miss a practice, they simply will not be included in the choreography that they miss. We've created the summer schedule with the hope that family vacations, etc. can be planned during weekends that we do not practice. Over the summer we learn halftime routines, rally dances, camp dances, and other dances that will be used throughout the year. Summer schedule and kids camp dates will be posted online by April 13th and handed out at parent meeting.

Here is an approximate breakdown for the year with estimated due dates (All pricing is a rough estimate. Exact pricing will be given at the parent meeting):

- \$500 for dance camp at UC Davis (July 19th-22nd) – deposit due May 20th at parent meeting (\$250) and the balance due June 15th.
- \$450 proaction prep Long Beach CA (June 27th and 28th) Competition Only (Due May 20th)
- \$500 for uniforms/camp outfits/warm ups/bags/bows – due June 1st
- \$60 for choreography – due July 18th
- \$600 Competition and Convention Fees (comp team only) due throughout the year.
- \*Any other costs for basic dancewear like tights/shoes/leotards etc. that will be purchased on your own throughout the year.

**Dancers will have the opportunity to fundraise. We will participate in multiple fundraisers to raise as much money as possible to go towards expenses.** There will be fundraisers beginning in May and throughout the year to help cut costs.

*Please do not let money be the reason for not auditioning, talk to the coaches if you have concerns.*

**\*Additional Questions? Contact us at [woodcreekdanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:woodcreekdanceteam@gmail.com)**

## Parent Consent Form & Dancer Agreement

Dear Parents,

Your dancer has expressed interest in becoming a member of the Woodcreek High School Sideline or Competition Dance Team. The dance team is a yearlong commitment with up to 8 hours of practice time, as well as game time throughout the year. The dance team performs at Friday night football games August-November and has other performances throughout the year. Please read the audition packet and the following expectations of being a part of the WHS Dance Team:

- My student and I understand that their first role is a student at Woodcreek High School and second, a member of the WHS Dance Team. Schoolwork will always remain a priority.
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in order to audition and must also be maintained throughout the school year.
- My student and I understand that as a member of the Woodcreek Dance Team, they are a highly visible school leader and will uphold the expectations of the WHS Dance Team with positive and appropriate behavior. Dance Team members will be respectful and have integrity at all times.
- My student and I understand that any social media accounts will be made visible to the coaching staff for monitoring, and I will monitor my student's social media posts. All material must be appropriate and follow all school, athletic, and team rules.
- My student and I understand that I must follow all school rules and athletic packet rules and any illegal or inappropriate behavior will be referred to school administration.
- My student and I will respect the decisions of the coaching staff and understand that dancers who score the highest on their overall audition will make the team. We understand that all decisions are final.
- My student and I understand that dance team practices and performances are mandatory and will schedule birthday parties, birthday dinners, vacations, and other events on days that practices and performances do not occur.

By signing below, I acknowledge that my student and I have read the Woodcreek Dance Team Audition packet and understand the audition schedule, team expectations and guidelines. We understand that all dates listed in this packet are mandatory and if my dancer misses any date they will be unable to be a part of the WHS Dance Team for the 2018-2019 school year. We will follow all rules and guidelines mentioned above and in the packet. By signing below, I also give permission for my dancer to audition for the WHS Dance Team 2019-2020.

Dancer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information/Contact Form**

Dancer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering for 2018-2019 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Which team are you auditioning for? (Circle)    Sideline    Sideline/Competition

Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dance Team Summer Schedule:

The following days will be the set dance team summer schedule. However, additional optional days may be added as needed.

If dancers miss summer practices, they will not be in the dances that they were not present for.

June 8th- Optional Sideline Camp Vallejo CA \$25

June 10th and 11th- 8:00 am-1pm

June 24th and June 25th- 8:00am -1:00pm

June 26th-29th Comp Team Camp (Long Beach CA)

July 12th 8:00 am-1:00 pm

July 15th-18th Kids Camp 8:00-12:30 Practice 5:00-9:00pm

July 19th-22nd UC Davis Camp

August 1st and 2nd 8:00am-1:00pm