



Team Talk

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Solos/Duets/Trios

Prices are listed below. If your daughter plans to compete, your registration form and all payments are due by December 1. **MONEY IS NON-REFUNDABLE** and all members wishing to compete in any of these divisions will be required to show me a completed routine on Jan. 7.

Ft. Bend Dance Classic
Solos \$35.00
Duets \$45.00
Trios \$45.00

Kingwood Dance Klassic
Solos \$40.00
Duets \$50.00
Trios \$50.00

Miss Drill Team Texas
(officers only)
Solos \$TBA

M.A. Klein Oak
Solos \$65.00
Duets \$100.00
Trios \$100.00

Austin Team Contest
Solos \$35.00
Duets \$45.00
Trios \$45.00

In case you are trying to help your daughter decide if she should do an extra dance, I can only offer this information:
1. I always encourage students to do solos/duets/trios because it offers a chance for them to be creative and an opportunity to improve self-confidence.
2. It is impossible to letter as a first year member if you do not do a solo/duet/trio at several of these contests.

Thank you to Heidi Crockford for organizing our "Mom's Night Out".

Contest Information...

Plans are well underway for Nationals. I would like to take a second to acquaint you with what is going on.

The girls are busy learning the contest routines (4 of them). We will compete in team Lyrical, Modern, Military, and Pom. Starting December 11, the girls will audition for each of the four routines. Everyone is guaranteed to be in at least one routine. If your daughter is not chosen for a particular routine, she will be considered an alternate. Alternates are **EXTREMELY** important because if for any reason someone misses a practice or fails a class, an alternate will be moved into that spot.

Because contest season is an extra month this year, I will be giving each girl one "absence coupon". She may use this pass to retain her spot(s) in the event that she is absent. **These may not be redeemed for "long rehearsals"**.

If you did not have the opportunity to hear all the details of our routines, please take a second to read below. We would like for you to be just as excited as we are, but PLEASE remember, we are not sharing these details/information with anyone!

Contest Lyrical

- "I Can Only Imagine"
- 48 dancers
- Backdrops to look like sunset
- Long purple velour dresses with sheer purple neck and sleeves

** Because this is a Christian piece, the girls have the option of not auditioning for a spot in the dance. However, they must do it for a skills test grade.

Contest Military

- Band Show Opener
- 48-56 dancers
- Backdrops to look like flag
- Black low back unitards with long sleeve red velour leotard underneath and matching red gloves

Contest Modern

- "The Slant" / "Inside Out"
- 48 dancers
- Navy and peacock unitards with gauntlets

Contest Pom

- "Bad Case of Loving You"
- 48 dancers
- White leotards with wide straps (red sequins to line top) and matching straight mini skirt with side slits
- Red metallic poms
- White nurses hats with red sequin trim.

A/B Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young ladies for maintaining all A's and B's during the second six weeks. We are truly proud of the example you are setting for our team!

Emily Ash
Sabrina Bauggue
Holly Beall
Brittany Bingham
Dylan Bollinger
Regan Boyd – All A's
Angela Bradbury
Jamie Bryant
Katherine Caleon – All A's
Jenni Cepeda
Alaina Clawson – All A's
Danielle Clay
Jacklyn Druckenmiller
Lindsay Florence
LaMonique' Flournoy
Bethany Freede
Courtney Fuqua
Kelly Garcia
Jessica Gunter
Kristen Leslie
Katie Lowery
Laura Moore
Theresa Pinina
Courtney Pursch
Lacey Riley
Brenna Robertson
Ashley Rogers
Meghan Svatek
Alyssa Todd – All A's
Jessica Turner
Eboni Wafer
Brittany Walters
Ashley Wood
Stacey Yellowlees

Silent Auction / Dinner

We still need additional volunteers to help serve dinner and run the auction. If you have "connections" and can get neat items for donations, PLEASE do so. We really need to raise enough money to cover contest expenses such as the tent rental.

Anything goes is the motto for donations!

Upcoming Events...

Holiday Party

There will be very few weekend events for the remainder of this semester now that football season is coming to an end; however, we will have our holiday party on Saturday, December 7 from 6-9 p.m. at the home of Nancy, Joe and Courtney Pursch. This is a mandatory event for your daughter. If you have a conflict, please send a note prior to the event.

Contest Costume Workshops

There will be several costume workshops in January and February. I have already ordered all four of our contest costumes but two of the three will need work when they arrive. We must add sequins to the pom costumes and rhinestones to the lyrical dresses. We will hand stitch the sequins on the pom costumes because I will take them off and reuse the costumes in the future, but the lyrical dresses will require no sewing...we simply glue the stones on. I promise, I can teach anyone to do these so PLEASE come help us.

Basketball Performances

Please look at the calendar carefully for January and February as we will be performing at 4 basketball games this year. We will do each of our contest routines once. Every member will be required to attend all of the games.

Fort Bend Dance Night

Each year, we participate in Fort Bend Dance Night. Every school is asked to bring 2 team dances and 1 officer routine. There are judges who do score sheets and talk tapes for the directors. While this is not a contest where ratings or places are announced, it is our first showing of our team dances to the community. No one wears costumes because the goal is for the judges to see the choreography and technique of the members. Fortunately, it does not conflict with NHS inductions this year.

Dress Rehearsal; MANDATORY Meeting and Dinner

On Thursday, March 13, there will be a mandatory parent meeting during the dress rehearsal. All team members must have an adult representative present at this event. We will also be serving dinner prior to the show in an effort to help accommodate families. Tickets will be \$7 each and will include pasta, salad, a drink and dessert. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the show/meeting will begin promptly at 7:00.

Letter Jacket Information

Because we have missed so many football games this year, it is going to be difficult for first year members to letter if they do not do a solo/duet/or trio several times.

I am keeping a list of everyone's points this year. If your daughter would like to know where she stands, please advise her to see me before school one day.

Tips To Maintaining Peace During Contest Season

1. Please stay on top of your daughter about her schoolwork.
2. Help make sure your daughter is eating healthy meals...foods to stay away from:
 - a. Chocolate
 - b. Beverages with caffeine
 - c. Greasy foods
3. Good foods to choose:
 - a. Pasta
 - b. WATER, WATER, WATER
 - c. Foods with protein
 - d. Fruit
 - e. Vegetables
4. Encourage your daughter to communicate with you about schedule changes by keeping a family calendar on the refrigerator.
5. Help her stay organized by teaching her how to set a routine...laundry on Mondays; pack a lunch at night; clean out dance team bag before dinner
6. Especially as we approach the tryouts for team dances, your daughters will need support. If she has a question about a routine or her technique encourage her to talk to an officer or myself.



Packing For Contest

The joys of packing for contest...you will be amazed at what all will fit in that lovely blue bag that seems to be permanently attached to your daughters shoulder. Here are the ABC's of contest season packing...

- A – “All out...All the time!”
- B – **Bobby Pins; Body Stockings (jazzy tan)**
- C – Camera, Cotton Balls
- D – **Deodorant**
- E – **Elastic hair ties (pony tail holders)**
- F – Fingernail file
- G – **Gum is NOT allowed**
- H – **Hairnets, Hairspray, Hairbrush**
- I – “Icy-Hot”
- J – **Jazz shoes**
- K – Kleenex
- L – **Lipstick (must be team red)**
- M – **Make-up (must be MaryKay team colors)**
- N – **Nail Polish Remover**
- O – Odor Eaters (PLEASE!!!!!!)
- P – **Personal Mirror**
- Q – Q-Tips
- R – Remover for your make-up
- S – **Safety Pins**
- T – Toothbrush and Toothpaste (contests are long)
- U – **Undergarments for after performances**
- V – Vaseline to help keep that smile pasted on
- W – Words of encouragement
- X – **“X-ceptional” attitude**
- Y – Y.E.S. notes for encouragement
- Z – Zing to pull off those dances



Everyone will need the items in bold for our first team performance...the rest are just good suggestions!

Contest T-Shirt Design

Elkins Elite



*Dance Team 2002-2003
(Undetermined Quote)
Artwork by: Matt Haber*

CALENDAR

12/1	Solo/Duet/Trio \$ Due
12/7	Holiday Party
12/11	Lyrical Auditions
12/12	Modern Audition
12/13	Military Auditions
12/16	Pom Auditions
12/17	Finals Begin
12/20	Last Day of School
1/7	First Day Back Solos/Duets/Trios Due
1/14	Basketball Performance
1/16	Costume Workshop 7-9
1/17	Basketball Performance
1/20	School Holiday Rehearsal
1/21	Basketball Performance
1/23	Costume Workshop 7-9
1/25	Ft. Bend Dance Classic
2/1	Kingwood Dance Con.
2/6	Ft. Bend Dance Night
2/7	School Holiday Basketball Performance
2/11	Dress Rehearsal
2/13	NHS Induction
2/15	Miss D.T. Texas
2/21	Klein Oak
2/22	Klein Oak
3/1	Austin Contest
3/13	MANDATORY MTG. Dress Rehearsal/Dinner
3/17-21	Spring Break
3/27	Leave for Nationals

All second semester practice times have now been put on the website...

please make sure you know when and where we will be rehearsing.

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Parent contest T-Shirt orders are being taken through Dec. 1.

It is very impressive to see everyone wearing the same attire in the stands!

The parent shirts will be similar to the team shirts (see pic. above).

Required Make-Up:

Everyone is required to wear the make-up listed below for all contests.

Eye shadow

Crystalline
Whisper Pink
Twilight

Blush

Cranberry Bold or
Very Berry

Lipstick

Cherries Jubilee or
Cranberry

Mascara

Brown or
Black

Eye Liner

Black

Mary Kay Representatives are
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Enclosures

Balance Sheet

Shoe/Tight Order Form

Solo Sign-Up Sheet

Parent Shirt Order Form

Dinner Order Form

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Thank You

for the beautiful flowers presented to me by Mrs. McCauley from the parents and for the flowers from the team. I really appreciate all of the support you are all giving me this year.

