



# The Connection Dance Team

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is The Connection Dance Team all about?**

The Connection Dance Team is a competitive dance team whose mission is to build well-rounded dancers and encourage team building in a safe, fun, and competitive environment. The team offers instruction and competition in various competitive levels and styles of dance.

### **What are the dates for the 2016-2017 Season?**

Summer classes are mandatory for dancers who are not away (vacation, camp, etc.) and the regular season runs from September through June.

### **How many hours per week do the dancers take class?**

During the school year the dancers take class a minimum of 3 hours per week. Required classes consist of one ballet technique class, one class from our dance program schedule, and one dance team rehearsal. For acro, one acro/tumbling class is required in place of the dance program class.

### **What is the financial commitment?**

Team costs include everything from class costs, to costumes, competition fees, and everything in between. Please contact Jessica Fascenelli Weisenbach for financial information for the 2016-2017 season. Additionally, financial assistance is available to those that qualify.

### **How many performances does The Connection Dance Team participate in?**

The team will perform at various street fairs and community events in addition to the Somerset Patriots Pre-Game Show in September, at The Connection at our Sneak Peek Fundraiser in February, at competitions between late February and May, and at the Recital(s) in June. Additional performances may be added.

### **What are the competitions like?**

The competitions feel similar to a recital, just with many more students and multiple studios. The dancers generally arrive 2 hours prior to their performance time, perform, and then stay for an awards ceremony. At the awards ceremony each group's medal is announced and at most competitions each dancer receives a ribbon or pin. They are a lot of fun for dancers who love to perform!

### **When are the competitions?**

The various competitions we attend are scheduled on specific weekends between February and May. We receive the exact performance day and time within a week of the competition so we ask that you block out the entire weekend for their performance.

### **How many competitions does The Connection Dance Team attend?**

Our team attends either 2 or 3 competitions, 2 for our youngest dancers and more as they get older.

### **Where are competitions located?**

Competitions are located regionally in New Jersey.

### **How can my dancer be a part of The Connection Dance Team?**

All prospective team members must attend an audition to be considered. Auditions for the team take place in June followed by call backs. In the spring, information about the auditions will be released and shared through handouts in our classes, flyers around The Connection, press releases to the general public, and via email. Please contact the Jessica Fascenelli Weisenbach if you wish to be added to our email list.

### **Who should I contact if I have questions?**

Please contact the Dance and Performing Arts Program Director and Dance Team Coach, Jessica Fascenelli Weisenbach at [Jessica.Fascenelli@TheConnectionOnline.Org](mailto:Jessica.Fascenelli@TheConnectionOnline.Org).