

Carlsbad High School Dance Program
Varsity and JV Dance Team Auditions
2019-2020 Information Packet

Lancer Dancers and Xcalibur are the Varsity and Junior Varsity dance teams at Carlsbad High School. Each team competes at multiple competitions throughout the year. Mandatory practices will be held two times a week for each team after school. Additional mandatory rehearsals and performances during the week and on weekends are an expected part of your participation as a team member. This includes during holiday breaks. In addition to performing at community events and competitions, participation is expected at the football games, basketball games, Homecoming Halftime Show, Lancer Dancer Showcase, and Dance Extreme. The teams train in a variety of dance styles including but not limited to jazz, hip hop, pom, lyrical, and contemporary.

The teams are supported by a Parent Booster Organization. The Booster Organization is instrumental in financing competition travel, costuming, and choreography and works closely with our coaching staff to ensure the best program for the dancers.

Depending on the attendance at tryouts, we may be adding a "Freshman Team". This would be open to Freshmen and Sophomores who do not make Varsity or JV this year, but would like extra training and experience. There would be multiple performance opportunities throughout the year. Please mark on the audition form if you're interested, and more information will be given following auditions.

This year, depending on the attendance at tryouts, we may take additional dancers to the Varsity and/or JV teams, in anticipation of not using all team members for national routines. This will be contingent upon individuals being able to execute the routines and skills tests. The team members participating in the national routines will be determined at the start of nationals season. Although it is expected that all team members learn the national routines and attend all practices. The team members not participating in the nationals routines would become alternates for both routines.

We are looking for dancers who:

- Are students who attend Carlsbad High School for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Have good grades and consistently attend all classes.
- Possess a strong work ethic and a positive attitude.
- Are organized, responsible, and respectful.
- Have strong technical skills.
- Behave outside of the classroom in a manner that is conducive to a positive and classy team reputation.
- Are coachable and will do what they are asked to do to the best of their ability.
- Have a current physical completed (visit www.carlsbadathletics.com for more information)

If you qualify for either Varsity (Lancer Dancers) or Junior Varsity (Xcalibur), during the summer you will be highly encouraged to attend:

Varsity (Lancer Dancers):

*Practice schedules for the end of the school year, summer, and school year will be announced after auditions. Weekly mandatory practices will most likely remain Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 2:45-5:30, September-February. Mandatory Friday and Saturday practices, morning and evening, are added as needed between October-January for Showcase and Nationals prep.

UDA Home Routine Practice: End of May- June, Specific Dates TBD

UDA Camp: 6/20-6/23

Football Season Prep: 8/12-8/16 (learn dances for football season)

Jr Lancer Dancer Camp: 8/13-8/18 8:30am- 12:30pm

1st Football Game Prep: 8/21,8/22, 1st Game 8/23

JV (Xcalibur):

*Practice schedules for the end of the school year, summer, and school year will be announced after auditions. Weekly mandatory practices will most likely remain Monday and Tuesday afternoons 2:45-5:30. September-February. Mandatory Friday and Saturday practices, morning and evening, are added as needed between October-March for Nationals prep.

UDA Camp: 6/20-6/23

Football Season Prep: 8/12-8/16 (learn dances for football season)

1st Football Game Prep: 8/19, 8/20, 1st Game 8/23

**Summer practices are essential to the development of the team's success early on in the school year.

Grade Eligibility:

All candidates must possess a 2.0 GPA with no "F" grades on the grading period ending June 13th, 2019 in order to participate on the dance team. This includes all summer activities. Failure to meet this requirement will result in removal of the team.

Technical Requirements:

Throughout the tryout process you will learn and be evaluated on the following material:

1. A dance combination that includes advanced hip hop tricks, jazz and minimal pom technique
2. Across the floor demonstrating jazz technique
3. Strength and flexibility combinations
4. Ability to learn choreography quickly and correctly
5. Advanced Tricks: Leaps, Kick Turns, Turns in Second (including spot changing, floats, and syncopated combinations), Pirouettes (Quad R and Triple L), Aerials (Right or Left). Hip Hop Tricks: Kip Up, Headspring, Forward Roll Kip, Various Stalls

*We will teach these tricks, however prior training is highly recommended

Individual Jazz Choreography/Skill Demonstration: You will be asked to perform a four eight count combination that emphasizes your personal strengths and highlights your skills and style. Music will be provided. Judges will be evaluating the candidate on the difficulty and execution of the skills included as well as individual style and body control demonstrated.

Hip Hop Trick Demonstration: You may be asked to demonstrate 3 consecutive Hip Hop "tricks" in a row. This is completely open (no restrictions or requirements), and is a chance to show off skills that we may not have included in the Hip Hop audition choreography. Please do not try skills you have not been properly taught, and come prepared.

**Please note: We expect a high level of technical strength, physical endurance, control and body awareness. In addition to the skills and routines, you will be observed throughout the tryout process on your attitude, ability to learn quickly, enthusiasm, projection and overall performance. The judges will be extremely adamant that candidates are capable of performing the above skills. Numerous opportunities will be provided to perform these skills. Please be prepared for your audition.

Dance Team Information Night:

Tuesday, April 16th 5:00pm, Room 5104

Audition Dates:

Monday, April 29th 3:30-7:00pm Audition Clinic, Room 5104

Wednesday, May 1st 3:30-7:00pm Audition Clinic, Room 5104

Friday, May 3rd 3:30-9:00pm Audition, Gym

* conflict video audition date will be determined if needed.

Audition Procedure:

- Thoroughly read the audition packet and review the criteria and skills.
- Discuss the commitment with your parents/family.
- Submit two academic teacher recommendation forms to current teachers.
- * **Submit print out of aeries grades for 2018-2019 (attach it to your audition form).**
- * **Submit a current Physical (attach it to your audition form).**
- Submit application to Jackie Clawson (CHS Room 5104 or front office) by Friday, April 19th.
- Be on time to the CHS Dance Room (5104) and appropriately dressed for the clinic and audition.

Clinic/Audition Attire:

- Monday and Wednesday- Black booty shorts, black tights and a plain black camisole tank/leotard or black leggings and a plain black camisole tank/leotard
- * **Friday- Black booty shorts, black tights, and a plain black camisole tank/leotard**
- All days- Black Sweatpants and Tennis Shoes for Hip Hop
- All days- Tan jazz shoes or half soles (right and left)
- All days- Center part and slicked back in a bun
- All days- No embellishments on your attire
- All days- No jewelry

Audition Process:

Monday, April 29th

1. Check in between 3:15-3:30pm
2. Warm up and stretch
3. Technical Skills Test
4. Begin to learn routines

Wednesday, May 1st

1. Check in between 3:15-3:30pm
2. Warm up and stretch
3. Finish learning routines
4. Review

Friday, May 3rd /Audition Day (Gym)

- Check in at 3:15pm
- No spectators will be allowed to watch the auditions.
- Dancers will be asked to perform the routine in front of the judges. Some dancers may be asked to perform once, while others might be asked to perform multiple times. Dancers will also go through an interview process with the judges. The audition will be conducted at the judges discretion with the sole intent of selecting dancers for the appropriate team.
- There is no official end time. Dancers will call when they are finished, but typically will be finished by 9pm.

Judging:

Professionals will judge the audition. They will be looking for correct body placement, clean lines, strong dance technique, flexibility, endurance, as well as knowledge of material, showmanship, positive attitude, confidence and style. The judges may feel it is necessary to question any dancer on the basis of their technical level, grades, and attendance.

Results:

- The 2019-2020 team rosters will be posted on School Loop by Saturday, May 4th. Dancers will receive information on how to look up the list.
- ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

2019-2020 Varsity and Junior Varsity Guidelines, Policies and Disclosures

Calendar and Scheduling

- A two-week notice must be given for all mandatory events.
- Notify the coach by calling or sending an e-mail immediately if there is a conflict.
- Missing practice without an excused reason and notification may result in suspension from performing. Please communicate.
- Time management, planning, and prioritizing family, school, dance, and other activities is a must to be a part of the dance team. Please be aware that “I didn’t know” or “I didn’t hear” are not valid forms of excuses. All dancers will be responsible for knowing when practices and performances are.

Competitions/Performances

- All teams will participate in competitions and community events selected by the Head Coach, and approved by Administration.
- Being selected for the team does not guarantee performing at competitions/events.
- A competition/performance schedule for each team will be available once the teams are selected and the calendar is confirmed.
- Upon qualifying, the Varsity team will compete at the NDTC in Orlando, Florida January 31st-February 2nd 2020. They will also compete regionally twice before Nationals competition.
- Upon qualifying, the JV team will be attending 1-2 regional competitions and 1 Nationals competition.
 - *More info will be given once the teams are chosen.

Attendance and Grades

- Dancers are expected to attend school regularly.
- Dancers who are absent more than two periods on a day of a performance will not be allowed to participate without approval from administration and/or the Head Coach.
- Missing school the day after an event will jeopardize future trips.
- Any one of a dancer’s teachers may choose not to allow a dancer to miss class for an extracurricular performance. Request to leave class early or arrive late due to a performance may also be rejected due to poor attendance and/or grades.
- All dancers must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average and may not have any “Fs”. An “F” disqualifies a dancer from being eligible to dance for 6 weeks, or until the grade has been raised to a “C”. A “D” disqualifies a dancer from being eligible to dance for 2 weeks, or until the grade has been raised to a “C”.

Respectful Behavior

- Dancers are to represent themselves, their school and community with pride and appropriate behavior at all times.
- Dancers will also abide by team, school, and district guidelines and policies.
- Public displays of affection in team Spirit Wear are not appropriate and will not be accepted.
- Any student engaging in activities inside AND outside of the school day that have negative impact on the team or its image (i.e. consumption of alcohol, using drugs, promiscuous behavior, etc.) will be disciplined, resulting in suspension and/or removal from the team. Parents are encouraged to know the “who, what, where, when and why” of their dancer’s social activities.

Team Behavior

- Dancers are expected to work together to reach team goals. Dancers will face disciplinary action if they engage in gossip that has a negative impact on the team.
 - Dancers are required to use constructive confrontation skills to work out problems.
 - Dancers are expected to contribute to the team in a positive manner.
- Consequences for not following team, school, or district policies and guidelines may include: not performing, extra time spent performing team duties, student conference, parent conference, contractual agreements, and suspension or removal from the team. These consequences will be given at the coaches’ discretion.

Parent Support

- Whenever possible, parents should encourage dancers to work out problems or concerns directly with the coach or other team members involved. Problem solving is a skill that must be practiced and mastered in high school to ensure success in college and life.
- Volunteering to assist in Booster Club is essential to a successful program.
- Parents are highly encouraged to volunteer time and assist in raising money to assist the team.
- The parent booster organization is designed to be a support system for the teams. It does not make coaching decisions. The head coach must approve all actions of the booster club.

*If you have ANY questions, please email Jackie Clawson jsolomon@carlsbadusd.net or Amanda Waters awaters@carlsbadusd.net

Thank You!

Jackie Clawson - CHS Dance Teacher
Amanda Waters- Athletic Director

CHS Dance Team Application

*Your tryout score (including skills, interview, grades, and teacher evaluations) will determine if you make a team and at what level

Please mark your 1st and 2nd choice for auditioning: (Place a "1" and "2" on the lines)

Varsity _____ Junior Varsity _____

If you are auditioning and do not qualify for either Varsity or JV team, would you like to be considered for the Freshmen Team? Circle one: YES NO

If you are auditioning and do not qualify for either team, would you like to be considered for the Dance Program? Circle one: YES NO

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Parent E-mail: _____ Cell #: _____

What school do you currently attend?

In what grade level will you be next year?

Please List:

- Current/Past Injuries:

- Dance Experience:

- Number of hours dance at a studio:

Do you plan to compete for your studio? If yes, what is the time commitment?

Why do you want to be a part of either team?

Do you have any conflicts with the audition dates that require a video audition?

I have read the information in this packet thoroughly and agree to do my best as a member of the CHS Dance Program. I also realize that the coaches will be checking my grades and attendance monthly. I understand the new information regarding team members participating in national season. I understand that all judges' decisions are final and are not subject to review.

Student Name (Please Print)

Student Signature

I have read this packet thoroughly and fully understand the commitment that my dancer and family are undertaking. I give my child permission to audition for the CHS Dance Program and will support his/her participation. I realize that the coaches will be checking my child's attendance and grades. I understand the new information regarding team members participating in national season. I understand that all judges' decisions are final and are not subject to review.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

RETURN THIS SHEET, SIGNED TO JACKIE CLAWSON IN THE DANCE ROOM (CHS 5104), OR THE FRONT OFFICE AT CHS BY 2:30 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 19th

Teacher Recommendation Form - Carlsbad High School Dance Team Tryouts

Name of Participant:

Participant will be: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Teacher Name:

Class:

Please rate the student from, 1 – 5, for the following characteristics. Please be as honest and helpful as possible – we are trying to find a group of dedicated and responsible young adults.

5 – Superior 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Poor

RESPECTFUL TO AUTHORITY _____

RESPECTFUL OF PEERS _____

PROMPTNESS/ATTENDANCE _____

RESPONSIBILITY/DEPENDABILITY _____

EFFORT/ATTENTIVE IN CLASS _____

LEADERSHIP _____

- Would you recommend this applicant for the dance team? Yes No

- Do you think they will be able to handle such a time consuming activity? Yes No

- Do you think he/she would be a positive role model to CHS students? Yes No

COMMENTS:

Teacher Signature:

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