

TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL

DANCE TEAM

2016-2017 AUDITION PACKET
HIP HOP TRYOUT: MAY 23RD 3:00-7:00 PM
CONTEMPORARY/JAZZ TRYOUT: MAY 24TH 3:00-7:00PM
MANDATORY PARENT MEETING: JUNE 1 6:00PM

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Torrey Pines High School dance program. We strive to serve students of all levels and give every student opportunities to perform.

Torrey Pines Dance Team includes talented dancers who perform year-round. We perform Fridays at home football and basketball games. Our Junior Varsity, Varsity and Extra Competition Dancers participate in regional high school dance competitions. Our Varsity and Extra Competition Dancers also attend a National Competition in March. As a team, we participate in community events, pep rallies and school events as well as host two amazing dance shows each year.

Placement on the Torrey Pines Dance Team is earned by completing a successful audition. Dance Team membership is a privilege. To remain eligible, dancers must be enrolled in Dance Team class. Team members must commit to summer training, after-school rehearsals and performances. Team members must understand the responsibility, sacrifices and shared commitment that comes with representing Torrey Pines on it's dance team.

Torrey Pines Dance Team supports 80-100 dancers each year and is 100% funded by parent donations. We typically have a Varsity team that ranges from 25-35 dancers and a Junior Varsity team that ranges from 45-55 dancers. While Large Group Hip Hop is the foundation of each team, families can elect to allow their dancer to be considered for "Extra Competition Dances" which are offered each year at an additional cost and time commitment.

**Participation on TPDT is a significant commitment so please carefully review the expectations before deciding to try out.
Good Luck!**

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TEAM REQUIREMENTS

TEAM BOOT CAMP:

Students who complete auditions successfully **must** attend "Boot Camp."
THE 2016-17 TEAM BOOT CAMP WILL BE HELD THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF SUMMER, AUGUST 15-26 AND MAY INCLUDE WEEKENDS DURING THAT TIME

PERFORMANCE AND COMPETITION:

We perform Fridays at home football and basketball games. Both our Varsity and Junior Varsity teams participate in regional high school dance competitions in February. Our Varsity team also attends a National Competition in Anaheim in March. We participate in community events, spirit rallies, school events, and host two tremendous dance shows each year.

OUTSIDE TRAINING:

Members of Junior Varsity, Varsity and extra hip hop dances are advised to train in hip hop at least 3-6 hours per week outside of school. Members of Contemporary/Jazz extra competition dances are encouraged to train in ballet/jazz technique 3-6 hours per week at an outside studio.

AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS: Most team training and practice will take place during classroom time, however during football season Wednesday rehearsals may be called as needed to perfect half-time performance dances. Extra competition dances may require some Saturday choreography time, hip hop dances will rehearse Wednesdays after school and extra competition contemporary/jazz dances will rehearse Thursdays after school.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:

All dancers must maintain a 2.0 GPA to participate on Torrey Pines Dance Team.

DONATION REQUESTS:

Torrey Pines Dance Team supports 80-100 dancers each year and is 100% funded by parent donations. Our annual budget ranges from \$80,000-\$100,000 depending on the number of dancers and program scope. The Varsity and Junior Varsity Hip Hop Team requested donations are as follows:

Varsity: \$1250

Junior Varsity: \$900

*Donations will be accepted at the **Mandatory Parent Meeting** on June 1st. Donation value includes coaching time, choreography, team "gear", costumes, travel, and hotel stay at competitions. Full donations would be appreciated at the June 1st parent meeting as we will begin ordering team costumes and gear. There will be options for partial payments, to be completed by July 1st. A "Spirit Package" of dance team clothing and accessories will be given to all students whose families have made the full donation.*

Our goal is 100% participation!

AUDITION DETAILS

HIP HOP

WHEN: Dance Team placement auditions will be held **May 23rd** from 3:00-7:00pm

*All dancers interested in being on the Dance Team **MUST** be at the hip hop audition*

WHERE: Dance/Music Room, TPHS

WHO: Students in grades 8-11 are welcome to audition for the Torrey Pines Dance Team

AUDITION FORMAT: Dancers will be taught an audition piece and will then be called in groups to perform in front of independent judges. Dancers will audition by assigned numbers only and scores will be given to those numbers only. Total scores from all judges will be used to determine if a dancer will receive a place on the team and further to assign them to JV, Varsity, or "Extra Competition Dances." Dancers are judged by their mastery of technique, showmanship, confidence and style. Actual tryout scores will remain confidential. The audition will be conducted at the judges' discretion with the sole intent of selecting dancers for the appropriate team.

Dancers must audition for team placement each school year. No preference or advantage is given to any dancer because of team placement during the previous school year.

ATTIRE: Black dance or workout clothing, tennis shoes. Show us your style! Hair must be pulled back off the neck and securely fastened. No jewelry, no gum.

REQUIRED FORMS: In order to be eligible for auditions, all dancers must complete and turn in the following by **May 13th** to the Torrey Pines High School front office or by mail to 3710 Del Mar Heights Road, San Diego, CA 92130:

The following forms are included under the "Required Forms" tab on the TPDT website:

* DANCE TEAM TRYOUT APPLICATION	* RELEASE OF LIABILITY
* PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (CURRENT TEAM MEMBERS COMPLETE BY BOOTCAMP)	* PROOF OF INSURANCE
* ATHLETIC EMERGENCY RELEASE	* TEAM INFORMATION AND SIZING

Please also turn in the following additional required information:

* FALL 2015 REPORT CARD

* CURRENT HEADSHOT

The 2016-17 Dance Team rosters will be posted on the door of the dance room at 2:30pm on May 27th. Judges' decisions are final and may not be appealed.

AUDITION DETAILS

CONTEMPORARY/JAZZ

WHEN: Auditions will be held **May 24th** from 3:00-7:00pm

*All dancers **MUST** first attend the May 23rd Hip Hop team audition.*

Only dancers who are interested in being considered for the Contemporary or Jazz extra competition dances should attend this audition. Participation in these extra dances are dependent upon placement on either the JV or Varsity Hip Hop team.

WHERE: Dance/Music Room, TPHS

WHO: Students in grades 8-11 who are interested in committing to small/medium competitive contemporary and jazz dances are welcome to audition. These dances rehearse outside of school hours and function with an additional financial commitment.

AUDITION FORMAT: See format for Hip Hop Audition

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

TURNS IN SECOND

LEAPS

FOUETTE CENTER

PIROUETTES

SWITCH LEAPS

STANDING MULTIPLE TURNS

PIQUE TURNS

BARRELS

JAZZ COMBO

ATTIRE:

Boys: Black dance or workout clothing, jazz shoes.

Girls: Black tights, leggings or shorts with a fitted black top or leotard, jazz shoes or paws.

Hair must be pulled back off the neck and securely fastened. No jewelry, no gum.

The 2016-17 Contemporary/Jazz extra competition dance rosters will be posted on the door of the dance room at 2:30pm on May 27th. Judges' decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Torrey Pines Dance Team Audition Application

Dancer's Name _____ Home Phone _____
Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Current GPA _____ (include copy of Fall 2015 report card per "Forms Due")

Describe your dance experience (include studio, school, competitive teams) _____

List some of your strengths as a dancer (i.e. great flexibility, choreographer, character dancer, etc...)

Years and Experience:

Hip Hop _____

Ballet _____

Jazz _____

Contemporary/Lyrical _____

Other _____

Optional Audition Request: In addition to placement on TPDT, extra competition dances are completely optional and as such have a mandatory financial and time commitment.

Hip Hop: Rehearsal Wednesdays after school, possible Saturday for choreography

Contemporary/Jazz: Rehearsal Thursdays after school, possible Saturday for choreography

Estimated cost, medium groups \$350 each and small groups \$450 each

The above costs will be due September 15, 2016. At this time, the costs are estimates and will be based on final participation, costumes and choreography. We will make every attempt to try keep the cost as low as possible.

I would like to participate in the following extra competition dances and understand my additional financial commitment. I am interested in the following possible dances:

<input type="checkbox"/> MED. GROUP HIP HOP	<input type="checkbox"/> MED. GROUP JAZZ/CONTEMPORARY
<input type="checkbox"/> SMALL GROUP HIP HOP	<input type="checkbox"/> SMALL GROUP JAZZ/CONTEMPORARY

The above listed dances are *possible* dances. Actual genres and group size will depend on interest and financial commitment. In the event that your student is selected for extra competition dances, what is the maximum number of dances that you will allow your student to compete in? _____

I agree that the coach and judges will perform the selection of the Torrey Pines Dance Team and placement on JV or Varsity. I will respect the decision of the coach and judges and accept the final outcome of the tryout. I have read the entire packet and have taken note of all that is required of me as a member of the dance team, dance team class and the dance department as a whole.

Dancer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please attach a current head shot (school photo) of yourself to this application and return your completed Audition Application Packet (See Forms Required) to the Torrey Pines High School front office or by mail to 3710 Del Mar Heights Road, San Diego, CA 92130 by **May 13th**.

CLASS REGISTRATION

Students interested in joining the dance team should register for “Dance Team PE” as shown in the course description below. The results of tryouts will determine which of the classes the student is placed in. In the event a student is not selected for either the Varsity or Junior Varsity team based on tryout performance, their school counselor will automatically change their schedule to Dance PE. The school offers a regular Dance PE class as well as several other PE options.

SDUHS DISTRICT COURSE DESCRIPTION: Dance Team: JV and Varsity

Prerequisite: Audition mandatory, Grades: 9-12, Credit: 10

Fulfills: UC,CSU Requirements and TP Graduation Requirement for Visual/Performing Arts or PE.

The 2016-17 Torrey Pines High School dance program includes a JV and Varsity large ensemble hip hop Dance Team. All team members must be enrolled in Dance Team. Dance Team class is offered in two periods, JV and Varsity. Students on dance team create and express themselves through improvisation, composition and performance. Students study several styles of dance in their historical and cultural contexts, including ballet, modern, jazz, American street dance (hip hop, funk, break dance), and various cultural dances. Students analyze, compare, and contrast their work and critique their artistic development.