



## BLAZERETTE APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Blazerette! We are a team focusing on developing young dancers, exploring creative expression and teaching the value of teamwork. We are looking for dedicated and energized kids for our teams. Are you one of those kids? If so, first consider the following (parents please go over this part with your child):

- Blazerettes practice twice a week, and sometimes more often close to performances.
- Blazerettes often learn fast paced and challenging choreography.
- Blazerettes are held to a high standard. Misbehavior, bad attitudes and poor school work can result in suspension.
- Blazerettes perform in front of large crowds, many times outside of school.
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Still interested? Great! Here's the next steps.

1. Fill out an application so we can get to know you and get some important information from mom or dad.
2. Turn in your application to the dance team coaches, Ms. Sabrina or Ms. Rebecca
3. Mark your calendar (parents) for our try-out week. **Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> through Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**. This is just a practice time for anyone interested. You'll learn a short dance and get to show the coaches some of your skills.
4. Get ready for the big day! **Tryouts will be on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 from 3:30pm-5:15pm. Please remember you must remain at auditions for the FULL time to eligible to make the team!**

### **\*Try out Week Tips\***

- Bring a change of comfortable clothes (this is called dressing out).
- Girls, make sure you wear your hair up and out of your face.
- Smile! We love kids with great personality, show us your best you!
- Can't do something? Try anyways!
- Ask for help if you need it during our 2-day clinic.

## **Parent F.A.Q**

**If my child has been on the team before, does he or she still need to try out?**

*Yes. We want kids to have an opportunity to earn their spot on the team each new season. This excludes the captains and co-captains as those positions are given on a yearly basis.*

**Will parents be responsible for paying for uniforms?**

*Nope! Uniforms are provided by the program and are loaned out each performance.*

**Are try outs open to family and friends?**

*Unfortunately no. We want to keep try outs closed to help the kids stay focused and carefree.*

**When are practice days?**

*For B-Team 1 (1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> grades) = Wednesday and Thursdays*

*For B-Team 2 (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) = Mondays and Wednesdays*

*Private Lessons (any grade) = Tuesdays*

*Both teams practice from 4:15pm-5:15pm*

**What if my child does not make the team?**

*Don't be discouraged! We do tryouts every fall and spring. We try to give feedback for improvement in hopes that they will try again.*

**Who can I contact for more questions?**

*The EDEP office is open Mon-Fri from 9:00am-6:00pm. Call 850-488-3316 for the office, or you can email Coach Sabrina directly at [dtesblazerettes@gmail.com](mailto:dtesblazerettes@gmail.com)*

In order to be a part of the Blazerettes,  
you must be enrolled in the After School  
Program for at least 2 days.

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Parents Please Fill This Out

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

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: 1    2    3    4    5

Other performing experience?    Gymnastics    Cheerleading    Dance

Have you been on the Blazerettes/Blazers before?    Yes    or    No

## Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any health issues?    Yes    or    No    \_\_\_\_\_

## Short Answer

Why do you want to be on the team?

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What's your favorite style of dance? \_\_\_\_\_

I give consent for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the Desoto Trail Extended Day Dance Team. I fully understand the requirements and information listed above.

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



# **DANCE TEAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 2017**

## **Attitude & Behavior**

It is important that Blazerettes represent their school at all times. We expect each student to come with a positive and uplifting attitude every day. We firmly believe in behaving like a team and we really want everyone to bond, build friendships and support each other. In order to monitor behavior, we will have a merit and demerit system. Dancers may earn merit points for having great behavior, but they may also receive demerit points for misbehavior. Please see the merit and demerit form attached.

## **Practices**

### Absences

Every Blazerette will be expected to attend practices which are held during after school from 4:15pm-5:15pm. In order to learn the dances, it is important that students be present for majority of their practices and be in practice the entire time. If a dancer misses an excessive amount of practices, and depending on their progress in the dance, it may be determined that they cannot perform at the upcoming event. We will do our best to keep everyone up to speed with the group, but we also must be time sensitive to upcoming events.

### Attire

Each Blazerette should come to practice wearing comfortable exercise clothes that are appropriate for moving around and dancing. We encourage them to bring a change of clothes to put on before practice starts. Jeans will not be permitted during rehearsals. Please make sure your child has the proper attire for each rehearsal.

## **Uniforms**

### The week of the performance

Blazerettes will be issued the following:

- 1 Top
- 1 Skirt
- 1 Pair of Bloomers (Spanks)
- 1 Pair of Socks
- 1 Hair bow



It is important to remember that each item is assigned to a Blazerette and we will expect that same specific item returned after each performance.

### The day of the performance

On the day of each performance, please make sure your child **ARRIVES IN FULL UNIFORM**. For girls, that means **top, skirt, bloomers, socks and alternative shoes** should be on. They will put on their dance shoes once arriving. Hair should be up out of their face with their **hair bow in**. Makeup is optional. For guys, please have on their shirt, pants and white sneakers.



### The Day after the Performance

The school day following each performance, each Blazerette should turn in their entire uniform (including hair bow) **UNWASHED**. Our uniforms require special washing treatment so we as coaches will be personally washing the uniforms

### **Performances**

We will notify parents in advance about specific performance information. We usually ask that everyone arrive 1 hour before our stage time so **PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME!** It is very important as we use this hour before a performance to do attendance, uniform check, and a final run-through.

### Sign In/Sign Out

Upon arrival please sign your Blazerette/Blazer in with either Ms. Sabrina or Ms. Rebecca. Once they are signed in, you are more than welcome to leave them in our care and return for the actual performance. **During that time we will need the team's full attention so please take pictures either before sign in or after sign out.** After a performance we ask that you sign out your child before leaving. This is so that we can account for each person.

### Absences

**It's so important to have all of our girls at every performance. If your child cannot make a performance, please notify us as soon as possible by email, phone call or face-to-face.**

### **Contact Us**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to email Mrs. Johnson and we will get back to you through her. However, on performance days you can call or text Ms. Sabrina for quick questions or concerns about location, uniforms, or emergencies. As always if you know of any other venues for the team to perform, kindly let us know so we can look into it.

Mrs. Johnson's Email- [carterj@leonschools.net](mailto:carterj@leonschools.net)

Ms. Sabrina's email: [dtesblazerettes@gmail.com](mailto:dtesblazerettes@gmail.com)

## **Classroom Courtesy**

Being in a dance class can sometimes be challenging. Instead of sitting in desks, we are constantly moving and learning new things. It is easy to get distracted or get off task. Our goal is to stay engaged throughout the entire class period, learn as much as possible, and avoid any accidents. Occasionally we will be learning difficult dance steps. It is important to stay alert, and aware of our surroundings. We have come up with a Classroom Courtesy list to help you remember how to stay engaged, stay active, and have a positive contribution to the class!

- Dress out before class begins
  - Sneakers (optional)
  - No jeans or dresses!
- Sit in your assigned squad spot at the start of every class
- Come to class with an open mind
  - Be willing to try new things, even if it looks hard!
- Keep talking to a minimum!
  - If you have a question, ask Ms. Rebecca or Ms. Sabrina
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Listen for directions
- Be a good support to your fellow Blazerettes
- Be respectful of your fellow Blazerettes
- Stay positive, and have fun!

# Blazerettes Parent Consent Forms



**Each Dancer will be assigned the following:**

- Uniform Top/Skirt
- Pair Dance Socks
- Black-Legging Shorts
- Red/Silver Hair Bow
- Pair Red Briefs

I understand my child's responsibilities and expectations for the 2013/2014 Blazerettes Dance Team. I understand the emotional and parental support I must commit to my daughter/child

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has my permission to wear light makeup during performances only.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in being on the Blazerettes Parent Involvement Committee Yes or No

Please Return to DeSoto Trail EDEP Office By September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Thank You