



DWDA Competitive Team Audition Packet

We are SO excited that you are considering one of our amazing competitive teams for the 2026-2027 season!! Each year our teams grow and progress, and this upcoming season is bound to be something special. Please read through all of the information in this packet so your dancer can be fully prepared for auditions.

Questions: hayleydwd@gmail.com

Application Deadline: Saturday, May 30th, 2026

LOCATION | DATE | TIME

Auditions will be held on Saturday, May 30 at Desert West Dance Academy located at 15671 W. Roosevelt St. Goodyear, AZ 85338.

10AM-11AM Ages 5-8 | 11:30AM-1PM Ages 9-11 | 1:30PM-3PM Ages 12-18

AUDITION REGISTRATION

1. Register your dancer in the appropriate age group audition via your parent portal account. This will be based on your dancer's age as of 1/1/2027. Families new to our studio must set up an account on our parent portal if you do not already have one. ([LINK TO REGISTER](#))
2. After registering your dancer for the appropriate audition group, fill out the audition form and pay the \$15 audition fee. One form per student. Fill out a separate form for each additional student in your family applying for one of our competitive teams. ([LINK TO SZN 26/27 AUDITION FORM](#)).

Payment methods: In the audition form, if you select "Approve to charge the card on file", your credit card on file will be charged upon registration in the parent portal. Cash/check and Zelle payment must be sent/brought in prior to your audition. All unpaid fees will be charged to the card on file after your audition on 5/30/2026.

AUDITION EXPECTATIONS

We will be auditioning dancers for our 2026/2027 season in an age-level audition. The dancers will be taking 30 minutes of Ballet technique followed by an hour of across the floor/Jazz combo. Ages 5-8 will participate in across the floor/Jazz combo only. We will be evaluating dancers based on the following:

- How the dancer takes corrections and presents themselves in a class environment (attitude, focus, responsibility, character, willingness to learn/teachability, work ethic, etc.)
- Ability to pick up choreography
- Overall technical and performance abilities in each style

On audition day please arrive 15-20 minutes early to sign in, get your number, and allow time for your dancer to warm up. Do not be late as we will begin promptly at your audition time. Have your water bottle, your dance shoes and anything else you may need.

WHAT TO WEAR

Dancers should wear black form fitting dancewear and have their hair securely slicked back and out of their face in a ponytail, braid, bun, etc. You will need ballet shoes for Ballet, and either jazz shoes or half soles for Jazz. Look your best!!

AFTER AUDITIONS

Audition results will be sent via email on Saturday, June 6, 2026. These results will include information regarding the program, team and competition group routines that your child has been chosen for, as well as their weekly class schedule, event schedule and all other information you will need to know. Dancers are only permitted to audition once per season. We do not offer an additional audition for dancers who are not accepted.

All dancers that have auditioned and were placed on a team will receive their program commitment contract form via email to look over and sign. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at acceptance of the form. We ask for a deposit upon completion of this form to avoid any schedule changes, and this fee will be taken out of your other competition fees for the year. Important: Commitment forms *must* be received no later than Saturday, June 20, 2026.

All dancers selected for Company are required to attend the Company Summer Intensive, July 27-29, 2026. This intensive serves as an important kickoff to the season where dancers will begin training together and preparing for the year ahead.

EVALUATIONS & VIRTUAL AUDITIONS

We strongly prefer dancers to audition in-person if possible. If you are unable to attend auditions, please email our Company Director hayleydwd@gmail.com to inquire about an in-person evaluation. There is an additional evaluation fee for those who are unable to attend the audition. We will only accept virtual auditions for out-of-state dancers who are unable to attend our audition or an in-person evaluation. If you are unable to attend our audition, you still must fill out the application form and pay the audition fee.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

For any audition inquiries, contact the studio front desk staff at admin@desertwestdance.net, or email our Company Director at hayleydwd@gmail.com. We look forward to another year of making memories!

Continue to the next page to learn more about our teams!

ABOUT OUR TEAMS!!

Pre-Company

Pre-Company (PreCo) is the perfect part-time program for novice/intermediate dancers, ages 5-14, looking to take their first steps into the competitive dance world. Designed as a bridge between our Recreational and Company programs, PreCo provides the right balance of structure and commitment while expanding performance opportunities beyond the recital stage.

PreCo follows a jazz-focused curriculum that builds strong technique and prepares students for future Company participation. Dancers train a required minimum of 4 classes per week: Ballet, Jazz, Stretch/Progressions, and a dedicated rehearsal hour. These classes are held two days per week, two hours per night, ensuring a structured yet manageable schedule with plenty of downtime during the school week. This program is perfect for dancers looking to compete on a smaller scale while continuing to grow their technique and performance skills. Each team will have its own jazz competitive group dance.

Running from July 2026 to June 2027, the PreCo season is packed with exciting opportunities! Dancers will attend one convention in the fall, compete at two entry-level competitions in the spring, and perform in our large stage shows and local community events. Modest costumes and no weekend rehearsals! Throughout the season, PreCo dancers will be challenged, supported, and inspired as they grow in skill, confidence, and dedication. Ready to take the leap into the world of competitive dance? Join us for an incredible season with PreCo!

Company

Our Company is an advanced-level competitive program designed for serious, driven dancers who are passionate about the performing arts. Open to dancers ages 7-18 with 2+ years of dance experience, by audition only. Our dedicated and passionate faculty have led these dancers to be consistently honored with technique, artistry, choreography, and scholarship awards at regional and national competitions. At Desert West Dance, each Company dancer will develop and refine their technique, grow as an artist, and learn to perform with confidence, poise, and presence. Our dancers are encouraged to push their limits, set bold goals, and pursue excellence both in and out of the studio.

Company dancers commit to an intense, well-rounded weekly training curriculum. Our Company teams train 3 days/week as well as attend Saturday rehearsals, typically held twice/month, where they'll learn and perfect choreography for competition pieces. Our dancers train 9-10 hours per week in Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop and more, with a schedule that allows them to balance academic and extracurricular commitments outside of the studio. Each Company dancer will be placed in 2-5 group routines. Throughout our dance season our Company will compete at 4-5 regional competitions per year and attend a national competition as a team every other year. In addition to competing, Company dancers perform in our large stage shows and are proud participants in local community performances and special events.

Fuel your passion for dance with our DWDA Company! Company dancers, families and staff share the commitment of achieving excellence through hard work, dedication and teamwork. If you're ready to take your training to the next level, be part of an inspiring team, and grow in an environment that challenges and supports you, join us!

Optional: Solo/Duet/Trio (if chosen for our Company program) - If you are interested in performing a solo or duet/trio, please read our info packet here: [LINK TO SOLO & DUO/TRIO INFO PACKET](#)

ESTIMATED FEE SUMMARY

Pre-Company

Registration Fee: \$45/dancer (\$55/family)
*returning students receive a \$10 discount

Monthly Tuition:

PreCo \$215

*check our website for additional class rates

*Family unlimited rate (2 or more siblings taking a combined 12 hours or more per week) - \$400

Additional Fees:

Costume Fee \$95-105

Choreography Fee \$120 - approx*

Jake Joe Headshot & Groupshot Photoshoot \$145 approx*

*Dates are coming soon, but usually in the fall

Convention/Competition Entry Fees:

Competition \$80/dancer - approx*

Convention \$225 (ages 5-7) \$305 (ages 8-14) - approx*

*final fees will be posted once all competitions have announced their 2026-27 fees

Company

Registration Fee: \$45/dancer (\$55/family)
*returning students receive a \$10 discount

Monthly Tuition:

Blossoms \$345

Lilies, Wildflowers, Sunflowers \$360

Additional Classes \$15/class

*Family unlimited rate (2 or more siblings taking a combined 12 hours or more per week) - \$400

Additional Fees:

Costume Fees \$95-\$125/costume

Choreography Fees \$120-160/routine

Master Class Fees \$10-30/class

Jake Joe Action & Headshot Photoshoot \$200-\$225

*Dates are coming soon, but usually in the fall

Regional Convention/Competition Entry Fees:

Groups \$80/dancer - approx*

Duo/Trio \$95/dancer - approx*

Solo \$185 - approx*

Convention \$225 (ages 5-7) \$305 (ages 8-18) - approx*

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*Nationals fees will be announced separately

ALL FEES QUOTED SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH NOTICE