



## **SDC Company 2024/2025 Audition Information**

Synergy Dance Company will be entering their 19th season and is looking for motivated and passionate dancers wanting to compete in a variety of genres in a structured yet supportive environment. SDC focuses on creating a well rounded dancer through technique, structure and performance. Building skills and bonds to create self-confidence that will last a lifetime.

SDC is divided into levels per the dancer's age, skill and ability. SDC levels are Mini, Petite, Junior, PreTeen, Teen & Senior.

We also have great news and are adding two new teams this year! We're bringing back SDC Xtreme and starting a new team SDC Beyond! Xtreme is for the committed dancer looking for a highly competitive and selective team involving extra classes and competitive dances, guest teachers, weekends rehearsals, summer Nationals, and travel for special training. We are looking for approximately 12 Xtreme members. Beyond is for our upper level high school dancers that still want to attend class once weekly and attend competition but without a multi day commitment. Both of these teams are invitation only but do require students to fill out a separate application. Teachers will select students for each team from these applications during our auditions.

Our core values are Passion, Education & Family! A parent once said "Synergy is about the *whole* dancer". Synergy staff and teachers are committed to our students. Sherrie Sellers (owner/director) is personally involved in every facet of their training and works hard to meet the needs of all our students through open communication. Our model at Synergy is designed to give dancers a balance between outside activities, family life and dance and we pride ourselves in being family friendly and age appropriate.

**Audition Week** Sunday, May 19th- Tuesday, May 21st

Auditions are a 2 day process (See detailed information attached)

**Application Deadline** Monday, May 13th

We look forward to seeing you at SDC auditions.

SDC Executive Director and *Owner/Director of Synergy Dance Studio*

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## Audition Information:

- Ages as of 9/1/24
  - Minis: new students to SDC ages 6-8 years
  - Petite: ages 8-9 or returning SDC dancers age 7-8 years
  - Junior: ages 9-11 years
  - Preteen/Teen: ages 11-14 years
  - Senior: Ages 15+
- **Audition Clinic** with Ms. Sherrie held on **Saturday, April 27th** Mini 1:30-2:30, Petite 2:30-4:00, Junior/Preteen 4-5:30 \*\*required for students not currently registered at Synergy for a class, camp or workshop
- Dancers should arrive 15 minutes before their designated time on Sunday, Monday and/or Tuesday to receive their number and stretch/warmup in Studio C.
- Auditions are closed to parents so please plan to drop and leave.
- Mini Auditions will be held on **Tuesday, May 21st** 4-5:30 (Ballet, Tap & Jazz)
- Petite Auditions will be held **Sunday, May 19th** 1-2:30 (Ballet & Tap) & **Monday, May 20th** 4-5:30 (Jazz)
- Junior Auditions will be held on **Sunday, May 19th** 2:45-4:45 (Ballet & Contemporary) & **Monday, May 20th** 6-8:00 (Jazz)
- Preteen/Teen Auditions will be held on **Sunday, May 19th** 5-7:00 (Ballet & Contemporary) & **Tuesday May 21st** 6:00-8:00 (Jazz)
- Senior Auditions will be held **Tuesday, May 21st** 8-9:00 (Contemporary)
- Audition Application Fee is \$40 and due Monday, May 13th
- Jazz Combination will be emailed out on Monday, May 13th
- Mini and Petite auditions will include ballet, tap and jazz technique, Jazz combination (emailed in advance), splits, and improv. Junior, Preteen and Teen auditions will include Ballet and Jazz technique, Jazz combination (emailed in advance) Splits, Improv plus a contemporary combo taught and assessed during the audition. Senior auditions will include a contemporary combo taught and assessed during the audition.
- SDC Team Rosters will be released on Wednesday, June 12th

## Audition Requirements:

- Must attend both required days for the designated time
- Students should wear a black leotard, tan tights, hair in a secure bun
- Mini & Petite students need Ballet, Jazz and Tap shoes. Junior and older students need Ballet and Jazz shoes (toe paws are optional for contemporary).
- No hair accessories or jewelry allowed
- Create an account and/or register on our [Parent Portal](https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/synergydancestudio/camps/38?sortBy=name) and pay a \$40 audition fee. <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/synergydancestudio/camps/38?sortBy=name>

### **SDC Company Commitments:**

- SDC class requirements depending on team placement
- **Mini:** 2 company classes per week Ballet/Tap and Jazz
- **Petite:** 3 company classes per week Ballet, Tap and Jazz
- **Junior:** 5-6 company classes per week (2) Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary + rehearsal time
- **PreTeens & Teens:** 6 company classes per week (2) Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Technique/Rehearsal & Stretch/Conditioning
- **Seniors:** 5 company classes per week (2) Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Technique/Rehearsal
- Compete in 2-4 dances with option for additional solo, duo, trio and small group dances for the motivated dancer
- Attend 1-4 conventions
- Compete 2 dances in 3 group competitions with 2-4 optional competitions for our solo/duo/trios
- Occasional weekend rehearsals
- Perform in 5 Synergy performances (Trail of Lights, Wonderfest, December Studio Performance, Legacy Company Showcase and Synergy Recital)
- Must attend choreography week **August, 4th-11th**
- Must attend a minimum of a 1 week **Synergy summer intensive** or equivalent
- Summer classes and intensives are highly recommended

### **XTREME company commitments:**

Is Xtreme right for you? Do you have the DRIVE, DESIRE, TALENT to be the best of the best? If so then Xtreme might be the team for you!

- Ages 9 and up & currently on an SDC team
- Have good attendance in all of your required classes and rehearsals
- Available 1-2 weekends/month for additional rehearsals and master classes with guest teachers and choreographers
- Dance approximately 9-10+ hours per week
- Must attend a minimum of 2 weeks **Synergy summer intensive** or equivalent
- Attend special dance performances in the Austin area
- Must participate in a solo, duo or trio
- Will participate in additional group dances and compete them at conventions and competitions
- Will attend an out of town convention/competition (within driving distance)
- Will attend a National Competition in Summer 2025 (within driving distance)
- Perform in all SDC performances and compete in all SDC competitions
- Photo Shoot
- Possible additional special events and educational trips

### **BEYOND company commitments:**

This team is designed for students in 10-12th grade who wish to continue dancing but don't have as much time to dedicate and they are NOT preparing for HS auditions.

- Students must be either on a team at their high school OR in 11-12th grade (students in 10th grade are permitted in BEYOND only if they are not re-auditioning for a higher level team at their high school)
- Students will compete a solo/duo and have the opportunity to attend conventions
- Students will attend one 2 hour class/rehearsal once per week
- Students will be invited to attend optional master classes and events
- Students are welcome to attend regular SDC classes as well
- Students will prepare one holiday dance and one competition/recital dance
- Students will be invited to perform in all studio performances (Wonderfest, Trail of Lights, December performance, Legacy and our Spring recital)
- Photo Shoot
- Little to no outside of class time is required other than attendance of scheduled events, competitions, performances and individual time to prepare and learn solos

### **Important Deadlines:**

- Signed Contract Due (June 15th)
- Company Required Apparel Order Due for new families (June 30th)
- Company Fee deposit (July 1st)
- Monthly Tuition Due first of every month (begins August 1st)
- Upon Registration, May tuition deposit and studio registration fee will be billed
- Company Choreography Week (August 4th-11th)
- Company Classes Begin (August 12th)
- SDC monthly fees will be *Auto-Charged* (begins September 1st)

### **Enrichment Experiences for all of SDC teams:**

- Educational trips to NYC and LA in alternating even numbered years. Students attend master classes, attend Broadway Shows and have the opportunity to perform at Disneyland.
- Fall Lock-In Sleepover at the studio with SDC teachers
- Spring Boat Party and Awards Ceremony on Lake Austin

## High School Dance Teams:

Ms. Sherrie takes great pride in the preparation and attention our students receive leading up to their HS tryouts which offers great value to their preparedness and confidence on audition day and for the whole audition week!

- Students are given optional extra hours leading up to auditions
- Our staff work extra hours to fully prepare students for auditions
- During audition week students will work with Ms. Sherrie and staff to prepare
- SDC is proud to boast that we have students on teams at Austin, Bowie and Dripping Springs HS in addition to 10 Hyline and 13 Star Steppers students that are SDC students or SDC alumni.
- With hardwork and our dedicated staff students have great potential

Students wishing to apply to SDC and Xtreme should submit both forms. Students wishing to apply to BEYOND should only submit our BEYOND Application. Please keep in mind that Xtreme is designed to be a select group and we do not expect all students to be selected. Please have your students fill out the application with their best answers.

**Complete Application Form:** Due by Monday, May 13th

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13LIEA0oPLa5tiQp3EDJgb5rbnctyDjotOAzhMIUdeWQ/edit>

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