

KJH/ KHS Dance Team Tryouts 2013- 2014

Thanks for your interest in the KJH/ KHS Dance Teams! The following packet is intended to cover the tryout process and obligations should you be selected. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Coach Deborah Smith, kdmaasmith@earthlink.net.

Required Paperwork:

The following forms are due by April 7th, PRIOR to participation. All can be printed from our website, www.kingsdanceteam.com

Tryout Application	Emergency Medical Waiver
Current Physical Form	Kings Liability Waiver
OHSAA Authorization Form	HIPPA- Beacon Authorization Form

Tryout Week:

Please wear clothing that allows you to move, and appropriate shoes for dance (jazz shoes or lightweight tennis shoes) during clinics. Hair should be back out of face. For Saturday auditions, you must wear all black- solid black shorts or boy shorts with a black tank, cami or leotard. No print or Dance Team logos of any sort. Judges will look at your appearance, so come "put together". Final tryout score will be a compilation of your skills test score, coaches' score (interview for new members), and the audition in front of the judges on the final day.

Clinic #1/ Choreography and Skills:

Sunday, April 7	2:00- 4:00pm	KJH candidates	KJH Gym
	4:00- 6:00pm	KHS candidates	KJH Gym

Open Gym for all/ Interviews for new candidates:

Monday, April 8	6:00- 9:00pm	KJH and KHS candidates	KJH Gym
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*Interviews by appointment

Tryout Clinic #2/ Choreography and Skills:

Tuesday, April 9	6:00- 7:30pm	KJH candidates	KJH Gym
	7:30- 9:00pm	KHS candidates	KJH Gym

Open Gym for all/ Skills tests for KHS:

Wednesday, April 10	6:00- 9:00pm	KJH and KHS candidates	KJH Gym
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*Skills tests by appointment

Open Gym for all/ Skills tests for KJH:

Thursday, April 11	6:00- 9:00pm	KJH and KHS candidates	KHS Gym
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*Skills tests by appointment

KHS Cafe

Clinic #3/ Review and group assignments:

Friday, April 12	6:00- 7:30pm	KJH candidates	KHS Gym
	7:30- 9:00pm	KHS candidates	KHS Gym

Judged Audition/ Choreography:

Saturday, April 13	1:00- 3:00pm	KHS candidates	KHS Gym
	3:00- 5:00pm	KJH candidates	KHS Gym

*Please arrive 15 minutes early to stretch on your own, so we may begin each session on time

Announcement of Teams:

Each candidate will meet with coaches to receive feedback and results. Team lists will be posted on our website after all girls have received results individually. All team sizes and placements of dancers are at the discretion of the coaches, and all team results are final.

Tuesday, April 16	4:00- 8:00pm *By appointment	KJH candidates	KJH Multi- purpose room
Wednesday, April 17	4:00- 8:00pm *By appointment	KHS candidates	KJH Multi- purpose room

Team Commitments:

The KJH Dance Team's focus is to perform at a variety of KJH home basketball games (both boys and girls, A and B teams) during the winter season, and improve a range dance skills in preparation for performance at the high school level. The junior high team also performs at a few other events (Pep rallies, Kings recitals, KHS basketball games, Night of Knights, etc.). The team's season begins in the summer months, practicing periodically to work on conditioning and technique. Near the end of summer, we hold a summer intensive for the purpose of learning choreography. Mid-August through March, we practice 2-3 days per week, 1 1/2 to 2 hrs per practice. The season concludes in mid-March.

The KHS Dance Team has both a JV and Varsity team. These teams perform at home basketball games (for both men and women) during the winter, as well as other events (Knight Madness, pep rallies, Kings recitals, youth clinics, etc.) in the fall and spring. We also have competition groups within our teams that travel to compete against schools in the area. The teams' season begins in May, as we prepare to direct our Youth Dance Camp late June. The team continues to work periodically during June, July, and August on conditioning and technique. The JV and Varsity Teams will attend camp July 8-11 this year, with mandatory practices in the days prior. When school begins, we practice 6 -10 hours per week learning choreography for the winter performance season. Competition groups will work more hours to prepare competition choreography. The Dance Team season ends mid-March, following the Night of Knights performance.

Upcoming/ Summer Dates:

May 1	KJH Parent Meeting/ Dancer Fittings, 6:30- 7:30pm, KHS cafeteria KHS Parent Meeting/ Dancer Fittings, 7:30- 8:30pm, KHS cafeteria *one parent rep for each dancer required to attend
May 19	JV and Varsity Officer tryouts, 6:00- 8:30pm, KJH Gym (all KHS team members attend)
June 19-23	Prep for Home Routine (one of the KHS competition groups- TBA) Prep for Youth Camp (JV and Varsity members)
June 21- 23	KJH Team Intensive
June 24-26	Youth Camp (JV and Varsity required to direct, KJH required to attend *Do not sign up through the athletic department- you are NOT paying!
July 7	Pre- camp Practice for JV and Varsity/ Home Routine prep
July 8-11	UDA Camp at Great Wolf Lodge (JV and Varsity Teams)
July 23-26	NDA Camp at University of Louisville (Varsity officers only)
July 29- Aug 2	KJH Intensive/ KHS Competition Groups (Tentative)

Parent Commitments:

Parents are asked to sign up for at least one committee to work on props, clinics, fundraisers, etc. In addition, we require that each family work a minimum of one concession shift in the fall or spring. Finally, we ask that you make every effort to support fundraising efforts we take on as a team, and pay your fees in a timely manner.

Team Costs:

The current participation fee for dancer on the JV or Varsity Team is \$350 (helps cover camps, props, choreography, costuming, and the coaches' salaries). The "spirit pack" runs \$125- \$175 depending on items a dancer needs/ already has (required team practice attire, shoes, bags, etc). The collection of the participation fee and spirit pack total is spread out over several months in the summer/ fall. An additional \$100 fundraising goal is set for each member (helps with social events, food, awards, banquets, equipment). We track individual profits on SCRIP and Kroger rebates as well as sponsorships toward this goal. If you do not reach the goal by January 1, we ask that you donate the remaining amount to the team fund in order to complete your fundraising expectation. Finally, competition group members will likely incur added expense for items like shoes, tights, travel, etc, but every effort will be made to set up fundraisers for these groups to help offset costs.

A \$150.00 payment (a portion of the \$350.00 participation fee) will be due upon being selected for the team.

The current participation fee for dancer on the KJH Team is \$275. The "spirit pack" runs \$100- \$150 depending on items a dancer needs/ already has (required team practice attire, shoes, bags, etc). The collection of the participation fee and spirit pack total is spread out over several months in the summer/ fall. An additional \$50 fundraising goal is set for each member (helps with social events, food, awards, banquets, equipment). We track individual profits on SCRIP and Kroger rebates as well as sponsorships toward this goal. If you do not reach the goal by January 1, we ask that you donate the remaining amount to the team fund in order to complete your fundraising expectation.

A \$100.00 payment (a portion of the \$275.00 participation fee) will be due upon being selected for the team.

Team Function/ Competition Groups:

All Dance Team members (KJH, JV, and Varsity) maintain membership on the team throughout the season, but continue to audition for specific routines/ parts as the year progresses. All placements/ removals for performances are at the coach's discretion. Keeping our teams looking their best and expecting our athletes to work to their potential is a high priority. In addition, we will follow all OHSAA/ Kings Athletic Department regulations regarding grades and behavioral issues as they pertain to the privilege to practice/ perform.

For KHS teams, the placement on **JV or Varsity** will not be altered throughout the season, though athletes may be "moved up" from time to time at the coaches' discretion for specific routines, or "benched" for others. The coaches will be setting initial competition groups and alternates for those groups at tryouts this year, so dancers may begin work on choreography early in the season. These groups will not be tied to the JV/ Varsity team placement, as we will be competing in specific categories. These groups ARE NOT FINAL, and alterations may be made throughout the season by the coaches based on the individual dancer's ability to grasp choreography, injury, skills mastered (or not), attendance, commitment, routine category, etc. Alternates may "move up" into a spot, and group "members" may move back into an alternate spot. All decisions pertaining to competition placements are at the coaches' discretion and will likely fluctuate throughout the season. Alternates are not guaranteed a chance to compete, but will be expected to attend all practices, performances, and fundraisers involving the competition group for which they are currently an alternate. Substitutions are often made at the last minute, so we need a set of alternates who are prepared to jump in quickly.