

## 2015 - 16 San Diego State University Dance Team Auditions

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the SDSU Dance Team. Auditions will be held April 24 - 25, 2015 at the Aztec Recreation Center on the SDSU campus. In order to prepare for the audition, please check out our team's website, YouTube channel, Instagram, and Twitter accounts to familiarize yourself with what we do.

Website: [arc.sdsu.edu/dance](http://arc.sdsu.edu/dance)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sdsudanceteam>

Youtube: [www.youtube.com/user/SDSUDanceTeam](http://www.youtube.com/user/SDSUDanceTeam)

Instagram and Twitter: [@SDSUDanceTeam](#)

Being a member of the team is a big commitment, but a once-in-a-lifetime experience that cannot be replicated in other dance/school settings. If you are committed to academics, healthy living, and teamwork, and enjoy being a part of something bigger than yourself, join us!

Here are some answers to questions you might have.

- 1. For what type of dancer are you looking?** We are looking for fit, talented, performers who are skilled in jazz, hip-hop, and pom. However, if you are only trained in one style, we encourage you to audition. Since we compete in multiple styles, dancers with specific training in one style are welcome. We have the flexibility to include dancers in styles and performance venues appropriate for their training. Male dancers are also encouraged to audition, especially those with hip hop or break dancing skills.
- 2. Does everyone on the team compete?** Yes, everyone on the team will belong to a competition group as a competitor or alternate.
- 3. What competitions do you attend?** Our team competes at UDA and USA competitions, including the West Coast Championships (Anaheim), USA College Nationals (Anaheim), and the UDA College Nationals Championship (Orlando, FL.)
- 4. Do you practice over the summer?** We have one four-day camp in Palm Springs in July. August 12 - 15, returning members will be attending the UDA College Camp in Santa Barbara while new members attend new member training at SDSU. Band Camp begins August 16 and we work until school starts. Team members are strongly encouraged to take class and work out during the summer to prepare for the rigorous fall season.
- 5. How can I prepare for auditions?** The most important thing to do is submit your application early so that you can gain access to the YouTube website and videos that teach most of the audition material. Take class, work out, eat healthy, and get plenty of rest.
- 6. What if I can't make it to the audition?** There is an option to submit a video audition if you are not available April 24 - 25, however it is always better to audition in person. Please see our website for video audition information.

If you have any questions about the Dance Team or the audition process, please don't hesitate to contact us at [sdsudanceteam@yahoo.com](mailto:sdsudanceteam@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you at auditions!

# 2015 - 16 San Diego State University Dance Team Audition Information

- Audition Dates:** Friday and Saturday, April 24 - 25, 2015
- Registration Time:** 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24
- Clinic/Audition Times:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24  
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25
- Clinic/Audition Location:** Aztec Recreation Center on the SDSU Campus and Peterson Gym
- Directions:** 8 East  
Exit College Ave. (follow it right off the freeway)  
Right on Montezuma  
Right on 55th St.  
Park in the parking structure (PS 5) on the left (pay at the machine)
- Audition Attire:** Pom and Jazz - boy cut shorts, tights, form fitting top, jazz shoes  
Hip Hop - tennis shoes, sweat pants  
Hair can be up or down, but should not distract  
Please also bring plenty of water, healthy snacks, and knee pads

## **Audition Paperwork:**

- Completed application
- Letter of Recommendation from your current teacher or coach
- \$25.00 audition fee (checks made to SDSU Dance Team)
- Unofficial transcripts/grades from current semester
- Recent picture of yourself (will not be returned)
- Aztec Recreation Center Liability Release Form (download from our site)

**Mail your audition paperwork to arrive on or before FRIDAY, APRIL 17 to:**

**SDSU Dance Team  
Aztec Recreation Center  
5301 55th Street  
San Diego, CA 92182**

If you are a current SDSU student and would like to drop off your packet, please do so with DeJuan Bedford in the Aztec Recreation Center.

**IMPORTANT: WHEN WE RECEIVE YOUR PACKET, WE WILL SEND YOU LOGIN INFORMATION TO ACCESS AUDITION MATERIAL ONLINE.**

**Please learn this material prior to arriving at the audition.**

**Submitting your application early will allow you more time to learn and practice the material.**

## **Tentative Schedule:**

### **Friday, April 24 – Peterson Gym**

5:30 p.m. Registration in Room “B” in front of the Aztec Recreation Center  
6:00 Introductions  
6:15 Review Fight Song (online material)  
7:00 Review Hip Hop (online material)  
8:00 Across the Floor Combinations  
9:00 Announcements of First Cut

### **Saturday, April 25 – Aztec Recreation Center**

9:00 a.m. Learn Jazz Routine  
11:00 p.m. Lunch Break  
1:00 Review  
3:00 Audition  
7:00 Announcement of 2015 - 16 SDSU Dance Team and New Team Meeting (dinner provided)  
10:00 Dismissal for New Team Members

## **Dance Introduction:**

At the audition, each candidate will be asked to perform a short (4) 8 ct. solo "introducing" herself/himself and showcasing her/his talents. The music will be an upbeat song appropriate for either jazz or hip hop. Consider preparing your introduction ahead of time to ensure that you are able to show the judges your special skills in the event that those skills aren't part of the choreography you will be learning.

**Questions? Please email [sdsudanceteam@yahoo.com](mailto:sdsudanceteam@yahoo.com)**

# 2015 – 2016 San Diego State University Dance Team Application

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>
<b>Permanent Address:</b>	<b>Cell Phone Number:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>	<b>Alternate Phone Number:</b>
<b>School Currently Attending:</b>	<b>Dance Teacher/Coach:</b>
<b>Year in School:</b>  HS/SR   FR   SO   JR   SR   GRAD	<b>Expected Graduation Date:</b>
<b>Have you been accepted to SDSU?   Yes   No</b> <b>If no, please explain.</b>	<b>How did you hear about SDSU Dance Team Auditions?</b>
<b>List any major injuries and/or health problems:</b>	<b>Dance Experience:</b>

I have read the SDSU Dance Team information packet and have listed valid information in the spaces provided. I understand that the decisions of the SDSU audition judges and coaching staff are final and cannot be disputed.

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian signature if under the age of 18

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# SDSU Dance Team Video Submission Requirements

**VIDEOS DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015**

## **Please include the following in your audition packet:**

1. Completed application
2. Letter of recommendation from your current teacher or coach
3. \$25.00 audition fee payable by check or money order payable to SDSU Dance Team
4. Official or unofficial transcripts/grades from current semester
5. Recent picture of yourself (this will not be returned)
6. Clearly labeled DVD of your audition video, or access to the link where your videos are posted (DVD will not be returned)

## **Video Speaking Component:**

1. Introduce yourself and give about one minute of background information.
2. Answer the question, "Why do you want to be on the SDSU Dance Team?"
3. Please discuss what characteristics you possess that will help you be a successful dance team member.

## **Video Dance Skills:**

1. Across the Floor Combinations - Perform three combinations traveling across the floor that show your ability to turn, kick, and leap on BOTH sides.
  - a. Turns - At a minimum, include pirouettes and chainé turns.
  - b. Kicks - Demonstrate front, side, and back kicks on both sides.
  - c. Leaps - Include reverse, center, and specialty leaps (firebird, calypso, switch center, etc.)
2. Turns in Seconde - At a minimum, perform 16 counts of turns in seconde. If able, elaborate on the combination to include skills such as floaters, change of arm and leg positions, etc. Show us your best turn series!
3. Tricks - Demonstrate any unique dance skills you possess, such as leg turns, floor work, jumps, kips, tumbling, acrobatics, etc.
4. One jazz competition routine (can be a solo or a group number performed as a solo)
5. One hip hop competition routine (can be a solo or group number performed as a solo)

## **Evaluation Process:**

1. The coach and judging panel will review the videos and notify candidates of the results via email on or before May 8, 2015.
2. You may be asked to schedule an in-person audition/interview.

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