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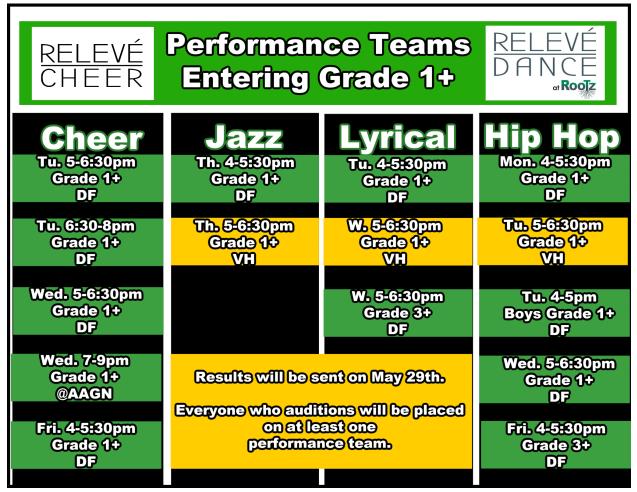
Relevé Dance Company

Providing quality training in a nurturing environment

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Andrea Shekhter, Senior Manager, Cheer: andrea.shekhter@getrootz.com Performance teams are a perfect platform for your dancer to find and explore their inner performer while they hone their technical skills. All dancers that audition will be placed on at least one performance team.

Teams will perform (four times a year) from January through May at various venues near Rootz. Performances in the past include: Chicago Bulls Game, Hawthorn Mall, Christian Heritage Academy, Great America and the Genesee Theater.



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Hip Hop, Lyrical & Jazz Performance Teams

Tuition: \$199 per month

- Performance Team Dancers will focus on a single style of dance over the course of the year (August 2025 through May 2026) while building strength, flexibility and technique.
- Performance Teams will practice for 90 minutes once a week at Rootz.

Boys Hip Hop Performance Teams

Tuition: \$155 per month

- Performance Team Dancers will focus on a single style of dance over the course of the year (August 2025 through May 2026) while building strength, flexibility and technique.
- Performance Teams will practice for 60 minutes once a week at Rootz.

Solo, Duet & Trio Performance

Tuition: Solo: \$329 per month | Duet: \$235 per month | Trio: \$185 per month

- 2nd Grade and up.
- Dancers must be on a team to accept placement.
- These small Performance Teams will focus on one routine using a single style of dance.
- The single style teams will practice for 60 minutes once per week.

Cheer Performance Teams

Tuition: \$223 per month

- The Cheer Performance participants will learn jumps, motions, dance, tumbling and stunting which will all become a part of their routine learned. Decisions for stunt positions will be made only by the instructor.
- Cheer Performance will practice for 90 minutes once a week at Rootz.

Cheer Performance Team

Tuition: \$285 per month

- This advanced Cheer Performance team will learn a choreographed routine that will include jumps, tumbling & stunting.
- Decisions for stunt positions will be made only by the instructor.
- Due to the high level of stunting, this team practices for 120 minutes once a week at American Academy of Gymnastics in Northbrook.

Cheer Performance Small Group Stunt Team **New**

Tuition: \$250

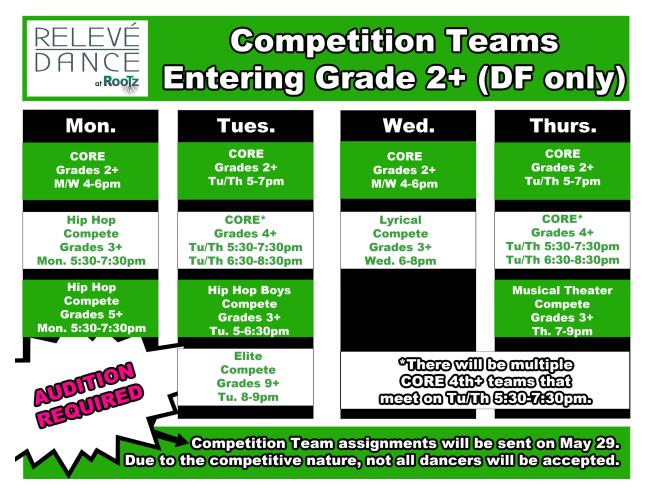
- This team is only available for participants on one of the Cheer Performance Teams.
- This team will focus on one routine based on stunting.
- This is a small group, so only a limited number of participants will be able to participate. Participants, as well as stunt positions within the team, will be chosen by Coach Andrea based on skill level
- Teams will practice for 60 minutes once per week at Rootz

Competition Teams (Grades 2+)

Competition teams are a serious year-long commitment (August 2025 through May 2026) that allows the dancer to build strength, flexibility, and technique while learning their routine(s) for competition.

Competition Dancers will participate in three competitions during the year as well as two performances at local venues such as Chicago Bulls Game, Christian Heritage Academy and our year-end recital at Genesee Theater.

Not all dancers that audition will be placed on a competition team. However, all dancers that audition will be offered a position on at least one Performance Team.



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Hip Hop, Musical Theater & Lyrical Competition Teams

Tuition: \$270 per month

- 3rd Grade and up.
- These Competition Teams will focus on one routine using a single style of dance.
- This single style team will practice for 120 minutes once per week with one hour of technique and one hour of choreography.

Boys Hip Hop Competition Teams

Tuition: \$218 per month

- 3rd Grade and up.
- These Competition Teams will focus on one Hip Hop routine over the course of the year.
- This single style team will practice for 90 minutes once per week with 30 minutes of technique and one hour of choreography.

CORE Compete

Tuition: \$395 per month

- 2nd Grade and up.
- CORE Teams will compete in three routines: Hip Hop, Contemporary, and Jazz.
- The CORE teams will practice two times per week for a total of four hours, which includes one hour of technique.
- CORE dancers are required to take a Ballet/Acro class, Teen Technique or Core Conditioning class.

Solo, Duet & Trio Competition

Tuition: Solo: \$360 per month | Duet: \$260 per month | Trio: \$210 per month

- 4th Grade and up.
- Dancers under the age of 14 must be on another competition team to participate.
- These small Competition Teams will focus on one routine using a single style of dance.
- The single style teams will practice for 60 minutes once per week.

Elite Competition

Tuition: \$175 per month

- 9th Grade and up.
- This Competition Team will focus on one routine using a single style of dance.
- This single style team will practice for 60 minutes once per week focusing on technique and choreography.

Senior Solo Competition

Tuition: Solo: \$100 per month

- High School Seniors Only.
- Dancers will have the opportunity to choreograph their own solo in the genre of their choice.
- Solos will be mentored by a Relevé Staff during the season.

Tuition

Dance Company tuition is billed in ten installments. The first installment is due upon acceptance into the team and the remaining nine installments will be billed at the beginning of each month beginning with September 1st.

Tuition includes: costume, rehearsals, recitals/performances, and competition fees (if applicable).

Tuition <u>does not include</u> tickets to performances (where applicable), Relevé Tank, or Dance Team Jacket (Tanks and Jackets will only need to be purchased for those participants that need a different size or are new to Dance Company).

Attendance

Dance Company is a serious commitment. Poor attendance not only impacts the dancers ability to learn technique and their routine, but can also negatively affect the rest of their team, so we expect participation in all rehearsals.

All absences for rehearsals must be reported to Miss Lexie within 24 hours of their rehearsal time. Dancers with more than two unexcused rehearsals may be pulled from a Performance or a Competition.

Dancers who know in advance that they will be unable to dance in a performance or competition must notify Miss Lexie as soon as possible and are still required to attend rehearsals. Dancers who miss one performance or competition could be pulled from the team without a refund.

Uniform

All dancers on CORE, Compete and Performance teams are required to wear their uniform to rehearsals each week and wear the appropriate footwear for their style of dance. Dancers must wear their Relevé Team Jacket to all performances and competitions.

If dancers do not already have these items, they will be required to purchase them separately.

Costumes

We will measure your dancer in the beginning of the season for costumes. Costs for the initial order are included in your tuition, however if there is a need for a replacement costume the additional cost will be the responsibility of the family.

Parent Informational Meeting

It is highly recommended that parents attend the virtual information meeting on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025** to learn more about Dance & Cheer Company:

- Dance Performance & Competition Teams: 5:15 pm
- Cheer Performance Teams: 5:45 pm
- Links will be emailed to everyone registered for an audition.
- Families will receive a survey on Wednesday, May 14 for dancers to rank their team preference.

Auditions

Auditions for both Vernon Hills and Deerfield dancers will take place at Rootz (7 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield) based on the following schedule:

<u>relevé</u>	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday,
dance	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22
4-6 pm	General	General	General	General
	Auditions	Auditions	Auditions	Auditions
	K-2nd grade	3rd-7th grade	K-2nd grade	3rd-7th grade
6-7 pm	Boys Hip Hop (K and up)	General Auditions 8th-12th grade	Solo, Duets & Trios	

<u>Relevé</u> Cheer	Tuesday, May 27
4-5:30 pm	Cheer (K and up)
5:30-7 pm	Cheer (K and up)

Students attending General Auditions will learn a short jazz/lyrical and a hip hop combination. Dancers will then execute the combination in front of a small panel of judges.

Students attending Boys Hip Hop and Cheer tryouts need to attend the specific audition day/time. Students will learn a short combination and will then execute it in front of a small panel of judges.

Students will be judged on technique, performance & sportsmanship.

All dancers who want to be considered for Performance or Compete Teams need to attend one of the General Audition sessions.

In order to attend, dancers need to enroll for their audition through the registration portal at getrootz.com.

Please register your dancer for auditions based on their **CURRENT GRADE**.

Dancers should wear dance attire and bring water, sneakers and jazz shoes (if they have them)

Dancers auditioning for a solo, duet or trio should come to the audition with music on a device with bluetooth capabilities and a prepared short combination (6 counts of 8) in the genre they would like to be considered for.

Dancers must have a completed survey with team preferences ranked before auditions.

Team Placements

Team placements will be sent out via email on May 29th with instructions on how to register for the team.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Does everyone make a team?
 - Yes, everyone makes a team, however it might not be their first choice. Auditions are necessary for proper placement.
- How are dancers placed onto teams?
 - Dancers are placed on teams based on ability and based on the genre they indicated they were interested in on the survey.
 Placements do not take into account availability or friendship requests.
 - The Company survey will be sent out on May 14th. You will be able to rank which teams your dancer/cheerleader hopes to make.
- What if my dancer is not available for the team he/she was placed on?
 - If your dancer is not able to accept their position on a team, you can put their name on the Wait List for another team. Dancers will be admitted based on score.
 - Dancers may move to teams of the same ability level or lower. For example, if your dancer makes a Core team, but only wants Hip Hop Compete, they may switch.
- Why did my dancer get asked to join multiple teams and/or teams that we did not indicate on the survey?
 - Dancers are offered multiple teams where we believe they will be a good fit based on their skill level and expressed interest.
- Can my dancer participate on multiple teams?
 - Yes, dancers may participate in multiple teams.
- Will there be a separate dance company for the Vernon Hills location?
 - No, for the 2025/2026 school year, there will be one dance company that is composed of teams that rehearse at the Vernon Hills and at Deerfield studios. As Dance Company participation increases over time, we may create a separate dance company for Vernon Hills.