

Dear Parents and all kids who made the Extreme Ballroom Company for the 2026-27 year!

We appreciate all of you coming out and hope that you had a good experience at tryouts. We think this is going to be another fantastic year!

First—Everyone who auditioned either made a team or will be placed into a technique class! So exciting! Sometimes a Junior who still looks younger will be moved to a pre-teen team and vice-versa. Also, we sometimes put a junior boy or girl on youth showcase rather than on a junior team if a spot is not available. Because of this, we need you all to PLEASE check all the ages first BEFORE emailing us with a missing name. If you still don't see your child's name, then please email us. Sometimes mistakes are made, so we want to catch a missing name today if possible. Every name should be accounted for. Please understand that we won't be taking calls about where your child was placed. We have auditions for a reason, and the teams are now set.

Second—This year, we feel that it's important to have an initial parent meeting right away since Boot Camp is coming up soon and some partnerships are formed or being formed. We would like to go over the commitments of each team so everyone understands those before we even have Boot Camp (June 8, 9, 10). This meeting will be held at the studio on **June 1st at 6:30**-It will not run longer than 45 minutes, so plan to be there on time. We will address all the PT, Jr., and Youth Medley teams, and our PT and Youth Show teams. Pec-Wees and Minis don't generally register until Fall, so we will wait to meet with them.

Third—We will be holding **YOUTH CABARET TEAM** auditions the 2nd day of Bootcamp, June 9th at 1:00 pm. Any youth can audition for this additional team, even those not in our program, so spread the word. We got this started back up again last year, and it was fabulous! We hope to have even more interest this year. This team will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 so keep this in mind as you prepare for tryouts. Logan Barnes and Autumn Hawkes are coaching this team, and they are both former cabaret partners and champions!

Fourth—We now have a PT Blue team again with BOYS! We plan on getting AT LEAST 3 more boys so that team will be equal boys and girls. We are starting a marketing program that should also get quite a few more people coming in to try ballroom. If we end up with more girls than boys in this group, we will create an all-girls PT Team as well.

Fifth-Technique classes are required for everyone on a team in this company except for our Jr/Yth. All girls teams. We would encourage you to take tech. classes though, especially if you eventually want to move up in the program. It is the best way to improve your overall skills. We will assign all dancers to tech. classes for their level within the next few weeks, so be watching for that.

Sixth--Please remember that we have auditions for a reason: To place the dancers where they need to be. Auditions are a difficult OR joyful time for all. Many friends who have danced together for some time get moved on to different teams, some make the team they have always wanted, others do not. Please be sensitive to one another and remember once a friend, always a friend. Thinking you are better than someone else because you made a higher team is a trait that is not welcome at Extreme. On the flipside of that, those who did not make a higher team and talk badly about those who did are equally not acceptable. Welcome new team members with open arms! Parents, remember, your children will be ok if YOU are supportive, positive, and encourage your children to be grateful that they get to be a part of a wonderful program, no matter what team they made. New relationships will be made, and much fun awaits all our students!

Seventh—A team acceptance form will be emailed to you by this weekednd that all of you will be required to fill out. This lets us know you have accepted your team or technique only position in the company, and that we can move forward with creating our distribution lists, etc. It also has very vital information for all of you so please watch for that to come out soon.

Finally- I just want to thank all of you for your support this year and every year. I truly do feel we have a great atmosphere in our studio, which has been told to me by many coaches who have come here to work with our kids. They have said that there is just a different feeling here. I know it is because we have the BEST KIDS AND FAMILIES in the world at Extreme and I want to keep it that way!

Sincerely, Staci Huston and all the staff at Extreme Ballroom!