

HARDWORK..DEDICATION..COMMITMENT

L.Y.T.E DANCE CREW AUDITIONS 2013/2014



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INTRODUCTION:

We welcome you to the only professional, entertainment industry training, preparation and education in Santa Clarita Valley, San Fernando Valley and Antelope Valley. LYTE is a pre-professional trained crew of the most serious and dedicated dancers wanting to break into the entertainment industry. LYTE CREW not only will gain knowledge and tips in every rehearsal, class, show, and booking but will be prepared for Auditions, meet the most famous choreographers in the business, receive exposure, attend Auditions as a crew, and be trained both mentally and physically on having and holding success as a dancer and in the business. What better way to get first hand tips than from someone who has had success. Tawnya Ahlgren has danced behind several celebrities, seen on MTV "The Drop" dance show, National Budweiser commercial, Worked with several pop artists and still is a working professional

with the latest information and moves. Crew may be asked to dance behind artists or work any other entertainment industry job offered by choreographer. LYTE is dedicated to offering the CREW kids every chance and opportunity to spread their wings and prepare them for the life as a professional dancer. It takes serious commitment, hard work dedication, passion, humility, responsibility, strong moral character, self-confidence and so much more. LYTE is here to teach all that and more to the select crew members that will be representing LYTE for 2013/2014.

TRYOUTS:

The schedule Auditions for the 2013-2014 Crew is as follows:

SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2013 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Preciado Ballroom 24811 Railroad ave, Newhall, Ca 91321

Tryouts will consist of a professional type audition for an entertainment industry dance audition. Choreography will be taught and each student must then perform the choreography at the end of the allotted time in front of the judges

Each dancer must have a solo/freestyle prepared and must be a minimum of 40 seconds and may not exceed 1 minute. The style of the solo is your choice. Please remember it is important to show versatility when trying out for the dance crew.

This is your opportunity to show any talents and skills that are not in the pre-choreographed dance. Please provide your music on an iPod or mp3 player. CDs will be accepted if necessary.

All dancers should wear clothes that are loose fitting and show personality.

A parent permission slip (handed out at information meeting) must be completed, signed, and turned in at the beginning of the tryouts on SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2013.

Videotaping will not be allowed and observers are not allowed to attend the auditions. Only dancers who are trying out will be permitted in the studio during the auditions.

GENERAL TEAM INFORMATION:

Dance Crew practices **2/3 hours per week and some Saturdays.. Day and Time not yet determined. This includes body toning, strengthening, conditioning, choreography and education.**

CREW PERFORMANCES

□ Crew members participate in local area junior high and high school dance shows in addition to competitions, professional venues in the entertainment industry like World of Dance, Kids Carnival sponsored by Radio Disney, pre-game and half-time Jethawk baseball games, Local and possibly out of town events and offered a chance to participate in MONSTERS OF HIP HOP in LAS VEGAS.

□ Depending on the size of next year's team, we may have more categories than just hip hop crew. After tryouts, the coach will decide whether there will be a JV and Varsity. Once that is decided, details will be distributed.

MANDATORY INTENSIVE WEEK PRACTICE:

□ In order to prepare for the year and the competition season, there are two designated "intensive" practices. The first "intensive" will be **Monday, July 8, 2013 through Thursday, July 11, 2013 every week day from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the HART HIGH SCHOOL PARK.** The intensive will be led by Tawnya Ahlgren. There will be additional team activities during these dates as well (i.e., team BBQ/pool party, bowling, beach party, etc.). This will build team bonding, tools, full body conditioning and more. This will help prepare the team for shows, rehearsals and competitions that run from September through May!

FINANCES:

□ LYTE CREW tuition ranges from 2,300.00 to 2,600.00 for the entire year. This includes the mandatory weekly classes each crew member must attend, monthly shows/booking fees, choreographer fees, rehearsals and class tuition. This does not include additional costumes if needed or competition costs nor the headshots needed per each team member which will range from \$75-\$100 per child. These will be professionally shot and can be used for auditioning. All dancers are encouraged to obtain an entertainment license if under 18 to be prepared to work any professional jobs that may be offered.

The scope of the 2013-2014 LYTE DANCE CREW will be determined by the amount of funds raised by each participant. Participation in team fundraisers is extremely helpful when covering the costs included in costuming, rehearsals and choreographers.

LYTE CREW GEAR is purchased by all team members over the summer. You can anticipate paying \$300 to \$500 for LYTE GEAR/Costume, depending on what items are chosen. LYTE GEAR payments are due payable when ordered. This includes, warm up gear, LYTE Dance Bag, team shoes, shirts, sweats, beanies and costumes chosen for up-coming show if possible. Some items must only be worn for performances and others must be worn to class at all times. There will be a variety of styles and colors.

□ LYTE will attempt to make every effort to minimize costs throughout the year and Fundraise. We cannot do this without the help of our parents. Parent participation in these can help reduce the cost for their child. LYTE is looking to recruit several parents that can lead these fundraising events car washes, candy bars, bake sales etc. All dancers must participate.

L.Y.T.E DANCE CREW PARENT PARTICIPATION:

□ It takes a lot of time, money and commitment to have a successful team. Parent support will be critical to our success to bring our young dancers of our community to success and offer

them the best possible opportunities to reach their goals and prepare them for their future dance career.

FUNDRAISING:

☐ L.Y.T.E CREW will attempt fundraising to help defray costs associated with being on the team. The money from our events (car wash, bake sales etc.) helps pay the costs of costumes, the team dances, competition fees, costumes, choreographers and will be split evenly among participating members if doing team and applied individually if doing single fundraisers.

☐ **All** team members and their families must help support the team fundraising activities to help pay team costs if they would like to take advantage of financial support. Additional fundraisers we may attempt and not limited to; a rummage sale, bake sales and candy sales. A parent team to help support our kids is encouraged.

COMPETITIONS:

☐ LYTE DANCE CREW will participate in dance competitions held in conjunction with the United Spirit Association (USA), as well as other Southern California area competitions held by various high schools. Regional competitions are held by USA to qualify for participation in their National Competition.

☐ The competition season runs from January until Nationals in March. Discussions regarding which competitions the team will attend will take place in advance of the season and the schedule will be circulated as it becomes available.

**Thank you for your interest in the LYTE DANCE CREW!
We wish everyone good luck at tryouts!!!**

It is mandatory that all members read the important information about crew listed on our web page. This includes policies, fees, commitment and much more.

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