



## **GOLDEN SPARKS DANCE TEAM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

If your child is interested in joining the Golden Sparks Dance Team for the 2018-2019 school year, please complete the following steps:

1. Fill out the attached membership form.
2. Attend all three days of the Spark Camp- March 20-22 from 4:15-6pm in the small gym. Wear all black and bring any dance shoes that you have.
3. Complete the LISD physical form and get a physical from your family doctor. Physicals are due by the first day of line camp July 16<sup>th</sup> (this is a tentative date). Most insurance policies will only do one physical a year so you may have to get a copy of last year's to me and wait for the year to pass. Each dancer will also need to complete the district travel form. Those will be available at the fitting. They are also due by July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Informational Parent Meeting Monday March 5th at 6:30pm in the Stiles cafeteria**

**This meeting is mandatory for new team members (one parent per child is great. The dancers do not have to attend unless they want to). We will cover costs and time commitment for participation on the team**

### **What is Spark Camp?**

Spark camp is Tuesday March 20-Thursday March 22 from 4:15-6 in the FSMS big gym. It is **MANDATORY** that you attend all three days of the camp to be considered for next year's team. You will be working on technical skills and learning a dance routine. Dancers should wear all black (Stiles Dance Department clothes, spandex, t-shirts, tank tops, leggings are all fine) and bring all dance shoes if you have them. Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be dancing with the veteran members.

### **What is Line Camp?**

The Golden Sparks will attend a Line camp July 16-19 at Vista Ridge High School(this is a tentative date). The cost will be \$125 per dancer. During line camp, the girls will have the opportunity to train with a variety of instructors in technique and also learn routines that they will use for pep rallies and football games. We will continue to work on these routines during other scheduled rehearsals before school starts. **FAILURE TO ATTEND LINE CAMP CAN RESULT IN FORFEIT FROM AT LEAST THE FIRST TWO FOOTBALL GAMES AND THE FIRST PEP RALLY.**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade sell off:** This year we are going to give the new dancers an opportunity to save money by purchasing items from the leaving 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This will happen on Wednesday May 16th from 4:15-6. Please bring cash, you will purchase directly from the dancer and parent.

**Mandatory Fitting:** Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>. after school until finished: specific schedule will be based on last name.

This is the time that each dancer will order their practice dance clothes, field uniform, pep rally costumes, and all shoes for the year. Sizes will be available to try on, so wear something easy to change in and out of. (sports bra and spandex work great). Payment is due in full at the time of the fitting and credit cards are accepted by Ovation and the Golden Sparks Booster Club.

During this time you will also order your bows, performance earrings, game day shirt, sweat pants, and black tank from the GSBC. You will also pay for line camp at this time. Checks for these items will go to the Golden Sparks Booster Club.

*The objective of the Golden Sparks Dance Team is to build a competition grade dance team that fosters good fellowship, builds school spirit and loyalty, and encourages high morals as well as professional standards among team members. In addition, I hope to build a love of dance through self-discipline and prepare each middle school dancer for the next level, which is the high school Dance Team.*

Dance Team is a year-long commitment and involves responsibility, loyalty, and dependability. Our team members represent the school and the program and should pride themselves as such.

Our team responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Attending and dancing at all football games(Tuesday nights in the fall)-7 total games
2. Dancing at pep rallies
3. Attending both Rouse and Vista Ridge homecoming parades
4. Performing with both Rouse and Vista Ridge at middle school nights (8<sup>th</sup> graders only)
5. Performing at both Rouse and Vista Ridge's Holiday Shows
6. Performing at both Rouse and Vista Ridge's Spring Shows
7. Participating in all fundraising activities
8. Maintaining good grades in all classes – We are a “No Pass No Play” activity like all UIL activities

Being on the team is demanding physically and emotionally. We practice before school (7:00am) most days and the expectation is comparable to any other sport in terms of level of commitment to their teammates and directors. Please make sure that your child is participating for the right reasons before you spend money on it. All items ordered are non-refundable.

Cost breakdown for 2017-2018 School Year

Ovation:	\$475
GSBC:	\$125(Other clothing items, earrings, bows)
Line Camp	\$125