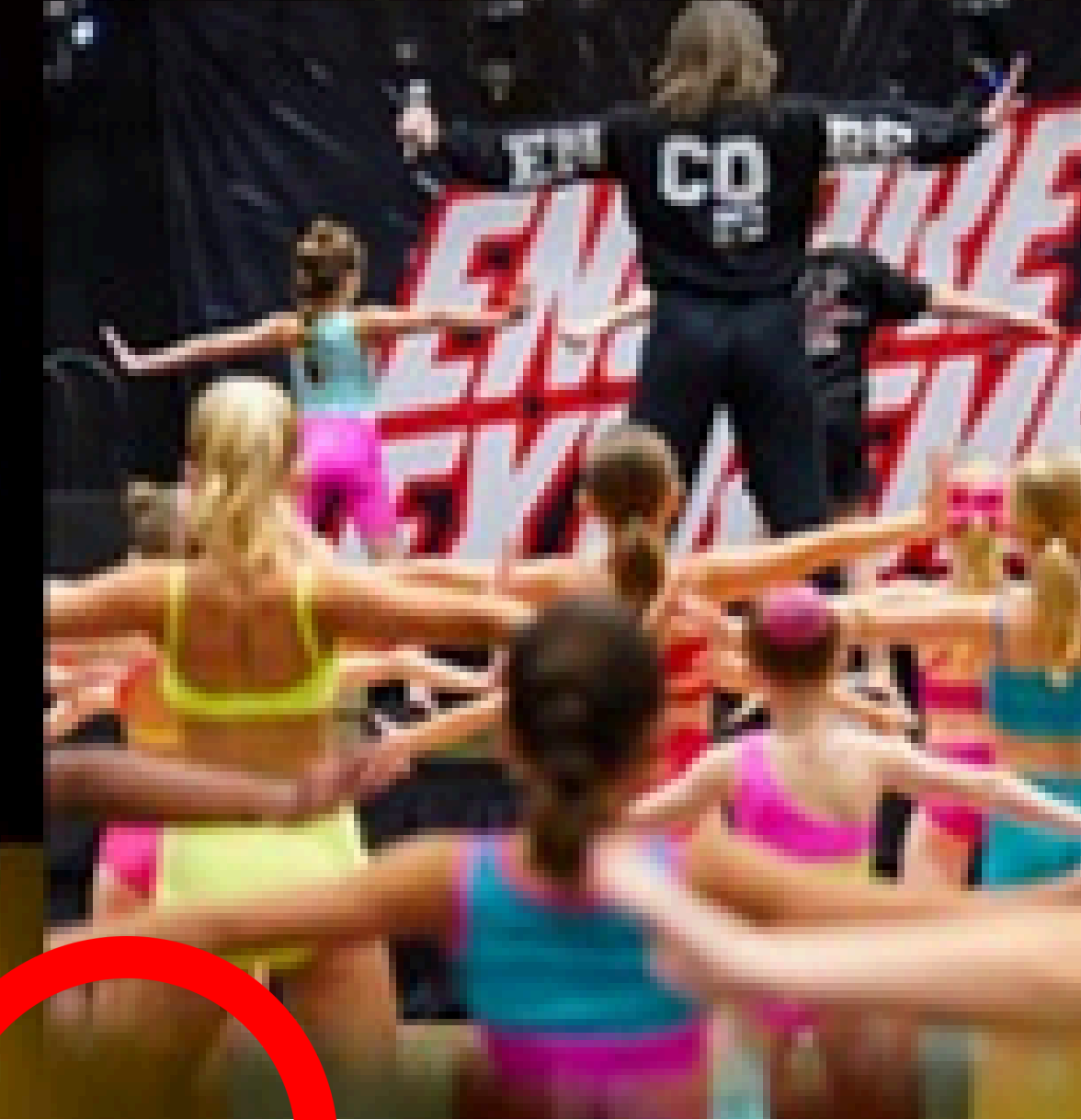




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Encore Extreme



CONVENTION HANDBOOK

A 1-DAY EVENT GUIDE



WELCOME MESSAGE



Welcome to Encore Extreme. We are proud to provide the fierce and friendly convention of Encore DCS. The dance competition you know and love has created an extension that bridges the gap between training and performance.

Our event consists of one incredible day of convention classes and the opportunity to audition for the Encore DCS Dream Team.

What to expect? Classes filled with talented dancers and learning from the finest dance educators who provide thoughtful, fun and diverse training.

Please read along for more information so that your Encore Extreme Weekend is a success!





DREAM TEAM

MISSION

WHO

We select talented and well rounded dancers who fit the vibe and aesthetic of each season's theme. Prior participation on Dream Team does not guarantee future selection. Not only do we look for talented dancers, but those who represent the qualities of Encore DCS: kind, hard-working, passionate and hungry for dance. Dancers who audition for the Dream Team are observed both on and off the stage. The dancers selected for Dream Team give Encore permission to post their headshots, video footage, name and studio affiliate on all their social media handles and website links, including any marketing materials for that season.



WHY

The Dream Team is an Encore DCS exclusive opportunity! Dancers will train and work in a professional and fast paced environment and will be featured on Encore DCS social media and our website.



ENCORE EXTREME

1 - DAY FEES & MORE

CONVENTION FEES (4 levels of classes):

- MINI – ages 6 and under - \$100 (dancers age 6 can choose to take Mini or Petite class)
- PETITE – ages 6-8 - \$135
- JUNIOR – ages 9-11 - \$200
- TEEN/SENIOR – ages 12 & up - \$200
- OBSERVER PASSES - \$30 (available for purchase at event)

DREAM TEAM AUDITION: \$30 (dancers register and pay at the door)

(Optional – please visit www.encoredcs.com for more information!)

Convention Guidelines:

A current Encore DCS Waiver must be signed and submitted prior to participation.

Teacher wristbands and nametags can be picked up in the lobby. Registration times will be noted on the final schedule.

When arriving at the venue students should report to the ballroom assigned for warm up. Individual students do not need to check in at the registration desk. Any registration issues should be handled by teachers.

Parents or guardians must purchase an Observer Pass in order to watch class. Observer passes allow access to all ballrooms. However, parent observers will not be allowed to observe the Audition Class.

Audition Classes:

The main focus of “The Audition Process” is to educate these young dancers on how to behave, look, act and perform during an audition. It also serves as the Dream Team Audition for those dancers who register and pay the Dream Team fee. ALL students will learn audition etiquette, tips, combinations, and will participate in an audition process.

Dream Team Selection:

Encore DCS is proud to offer an amazing opportunity for advanced dancers to be cast in a one-of-a-kind promotional video and become a member of the Encore DCS Dream Team! All Encore Extreme participants age 9 and over are eligible to audition for the Dream Team.

Dream Team auditions are optional and are closed to teachers and observers. Students must be 9 by October 16, 2026 in order to audition. Students that have already graduated high school are not eligible for Dream Team. The only exception to this rule is for students that are competing the full regional year for 2026-27.

Students chosen for this experience will be choreographed, staged and featured in a video to create a new advertising campaign for Encore DCS!

Parent Volunteers needed:

Volunteers are needed to serve as Door Monitors at our upcoming event. Volunteer for a time slot and you will receive a free observer band for the weekend and a free Encore DCS t-shirt. Door Monitors kindly check for observer bands as parents/guardians/teachers enter the convention classes. You will be seated at the entrance to the ballroom and positions will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

To sign up, please see the link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444ABAF2AA7FFC34-64741600-durham>



DREAM TEAM AUDITION

A Dream Team VIP ticket is awarded to a stand out student at our Grand Finals. This ticket gives the winner a free Convention fee to Encore Extreme and guarantees their spot on the Dream Team.

The remaining Dream Team members are chosen at Encore Extreme each fall through an optional audition process.

The Dream Team Audition is broken up by age division and the number of dancers selected changes each year depending on the concept of the video and theme for the season.

What to Expect:

- Dancers are required to pay an audition fee of \$30.
- Dancers are required to bring an 8x10 Headshot and submit to the registration desk by 12:00 PM Sunday.
- The back of the headshot must include: Name, Age, Studio, Parent Email and Phone Number, Dancer Measurements (waist, bust, hips, girth), Social Media Handles & Encore Regional Event Locations (which events they traveled to in the previous season).
- Dancers must plan to attend the entire audition.
- Dancers must warm themselves up prior to the start.
- Dancers will meet the panel of judges and choreographers.
- Dancers will learn a combination and perform in small groups.
- Dancers who make the first cut of the audition will be asked to slate (say name, age and studio to a camera) and improv.
- The Dream Team will be announced on Instagram within 2 weeks of the final Encore Extreme Convention
- Dream Team Members are expected to participate in the filming, January 9-10, 2027 in Columbia, SC. A participation fee of \$200 will be due in November. Members will receive a detailed email with information, costumes, etc prior to filming.



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CONVENTION ETIQUETTE

Our goal is always for a fun and successful weekend! Here is how to make the best out of your convention experience:

- Pack all shoes, snacks, back-up outfits, safety pins and water.
- Be on time to warm-up and all classes.
- Dress in a way you are comfortable and wear things that make you feel confident.
- Use the restroom, get water and use phones between classes.
- Try your hardest in all classes! Even if the style is unfamiliar, do your best to stay active, present and positive.
- Avoid sitting down while other “groups” are showcasing choreography or combos in class.
- Avoid dancing in designated performance spaces while others are dancing or going across the floor.
- Avoid talking to friends and observers.
- Follow instructions given by Encore Faculty and Staff.
- Ask relevant questions to the current class and movement.
- Have fun!

OBSERVER ETIQUETTE

We are happy to present an observer band option for our convention classes at an additional cost. This can be purchased ahead of time through your studio or on site in the lobby. Bands are checked by door monitors for each room. Here's how to make your experience a success.

- Stay in the designated observer areas along the edges of the room. Please don't step over cables, in front of the stage, or in the student areas to video dancers.
- No talking while class is in session.
- If your dancer or a dancer from your studio is in the room you are observing, help Encore staff by assisting those dancers with bathroom breaks, injuries and encourage them to stay quiet and respectful during classes.
- Stay in designated filming areas when video taping combos.
- No **flash** video or photography.