

YMCA DANCE

Here at the Huntington YMCA, our dance instructors provide the fundamentals for all ages looking to grow in the art of dance. Children starting at age three all the way up to adults can experience the freedom and joy of dance. Through creative movement and self expression, a child will have higher self-esteem while building strength, creativity and coordination.

Session two runs January 4, 2010- May 21, 2010.

At the end of each session will be a dance recital. Our recitals are held at Crestview Middle School. Each dancer will have a costume for each dance they are in. A \$20.00 costume rental fee is charged for each recital. If your child is on more than one dance team (ie: jazz and ballet) then \$20.00 will be required for each team.

We have dance pictures each session. We ask that each dancer be at the shoot so we can get team pictures to display in our dance room. Individual prices for pictures start at around \$10.00, but there is no obligation to purchase.

Dance shoes for classes such as ballet can be found at your local department store. Tap and jazz shoes can be ordered online, at Standing Ovation in Fort Wayne or your instructor can order them for you. Our clogging shoes consist of an inexpensive, black, flat soled dress shoe found at any place that carries shoes. The taps for clogging are a one time cost of \$18.00 and can be ordered through your instructor. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call the YMCA.

Our dance teams are growing every year. We have a lot of fun and look forward to getting to know you.

CLOGGING

Forget what you have heard about wooden shoes and hair buns. Clogging is a fast paced dance and has a lot of similarities to tap, but has a different style. Tap dancers tend to be lighter on their feet and tap out the melody. Clogging is a heavier sound and taps out the beat.

Our shoes consist of a metal double tap instead of a single tap to emphasize the sounds of our feet. We dance to country, pop, hip hop and more.

Once a student has learned the basics of clogging and know how to keep the rhythm, that student will be moved to be with the other dancers their age on one of our other clogging teams.

BALLET

Ballet is one of the world's most graceful dance styles. Our classes teach the basic techniques of traditional ballet. We can use a variety of music for our classes taking this style from classic to modern. We offer a pre-ballet class that will teach the very basics of the dance while allowing creative movement from each dancer. It is an introductory class that will help to open the child's eyes to the world of dance. Our ballet classes after this will teach more terminology, proper body technique while becoming stronger, more flexible and agile.

JAZZ

Jazz is a form of modern dance. It's movements can be very unpredictable, either being slow and graceful or quick and abrupt with it's leaps and jumps. This dance class will teach flexibility, coordination and strength while keeping the rhythm to a variety of music.

HIP-HOP

Hip hop dance refers to a wide range of dance styles such as breaking, popping, locking and krumping.

Hip hop involves a lot of free style moves and is practiced both in a dance studio as well as on the street. It is physically challenging with it's quick, intentional moves but is very rewarding. We have guys who are on this dance team and love to pop and lock. This class will keep you current with the latest dance moves and keep you cool on the dance floor.

TAP

This class is new to the YMCA this year. Tap dancers are known to wear a special shoe with metal plates on the sole. Tap dancers tend to be lighter on their feet while dancing out the melody of a song. Many different types of music can be used for tap.

Dance Schedule

MONDAY

4:30-5:15- ballet- ages 6-8

5:15-6:00- jazz- ages 6-8

6:00-6:45-Hip-Hop- ages 9 & older

6:45-7:30- Clogging ages 10-16 (established students)

7:30-8:00 - Clogging (New Students)

TUESDAY

4:15-5:00 Beginning Tap

4:30-5:00- Pre-Ballet, ages 3-6 (aerobics studio)

5:00-5:45- Clogging ages 5-8 (returning students) (jr. team)

WEDNESDAY

4:15-4:45 - Clogging (New Students)

4:45-5:30 - Ballet Ages 9-15

5:30-6:15 - Jazz Ages 9-15

7:30-8:15 - Jazz Ages 6-9

THURSDAY

9:00-9:30 am Pre-Ballet ages 3-6

4:30-5:00- beginning tap ages 4-7

4:30-5:15 - Hip Hop 9 & up (aerobics studio)

5:00-5:40- tap ages 7-12

FRIDAY

9:00-9:30 am Pre-Ballet ages 3-6

New dance classes starting in January!

- Hip Hop ages 9-15 on Thursdays from 4:30-5:15 in the downstairs room.
- Jazz for ages 6-9 on Wednesday's from 7:30-8:15 in the dance room.
- A new tap class will be offered for ages 4-15 on Tuesday's from 4:30-5:00 for beginning tappers. This is a class to teach tap steps for beginners. Once steps are learned, dancers will be moved to Thursday nights and put with the appropriate age group.
- New clogging students will have class on Monday's from 7:30-8:00, and Wednesday's from 4:15-4:45.

Jazz and ballet classes on Monday nights are currently full. We will, however, allow new students to join these classes in January. Beginning in late February, new students in these classes will be moved to Wednesdays as soon as the room is available. This will allow us to keep students of similar ages and abilities challenged and learning new dances.

Sign up soon as space is limited!

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Sign up today!

**Register online at
www.huntingtony.org**

Or

**Call the YMCA at
260-359-9622**