

Golden Valley Dance Team Tryout Packet



OFFERING up to 2 SQUADS!!

Varsity – competes & school performances

JV – only school performances

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Important Dates

1. Mandatory Tryout Clinic

- Tuesday, May 6 – Friday, May 9
- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- Small Gym (Tuesday – Thursday)
- Dance Room (Friday)

2. Mandatory Team Parent’s Meeting for all Members

- Tuesday, May 20
- 7:00 pm
- Library or Room 813

3. Mandatory Summer Conditioning

- Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays: June 9th – June 26th
- 7 am – 9:00 am
- GVHS Dance Room

4. Mandatory Team Dance Camp

- Days Vary, July 7th - July 24th)
- 7 am – 12:00 pm
- GVHS Dance Room & Gym

5. Mandatory Overnight Varsity USA Dance Camp

- July 10th – 13th
- Cal Lutheran University

*Individual concerns about this schedule must be addressed with Mrs. Anthony.

Cost Estimates

All amounts are optional **purchase approximations and are subject to change**. Dancers only pay for items they wish to receive. *Coaches receive no money or benefits from the school*; only dancer-generated funds pay for the coaches through payments and fundraising. **7th period class, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. participation is of no charge per California law.** JV is the essential school team where dancers wishing to pay nothing can earn their grade during 7th period and wear their own plain black athletic attire everyday to practice and to GVHS sponsored performances. The school will not pay for any part of this 7th period class beyond the salary of the credentialed team advisor, per California law; therefore, dancers electing to pay nothing will only participate in the class required time slot of 2:00 to 3:00 pm (7th period) wearing their own clothing to receive a grade. Team placement is decide by, first, parent approval and, second, natural break in tryout scores.

The pricing below represents the *minimum* purchases families chose to make for GVHS Dance Team if there are separate JV and Varsity teams.

Team:	New JV Boy	Returning JV Boy	New Varsity Boy	Returning Varsity Boy
Item:	\$70 costume		\$120 costume	
	\$30 shoes	\$30 shoes	\$30 shoes	\$30 shoes
	\$70 spirit gear		\$85 spirit gear	
	\$300 coaching	\$300 coaching	\$350 coaching	\$350 coaching
Total:	\$470	\$330	Sub Total: \$585	Sub Total: \$380
Team:	New JV Girl	Returning JV Girl	New Varsity Girl	Returning Varsity Girl
Item:	\$100 costume		\$270 costume	
	\$25 shoes	\$25 shoes	\$25 shoes	\$25 shoes
	\$75 spirit gear		\$140 spirit gear	
	\$300 coaching	\$300 coaching	\$350 coaching	\$350 coaching
Total:	\$500	\$325	Sub Total: \$785	Sub Total: \$375
Additional Varsity Competition Fees				
<p>The JV team doesn't compete. Competition is not essential to a high school dance team per California law because all competition sponsors, programs, or associations are not recognized by a government-sanctioned organization like CIF. Therefore, competition and all its costs are at the mercy of unregulated for-profit organizations.</p> <p>Only Varsity members have the option to compete. These are approximations based on the <i>maximum</i> number of participants allowed in each dance category. The more dancers assigned to a routine, the lower the cost will be because all assigned dancers share the cost of the competition routine. The small dance categories will be filled first. Other dance sizes and styles will be determined by the team's performance and financial abilities, along with the coach's style desires. <u>Dancers only tryout for the routines they want to compete in</u>; if there are not enough dancers to fill a category, a different style could be offered or the additional competition routine will be cut. Prices are per dancer.</p>				
			\$63 Sm. Hip Hop Entrance	(6 to 10 dancers)
			\$120 Sm. Hip Hop Costume	
			\$42 Medium Hip Hop Entrance	(11 to 15 dancers)
			\$120 Medium Hip Hop Costume	

	\$63 Character Entrance	(10+ dancers)
	\$150 Character Costume	
	\$63 Dance #3 Entrance	Options: Hip Hop, Pom, Lyrical, Jazz, Co-Ed, or All Male
	\$50 to 120 Costume	Costume TBD
	\$0 to \$235 Competition Supplies	Duffle bag, garment bag, accessories bag, & warm-ups
USA Nationals		
We've taken all our routines to the USA Dance/Drill Nationals the past two years and have taken 1 st place at times. That's right, we are national champions! The cost is a flat fee for all dancers, regardless of how many routines they are in. GVHS has no control over the costs associated with nationals since Varsity's United Spirit Association determines all fees for entrances, hotels, parking, and tickets.		
	\$420 - \$550	Includes dancer's entrance fees, coaching fees, & hotel accommodations.
USA Summer Dance Camp		
All Varsity members must attend the USA Summer Dance Camp. This camp is extremely important as it provides a complete and unique program with innovative choreography and handcrafted technical training provided by quality professionals that judge our competitions. In addition to dance training and conditioning, the camp focuses on team building, leadership and self-confidence. Overall, the best competitive teams attend USA overnight camps. The pricing includes all camp meals, hotel/dorm accommodations, and workshops.		
	\$420	July 10-13, Cal Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks overnight camp
Varsity Grand Total: \$1,200 - \$2,900		

Quick Facts

- **Class Enrollment**
 - Must try-out and be selected for enrollment.
 - *Squad size* is determined by any of the following: a natural break in scores, at least 18 qualified Varsity members and no JV squad, or if the combined total JV and Varsity number reaches 30 members.
 - All dancers must attend summer practice in June and July.
 - Missing 4 or more practices is grounds for team dismissal. Individual concerns should be addressed with Mrs. Anthony.
- **Year long class**
 - 7th and 8th period class in fall *and* spring semesters.
 - Practices may finish as late as 4:00 (JV) & 5:00pm (Varsity), Monday through Friday at times.
 - Varsity will practice for 2 to 4 hours on some Saturdays every month.
 - Practices and performances on some evenings, weekends, and school breaks.
 - Varsity competition season begins in August and lasts through April.
 - Mandatory Varsity competition practice last week of winter break.
 - Team obligations come before all other sports and activities.
 - Concerns about clashing schedules must be addressed with Mrs. Anthony before tryouts. We are flexible with some other GVHS activities including choir and ASB.
 - Only medical absences accompanied with a doctor's note are excusable. However, too many absences of any kind will result in routine or team dismissal. There is no way to make up participation time.
 - Missing three or more performances is grounds for team dismissal.
 - Minimum of 2.0 GPA maintained at all times. Any dancer that earns below a 2.0 at the end of the fall semester term will be dismissed.
 - Consists of boys and girls from all grades.

Tryout Clinic and Judging Day Rules and Regulations

The following forms must be completely filled out, signed, stapled together, and **turned in** at the start of the Tryout Clinic on **Tuesday, May 6, 2014**:

1. 2014 - 2015 GVHS Dance Team Application
2. Parent Permission to Attend Tryout Clinic

*Failure to have any one of the forms or any missing signatures may result in clinic disqualification.

Tryout Clinic Apparel

1. Appropriate athletic clothing and shoes (no jeans or bare/sock only feet)
2. Dance shoes are preferred, but secure tennis shoes will work
3. GVHS colors or Dance Team attire (black, gold, white, hot pink, & grey) are preferred
4. Loose hair must be secured away from the face
5. No jewelry, except for simple studs in the ears, may be worn
6. No revealing tops or bottoms are allowed
7. No bare midriffs or excessive saggy shorts/pants are allowed

Tryout Clinic Rules and Regulations

1. Arrive early if possible; all students must be checked in before clinic can start. Check-in starts at 3:15pm in the gym.
2. Clinic starts in the gym at 3:30 and ends at 5:30.
3. No friends or parents/guardians are allowed near the clinic area; they should wait in the parking lot until the clinic is finished.
4. Clinic meets in the small gym located towards the bottom of the student parking lot.
5. No gum or food is allowed, but students are encouraged to bring water.
6. No cell phones or other electronic devices are allowed until the coach allows filming of the routine.
7. Students will learn short routines on which they will be judged: hip hop and jazz.
8. Students should demonstrate good sportsmanship by being attentive, helpful, respectful, and enthusiastic at all times. **Behavior during clinic will be considered during team selection.**
9. Students may not arrive to clinic late or leave early. They will receive a point deduction or be dismissed.
10. Students must dress appropriately for the tryout clinic.
11. Students will be given a number to wear on their clothing. Once a student is assigned a number, he or she may not trade that number with anyone else for any reason. Any switching of numbers is grounds for disqualification.
12. Judges may include any of the following: GVHS staff members, GVHS dance coaches, dance professionals, guest choreographers, and other performing arts advisors.
13. Students will be brought into the dance room in small groups where they will perform the same dance three to five times.
14. Students will then have the opportunity to perform any special tricks, moves, tumbling, jumps, or other dance talents they wish to showcase. This element is not required but highly encouraged; no specialty is too small to show off and viable ones will earn extra points.
15. Students will then exit the dance room and wait until all dancers have tried out and the Dance Advisor releases them.
16. Any student that leaves try-outs before being dismissed may be disqualified.
17. Once all dancers have tried out, the judges may call back any students to perform the routines again. Scores can be adjusted plus or minus 10 points based on the call backs.
18. The number of members on the Dance Team will be determined by the natural break in the total tryout score or if the number of Varsity members reaches between 18 or 30. Names of the 2014 - 2015 GVHS Dance Team members will be posted on the team's website by 9:00pm on Saturday, May 10. The JV team can be cancelled if the Varsity is large enough to warrant its own class. Should this occur, the average cost of Varsity participation will be \$100 to \$300 less than its current quote.
19. All members of the 2014 - 2015 GVHS Dance Team, new and returning, and their parents/guardians **must** then attend a **mandatory** meeting on **Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00pm** in the GVHS library or room 813. The first optional order and payment will be collected at that time. Failure to attend or to attend without a parent/guardian will result in team membership termination. No exceptions; this team is a major undertaking and both parents and dancers need to understand and demonstrate they understand this by attending this meeting. Payment is not required to be enrolled in the 7th period dance class only. Dancers must make payments in order to receive items or Varsity equipment/services. Costuming will not be ordered until a payment is received. **All optional purchases and payment plans are determined and made at this meeting.** Checks should be made out to Golden Valley High School. *Guardians wishing to pay by credit card will do so at the meeting through the team's online store.*

2014 - 2015 GVHS Dance Team Application

Applicant's name: _____

Current grade level: _____ **Current** School: _____

Applicant's *main* home address: _____

Main parent/guardian's phone number: _____

Main parent/guardian's email: _____

Applicant's cell phone number: _____

Applicant's email: _____

By signing below, I verify that I have read and fully understand all information presented in the Golden Valley Dance Team Tryout Packet. I will abide by all clinic and judging day rules and regulations. I understand that if I am chosen for the GVHS Dance Team, I will abide by all team rules and regulations. I understand that I will be enrolled in this class in both the fall and spring semesters, and I may not drop the class to join a different sport. Failure to follow any of the rules or regulations for the GVHS Dance Team will disqualify me from tryouts and/or terminate my position on the GVHS Dance Team. I understand that the JV team is conditional upon the size of the Varsity team.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing below, I verify that I have read and fully understand all information presented in the Golden Valley Dance Team Tryout Packet. I will abide by all clinic and judging day rules and regulations. I understand that if my child is chosen for the GVHS Dance Team, we will abide by all team rules and regulations. I understand that my child will be enrolled in this class in both the fall and spring semesters, and he/she may not drop the class to join a different sport. Failure to follow any of the rules or regulations for GVHS Dance Team will disqualify my child from tryouts and/or terminate his or her position on the GVHS Dance Team. I understand that any money I give to the team is payment towards an item or service or is a donation towards coaching salary. I am not required to pay for my child's enrolment in the 7th period Dance P.E. class. I give my child permission to participate in the GVHS tryout clinic and judging day, and I release the Wm. S. Hart Union High School District and its employees from any and all liability in this matter. I verify that my child is in good health and this tryout, judging, and possible team membership will not pose any medical/physical threat to him or her. I understand that the JV team is conditional upon the size of the Varsity team.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Team Selection Approval

The levels of commitment for the JV and Varsity teams vary greatly, as does the cost for each team. JV is the school's essential spirit dance team and participation in its 7th period class is free. All JV events are within Santa Clarita. Varsity team is non-essential and completely optional as it is not a CIF controlled activity, and therefore must be paid through the dancer's guardians and fundraising. Varsity dancers and their guardians will be required to travel to out of district sites and attend competitions and meetings

Please carefully discuss your current and future financial and schedule situations before you approve of your child's potential team placement. Do not select a team you can't commit to financially or consistently. The JV team may be dropped if there are at least 18 qualified Varsity members; therefore, the JV team is conditional upon the size of the Varsity team.

Honestly answer these questions with your parents/guardians to see if JV or Varsity Dance Team is right for you!

Questions	JV School Team	Varsity Competition Team
Can you afford \$900 to \$2,900 paid from May 2014 through February 2015?	No. (No Problem! JV is perfect for you!)	Yes.
Commitment style: for fun or to win?	Working for fun!	Intense training to win!
Practice till 3:15 pm or 5:00 pm?	3:15 pm	5:00 pm
Weekends: sleep in or training?	Sleep in!	Bring on the training!
Winter break: relax for all 3 weeks or only 2?	Full relaxation... ah.	Last week of break belongs to Dance Team!
Driving distances: SCV or SoCal?	My own ride stays in Santa Clarita.	My own ride will drive for 2 hours at times.
Fundraising: casual or serious?	Not that into it	Will do whatever it takes to raise money.
Strength training: a little or a lot?	Fine, it's got to be done.	The attitude of: looking forward to being sore!
Critiques: a little or a lot?	Fine, it's going to happen.	Bring it on: blunt & honest, or no 1 st place.

Questions	JV School Team	Varsity Competition Team
Personal Goal: 4 years or forever?	Amazing high school experience!	National recognition, GVHS honors, and untouchable high school experience!
Family Involvement: a little or a lot?	A few team meetings, attend school events, drive your dancer around SCV, help set up Homecoming float & dance show.	Team meetings, attend school events and competitions, drive your dancer around SoCal, sacrifice Saturdays & Sundays in January, February & March, help set up Homecoming float, Nationals spirit caravan & dance show, help rhinestone costumes, help with delicate costume care, and provide emotional support for an excited but stressed dancer
Main event: school or competition?	GVHS Dance Show (3 month preparation)	3 day, overnight stay, USA Dance/Drill Nationals (10 month preparation)
Stress Level: average or high?	Average stress levels – practice & school performance	High stress levels – competition practices and meets
After School: social butterfly or committed dancer?	I like my free time as soon as practice is done and need every minute for my schoolwork.	I know I'll have to give up a lot of my free time to practice, performances, competitions, and schoolwork.
What can you expect?	A fun team that focuses on raising GVHS spirit through school performances with mostly hip hop dances. Football and basketball games are the main events for us and we are always training to become a better dancer overall. Without JV there is no Dance Team, the most anticipated performers at the school!	An exciting and challenging team that performs at all school events, but focuses on winning during competition season. It is very hard work, and we are pushed to our limits every day, but we love every second of it. All team members, girls or boys, are expected to train, grow, and excel in all forms of dance. Parent involvement is key; without them, we won't succeed.

ONLY SIGN ONE OPTION.

_____ JV TEAM ONLY
(Guardian's Signature)

-OR-

_____ JV **OR** VARSITY TEAM
(Guardian's Signature)

Parent Permission to Attend Tryout Clinic

To the Principal of Golden Valley High School and the Advisor of Golden Valley High School Dance Team:

I _____ (parent/guardian) give my child _____ permission to take part in the GVHS Dance Tryout Clinic. The clinic dates are Tuesday, May 6 through Friday, May 9, 2014.

I will be (choose one) _____ dropping off/picking up my student
 _____ allowing my student to walk/drive to and from the clinic/judging
 _____ allowing my student to be dropped off or picked up by another adult or student.

Note to Parent/Guardian:

Section 35330 of the California Education Code states in part:

"All persons making the "field trip" shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the district or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursions (event)."

****This Dance Tryout Clinic/Judging Day event is not sponsored by the Wm. S. Hart District and is run by the Golden Valley Dance Team of Golden Valley High School.**

Authorization of medical care:

Should it be necessary for my child to have medical care while participating in this event, I hereby give the School permission to use their judgment in obtaining medical care and ambulance service for my child. I give the physician selected by the School to render medical care deemed necessary and appropriate by the physician. I understand the School has no insurance covering such medical or hospital costs incurred by my child and therefore, any cost incurred for such treatment shall be my sole responsibility.

Please sign that you understand the School District liability code and the authorization of medical care procedures:

X _____ Date _____

Fill out the emergency information and sign below giving your child permission to attend the Tryout Clinic and Judging Day.

(Student's Name)
(Student's Date of Birth)
(Student's Home Address)
(Emergency Telephone Contact)
(Parents/Guardians Names)
(Allergies, etc.)

Final Signatures and Agreements

Your signature next to each statement indicates you understand and agree to abide by each statement. All signatures are required or your child may not tryout for any of the GVHS Dance Teams.

1. _____ My child can dance during 7th period and earn their physical education credit through the GVHS JV Dance Team class free of charge. However, any activity after 3:00 pm is an optional expense that I must pay for or fund raise for. Should I not want to pay any money, my child's practice will end at 3:00 pm every day. This will not affect my child's grade in any way.
2. _____ GVHS sponsored performances are required and part of my child's grade. Missing any of these events for any reason 3 times will result in my child's removal from the GVHS Dance Team and placement into a physical education class for the remainder of the year. His or her transfer grade will be equal to his or her current grade in the GVHS Dance Team.
3. _____ The GVHS VARSITY Dance Team's sole purpose is competition, and competition is not essential to a high school dance team per California law because all competition sponsors, programs, or associations are not recognized by a government-sanctioned organization like CIF. Therefore, competition and all its costs are at the mercy of unregulated for-profit organizations and dancers with their parents/guardians must pay for all GVHS VARSITY Dance Team associated costs. I agree to pay for all costs associated with the GVHS VARSITY Dance Team should my child make the team.
4. _____ I understand the possible stress and required commitment levels associated with both GVHS Dance Teams and I confirm that my child can maintain a satisfactory level of mental and physical health while participating on either team.
5. _____ I understand the possible stress and required commitment levels associated with both GVHS Dance Teams and I confirm that my child can maintain a satisfactory GPA of 2.0 or higher while participating on either team.
6. _____ I understand that both GVHS Dance Teams rely on every member to participate in all practices and performances; removing a single dancer from a routine can destroy that routine's integrity and can financially impact all families at the VARSITY level. As such, I acknowledge that I will not threaten my child with his or her removal from the team *without first notifying* Mrs. Anthony via email or phone call to discuss the situation. Should I not contact Mrs. Anthony prior to these issues, she reserves the right to drop my child from the team and adjust my child's grade to protect the integrity and participation of its other members.
7. _____ I understand that my child must fully participate and show improvement in all dance technique and physical conditioning to earn a portion of his or her grade.
8. _____ I understand that should my child not take any part of class or performance seriously, as demonstrated by lack of effort, lack of improvement, talking out of turn, not following rules, not being prepared, being disrespectful towards anyone, or any other action that demonstrates a lack of commitment or caring towards the team or others, my child's grade will be negatively impacted. Should I be notified 3 times of these kinds of behaviors, my child may be removed from the team with no possible refunds for items I agreed to purchase.
9. _____ I understand that my child is a role model and leader at GVHS and his or her behavior in other classes and in general is always monitored. Should Mrs. Anthony be contacted by another teacher or other official 3 times about unacceptable behavior committed by my child, my child may be removed from the dance teams with no possible refunds for items I agreed to purchase.
10. _____ Should my child be removed from the dance teams for any reason, at any time, no refunds will be granted for any items I agreed to pay for. And, my child may be restricted from trying out for any team the next school year.