

# Information Packet





The moment we've all been waiting for is finally here. We are so excited to announce our upcoming EDGE Auditions for the 2025-2026 Season. There are many plans in place for the new season! If you love to dance and perform on stage, we would love to see you at our auditions.



Please read through this packet carefully as it breaks down our audition process.

We're looking for superstar dancers who are not just ready to dance their hearts out, but are super excited to join hands, make friends, and be part of a team that wins not just trophies, but lots of smiles too.

So, if you've got big dreams of dancing under the spotlight and you're ready to show us how much you love to move and groove, then we can't wait to meet you!

Are you ready to TAKE IT TO THE EDGE?





## We are easting for the following ages groups:

**Ages** 5 - 7

Ages 8 - 9

Ages 10 - 12

Ages 12 10

Ages 13 - 14

Ages 15 - 18

## EDGE Informational Meeting and Q&A

If you are new to Tip Tap Toe or new to EDGE, here is an informational meeting to help guide you through this process.

Sunday, April 27 at 10am on Zoom

**CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK** 

Meeting ID: 724 4168 3865

Passcode: 2JSKFW

Questions: Should you have additional questions after attending the meeting, pleast feel free to contact the EDGE Director's email: <a href="mailto:edgedance@yahoo.com">edgedance@yahoo.com</a>





## **AUDITION FEE**



## **NEW DANCERS TO TTT:**

There will be a \$50.00 Audition Fee for new dancers to Tip Tap Toe Performing Arts for the 2025-2026 season. This fee is non-refundable. Please submit this through our Venmo account (@tiptaptoe-performingarts).

\*\*NOTE\*\* Please make sure you write your dancer's first and last name -EDGE Audition Fee in the "Notes" section. (ex. Jane Doe -EDGE Audition Fee

## **CURRENT TTT DANCERS:**

If you are currently enrolled at Tip Tap Toe Performing Arts for the 2024-2025 season and are not a member of EDGE or Curtain Call, there will be a \$25 audition fee. This fee is non-refundable. Please submit this through our Venmo account (@tiptaptoe-performingarts).

\*\*NOTE\*\* Please make sure you write your dancer's first and last name -EDGE Audition Fee in the "Notes" section. (ex. Jane Doe -EDGE Audition Fee)

## **CURRENT EDGE & CURTAIN CALL DANCERS:**

If you are currently enrolled at Tip Tap Toe Performing Arts for the 2024-2025 season and are a member of Edge and Curtain Call, there is no fee to audition.



**Curtain Call:** If your dancer is interested in Curtain Call ONLY, they should NOT audition. To be considered for our Curtain Call program, you must be enrolled at Tip Tap Toe Performing arts in classes such as Exploring Ballet/Jazz or Tap 1. Curtain Call invitations are extended right after Winter Break.



## EDGE Group Auditions



There are three parts to the team audition\*\*, the first is required. First, a jazz/contemporary audition, followed by a separate optional hip hop and an optional tap audition. We take into consideration both skill level and age when making teams. Be sure to arrive to your audition at least 15 minutes early to check in and warm up.

#### ALL AGES FOR THE AUDITION ARE BASED ON JANUARY 1, 2026.

For Example: My dancer is currently 12 and WILL NOT turn 13 until February 2026. This means they will attend the 10-12 audition session. If we need to see your dancer at another session, we will contact you individually

\*\*If your dancer is in the ages 5-7 session, there will only be 2 parts\*\*



## **SESSION 1: AGES 5-9**

Part 1 - Jazz/Lyrical/Hip Hop 9:00-9:45 am

> Part 2 - Tap 9:45-10:15

## **SESSION 2: AGES 10-12**

Part 1 - Jazz/Contemporary 10:30-11:30am

> Part 2 - Hip Hop 11:30-12:00pm

Part 3 - Tap 12:00-12:30pm

## **SESSION 3: AGES 13-14**

Part 1 - Jazz/Contemporary 12:45-1:45pm

> Part 2 - Hip Hop 1:45-2:15pm

Part 3 - Tap 2:15-2:45pm

## **SESSION 4: AGES 15-18**

Part 1 - Jazz/Contemporary 3:00-4:00pm

> Part 2 - Hip Hop 4:00-4:30pm

Part 3 - Tap 4:30-5:00pm





## EDGE Solo/Duet/Trio Amiliti



In order to audition for a solo, duet, or trio, you must have already competed with EDGE for at least one season.

Dancers will arrive having choreographed a dance that is between 30-45 seconds in the style they wish to compete a solo, duet, or trio in. One by one, dancers will be called in to show their dance to our judges. The order will be determined by a first-come basis at the start of each session group. Although dancers will per performing by a first-come basis, they will need to stay until they are excused after duet/trio pairings.

Dancers must have a device with them to play their music. The music will be cut off after the 45 second mark. Choreography must be created by the dancer not an instructor \*Be creative!

NEW!! Upperclassman dancers (Juniors & Seniors in High School) are eligible to audition for 2 solos (they <u>must</u> be performed in 2 different styles & 2 different song choices)

\*\*Dancers MUST be able to commit to 1 private lesson per month per S/D/T with an EDGE



9am to 12pm

**SESSION 2: AGES 13-18** 

12pm to 3pm

You can find our electronic application **HERE**.

Please complete this application ASAP but no later than 11:59pm on Thursday, May 15th. Organizing the forms and getting everything prepared properly for such a large audition is very time consuming. Thank you in advanced for filling out your form in a timely manner.

All dancers submitting late will incur an additional \$20 processing fee. No exceptions will be made.

Headshots: If you are not a current member of EDGE or if you do not currently dance at Tip Tap Toe Performing Arts, you will need to upload a headshot through the online application by 11:59 on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>. This does not need to be professional. It can be a school pic, vacation shot, or something you snap quickly on your phone. When uploading your headshot, please include your dancer's full name and "2025 Audition Headshot" in the file name. If you are having trouble uploading the file please email it to edgedance@yahoo.com

If you are a currently a member of EDGE or dance at Tip Tap Toe Performing arts you DO NOT need to upload a headshot





## WHAT TO WEAR!

Dress the part! A neat appearance is very important and if you look good and feel confident, this will enhance your performance. Take a little extra time on your hair, and wear something that makes you feel good. If you are older, makeup is preferred. If you are younger, blush/glitter and lip-gloss is great. When you are apart of a competition team, your appearance matters, so show us the best version of yourself! We WILL notice if you make an effort!

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PART ONE: Jazz/Contemporary/Lyrical Audition: We ask that girls wear ALL black jazz shorts or leggings with a very fitted dance top, sports bra, or leotard. Guys, please wear ALL BLACK pants or shorts and a tank/t-shirt. No baggy t-shirts and/or tank tops for any dancers. All dancers should wear jazz shoes, half soles, or go barefoot for this combination. Please be sure your hair is pulled up and away from your face. You may bring a small bag for your belongings. \*Session 1 Dancers, please follow this guideline for your Jazz/Lyrical/Hip Hop Audition. You will not need sneakers for this portion of the audition!

PART TWO & THREE: Hip Hop & Tap Audition: Please wear appropriate attire (see Part One) that you can perform all styles in. You can wear a t-shirt/hoodie, etc. for Hip Hop and Tap, but it will need to be added in one minute or less. In addition, we will need to be able to see your feet. Everyone should wear tap shoes for the tap audition and CLEAN sneakers for the hip hop audition. \*Session 1 Dancers, please following this guideline for your TAP audition.







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## **AUDITION RESULTS**



You will be contacted no later than Monday, May 19<sup>th,</sup> 2025, indicating if your dancer has made a team, solo, duet, and/or trio through email. Please note that a solo, duet, or trio performer must also be on an EDGE team. If selected for a solo, duet, or trio, more information will be provided indicating rehearsal time and cost commitment.

If you are accepted as a member for our 2025-2026 EDGE Team, your next steps are as follows:

#### 1. 2025-2026 REGISTRATION

**EDGE** Registration for the 2025-2026 is from May 19<sup>th</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup>! There will be more information on registration within the coming weeks. Once this information is available, all dancers who were invited to be a part of EDGE will be required to be registered, turn in contract(s), and pay EDGE processing/team fees in full by <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhar-10.2005/">Thursday, May 22, 2025.</a>

\*Please see pg. 9 for more information on EDGE processing/team fees.

#### 2. SUMMER INTENSIVE INFO

If you are invited to be a part of EDGE for the 2025-2026 season, you will be required to attend one of the following summer intensives. These are mandatory for all dancers and no other options are available. Any concerns or conflicts need to be addressed to the EDGE email immediately. In addition, noting your conflict on the audition application is requested. We will make no exceptions for a dancer new to EDGE. And, for a dancer in EDGE it is very, very, very rare. Please make sure you review these dates carefully.

## TTT Intensive (Ages 6-10)

**Session 1:** M/T/W: 7/14-7/16 10:15am-12:15pm- \$165 **Session 2:** M/T/W: 8/4-8/6 10:15am-12:15pm- \$165

## TTT Intensive (Ages 11+)

**Session 1:** M/T/W: 7/14-7/16 12:15-3:45pm & Th: 7/17 10:15am-1:45pm- \$180 **Session 2:** M/T/W: 8/4-8/6 12:15-3:45pm & Th: 8/7 10:15am-1:45pm- \$180







#### 3. EDGE COMMITMENT & EXPECTATIONS

If you are invited to become a member of EDGE, both parent and dancer will be required to sign the EDGE contract and pay your non-refundable processing/team fees by <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/jhtml.com/">Thursday, May 22, 2025.</a>
If you do not turn in the contract and/or the processing/team fees by this date, we will assume that you will not be joining us for the 2025-2026 season.

4. EDGE PROCESSING AND TEAM FEES - Due no later than Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**EDGE Contract Processing Fee:** \$150 **EDGE Team Fee:** \$35

Please note: For every team you decide to accept, an additional \$35 EDGE team fee will be due alongside your EDGE Contract and contract processing fee.

#### FOR EXAMPLE:

If my dancer is interested in only **ONE** group dance, then I owe \$185 (\$150 + \$35 = \$185)

If my dancer is interested in **TWO** group dances, then I own \$220 (\$150 + \$35 + \$35 = \$220)

#### **5. TEAM WEAR**

If you are invited to become a member of EDGE, you will be required to have branded team wear! If you have already purchased an EDGE Jacket and an EDGE Backpack in the past, you are all set. If you have not or if you're new to EDGE, more information will be available to you regarding team wear during our 2025-2026 EDGE Full Team Meeting.

#### 6. 2025-2026 EDGE ZOOM MEETINGS - June 8th

In your acceptance email, there will be a link and zoom code to our mandatory EDGE Zoom meetings to further discuss your EDGE commitment and 2025-2026 season details.

**EDGE Groups:** 9:00-9:30am

Solo/Duet/Trios: 9:45-10:15am

## **6. Choreography Weekend** - August 7<sup>th</sup>- August 10<sup>th</sup>

If you are invited to be a member of EDGE, your dancer is required to attend our 2025-2026 choreography weekend. This weekend is mandatory for all dancers. Any concerns or conflicts need to be addressed to the EDGE email immediately. In addition, noting your conflict on the audition application is requested. Please make sure you review these dates carefully. Choreography time slots will be sent in your acceptance email! Dancers will also be measured for their costumes during their choreography time slots.





## 🌟 IMPORTANT SCHEDULING NOTE 🌟

While we do follow the Benicia Unified School District for most breaks, please be aware of the schedule below. In addition, if you attend another school system or private school, and your breaks are different than the Benicia Unified School District, please know that you will need to available for competitions, conventions, and/or rehearsals during those times.

## Tip Tap Toe is CLOSED the following Benicia Unified School District breaks...

November 24 - 30, 2025 - Thanksgiving Break

December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026 - Winter Break

February 9 - 15, 2026 - February Break

March 30 - April 5, 2026 - Spring Break

## Tip Tap Toe is **OPEN** the following Benicia Unified School District breaks...

November 8 - 11, 2026 - Veteran's Day/Weekend

January 17 - 19, 2026 - Martin Luther King Day/Weekend

February 30, 2026 - Presidents' Day

April 6, 2026 - Easter Monday



# ALL DANGERS WILL NEED TO PLAN ON BEING AVAILABLE BETWEEN THE END OF FEBRUARY THROUGH JUNE/MID-JULY

This is the height of our rehearsal and competition/convention season for EDGE. If your dancer misses during this time, it may affect their placement in their dances. This is a very important factor in understanding our expectation for attendance. We are not saying that you cannot miss a single day during those months. However, if planning a significant family trip or weekend during this busy time will impact your dancer's EDGE team(s). If you already have a conflict, you need to note this in the appropriate space on your audition application.

Please contact us about any concerns you have prior to auditioning to EDGE. Communication is Key!

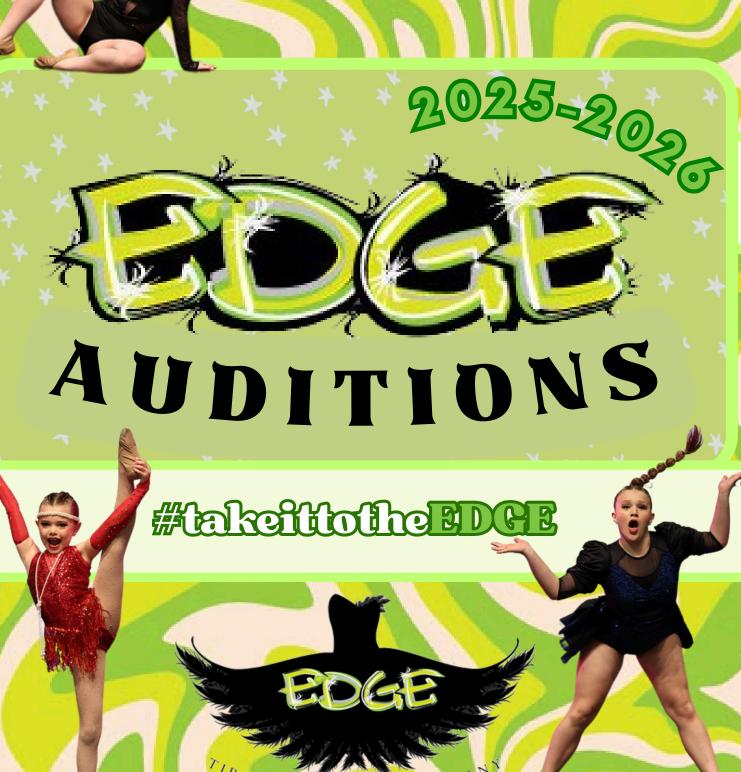
PLEASE NOTE: All dancers wishing to become a part of EDGE must audition.

All current members must audition again each season.

All EDGE and Tip Tap Toe accounts must be current in order to audition.

Your dancer's results may not be sent if you have an outstanding balance. Please communicate.





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