

Officer Camp Awards and Evaluation

If you are new to American Dance/Drill Team® or a veteran, we want you to completely understand the special format for our Officer Camp Curriculum. Our Officer Routines are routines that are team choreographed and taught by the most talented dance specialists in the country. We strive to present the most challenging and exciting material for your leaders. Our special instructors are technicians that will emphasize superior technique along with sharpening presentation and performance skills.

In addition to routines, the staff will offer workshops that will build enthusiasm and confidence in your officers by teaching them choreography classes, problem solving, kick and stretching technique, polishing a routine and more. We also offer special technique classes in jazz, tap, lyrical, and modern.

At designated times in the schedule, we will offer a "Guest Choreographer" workshop that will be taught in a "masters class" format including a warm-up, traveling patterns and some challenging dance combinations that will provide fun and relaxation for your officers.

Officer Group Recognition

HOME ROUTINE EVALUATION is the second night of camp and a time to show-off a routine from home. It does not need to be creative or novel, yet something the team feels they like to do best. Instructors will select top teams for the **HOME ROUTINE AWARD**, which will be announced at the Awards Ceremony. The team will receive an award and a ribbon for each team member. Home Routine is 1/3 of the Officer Evaluation, but is not required.

DANCE EVALUATION will be held on the final day of camp. This will be a chance for your girls to perform, as an officer line, one of the dances they have learned plus the short dance they have choreographed at camp for evaluation. Officers will be evaluated on a Standard of Excellence (not competing against other teams), for a Div .I (Superior), Div .II (Excellent), or Div .III (Good) rating. Dance Evaluation and original choreography is the other 2/3 of Officer Evaluation- All teams evaluated will receive cassette tapes with oral comments from the judges.

A **SWEEPSTAKES** award will be awarded to those officers receiving a Div. I (Superior) rating in Home Routine, Original Choreography, and the Dance Routine learned in class. All officers will receive an award for their overall rating in one, two or three categories, no matter what their rating. We do this to reinforce confidence and achievement to your team. Each officer will receive an individual ribbon for the overall officer line rating.

MOST ADMIRER OFFICERS will be recognized each evening as each officer line will vote for their choice daily. Each member of the team selected will receive a MAROON ribbon to wear proudly the remainder of the week. On Evaluation Day, teams will vote for their **MOST ADMIRER OFFICERS OF THE WEEK**, which will receive an award and a ribbon for each officer.

The staff may select an **ALL AMERICAN OFFICERS® OF THE DAY / WEEK** for their excellent discipline, performance, and personal enthusiasm. Each officer will receive a ribbon, and the team of the week will receive an award for this special recognition.

The staff may select a **GUSSIE NELL DAVIS OFFICERS OF THE DAY/WEEK** for their

improvement, unity, and hard work. Each officer will receive a ribbon, and the team of the week will receive an award for this special recognition. Officer groups will be awarded special recognition for Best Overall Choreography and Best Overall Technique.

Selected officer groups will be awarded **GRAND CHAMPION OFFICERS**, as well as the very top officer line chosen as **ALL AMERICAN OFFICERS®**. These groups are selected on outstanding discipline, personal enthusiasm and performance throughout the week. These awards will be special etched crystal awards to proudly display back home.

Officer Camp Individual Recognition

In each of our dance classes, instructors will award a **WHITE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DANCE** ribbon to students displaying an outstanding effort, attitude, projection, learning ability and/or dance ability.

A **TEAL SPECIAL AWARD** ribbon may be awarded in some classes when the staff has taken special notice to attitude, enthusiasm or extra effort.

A **PINK EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN DANCE** ribbon may be awarded to students who have already received a white ribbon. They may receive more than one.

Each student will receive a **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT** for their efforts at camp. Each student will receive an individual ribbon for any Officer awards earned. This includes **MOST ADMIRABLE TEAM OF THE DAY/WEEK, SWEEPSTAKES, DIVISION I, II**, etc. and **HOME ROUTINE AWARD, BEST OVERALL CHOREOGRAPHY** and **BEST OVERALL TECHNIQUE**.

Top young women will be nominated for the **ALL AMERICAN DANCE/DRILL TEAM®**, **ALL AMERICAN HONORABLE MENTION** and **Junior All American Drill Team** at each camp. Auditions for these honor groups will be held the night before the final day of camp. Any girl that has received a white ribbon by audition time is eligible to try out with the Camp Dance, which will be taught the first day of camp. Recipients will be announced on the final day of camp at the Awards Ceremony and will receive a ribbon for their recognition. The camp routine is a standard routine taught at all of our officer camps in order to evaluate all girls on an equal basis at officer camp sites

On the evening of All American® auditions, instructors will select an elite number of students a **GOLD** ribbons for the **ALL AMERICAN DANCE® COMPANY** which will recognize exceptionally talented dancers. A Kick-Off will also be held on the third evening for those girls who possess exceptional kick technique and height. A short kick sequence will be taught immediately prior to the Kick-Off. Finalists will be awarded a **GREEN** ribbon and become a member of the **ALL AMERICAN KICK® COMPANY**. The "Miss High Kick" winner and finalists will be announced at the Awards Ceremony. All finalists will automatically be qualified for the National Competition held in Denton.

The **OUTSTANDING DANCERS**, chosen by the staff for their exceptional talent, effort, and leadership, will be announced at the Awards Ceremony.