

Positive Parent Support: 15 Ways Drill Team Parents Can Show Support and Interest

- 1. Attend all performances.
- 2. Encourage home practice.
- 3. Keep up to date on the drill teamer's activities through family conversation.
- 4. Permit postponement of home obligations during heavy performing season.
- 5. Provide extra dance lessons.
- 6. Be on school committees and express opinions.
- 7. Get involved in the total program from fund-raising to performances.
- 8. Ask your performer to do her routines for the family.
- 9. Be ready with deserved praise and encouragement.
- 10. See that your dancer does her share and know her part as a team member.
- 11. Do not 'overdo' for your dancer or live your life through her.
- 12. When the excitement of the season is over, help her return to normal through involvement with other members of the family.
- 13. Teach her to say 'thank you' and how to accept a compliment with grace.
- 14. Fathers give as much time to your dancers in drill team as your sons in sports.
- 15. Teach her to accept defeat or failure with pride and grace and to re-set new goals. Never step in to 'fix' what is a necessary learning experience.

Remember that you are capable of making drill team her most valuable educational experience in high school--her 'lab work' for life!!