**What is LEDC?**

LEDC is a dance company comprised of dancers ages 6-19 who train at Willow Street Dance Steps (WSDS). The members take a variety of technique classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings and rehearse their competition routines on Saturday mornings. LEDC typically attends 4-5 competitions each year and participate in local performances including a competition preview showcase and the year-end recital for WSDS.

**What is the time commitment for LEDC?**

This varies by team. Currently, the 62 dancers in LEDC are divided into 9 teams based on age, technical level, and size. The mandatory commitments include:

 Mini Company (ages 6-9)

* 4 hours of class per week (Tuesday and Wednesday)
* 1 Saturday rehearsal per month
* 2 full-day Saturday retreats per year
* 2 dance convention- one at the studio, one at a convention center
* 4 local dance competitions (York is the furthest we travel for regionals)
* Potential participation at Nationals in July in OCMD

Junior Company (ages 9-13)

* 6 hours of class per week (Tuesday and Thursday)
* Saturday rehearsal (at least 1 Saturday off per month)
* 2 full-day Saturday retreats per year
* 2 dance convention- one at the studio, one at a convention center
* 4 local dance competitions (York PA is the furthest we travel for regionals)
* Potential participation at Nationals in July in OCMD

Teen Red, Gold, and Black Companies (ages 12-15)

* 6 hours of class per week (Tuesday and Thursday)
* Saturday rehearsal (at least 1 Saturday off per month)
* 2 full-day Saturday retreats per year
* 2 dance convention- one at the studio, one at a convention center
* 4 local dance competitions (York PA is the furthest we travel for regionals)
* Potential participation at Nationals in July in OCMD

Senior Black, Red, and Gold Companies (ages 14+)

* 7 hours of class per week (Tuesday and Thursday)
* Saturday rehearsal (at least 1 Saturday off per month)
* 2 full-day Saturday retreats per year
* 2 dance convention- one at the studio, one at a convention center
* 4 local dance competitions (York PA is the furthest we travel for regionals)
* Potential participation at Nationals in July in OCMD

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**How do you become a member of LEDC?**

All dancers, new and returning, must audition for LEDC during our Dance Camp Audition in June. Audition registration information is included in our summer brochure. This year, auditions will be held June 19-22 in the morning. During the four days, dancers will learn and perform combinations in a variety of genres, take technique classes, perform a solo, participate in a skill assessment, and answer an interview question. Following the audition, those who have demonstrated a skill level consistent with one of our existing teams will receive an invitation to join LEDC.

**How much does dance company cost?**

This varies greatly by dancer. One of the best features of our company is that you, the parent, determine your level of participation. After the audition, you will receive an invitation which lists the routines your child is invited to join. You are able to accept or decline as many routines as you choose (the one exception is our Production routine…all LEDC members must participate in this routine). Here is a listing of the typical expenses related to LEDC:

 Tuition follow the normal rates for WSDS based on number of hours of class

 Saturday Rehearsal $65 per routine (example: 3 routines would cost $195 total for the year)

 Costumes $85-$130 each (shoes, undergarments, and jewelry not included)

 Competition Fees $70-$85 per routine per competition

 Saturday Retreats $30 each (2 per year, $60 total)

 Convention (2) $225-$300 each

Example Calculation: Most dancers are invited to 3-4 routines in their first year of LEDC. Here are the approximate yearly costs for a dancer joining mini company and accepting 3 dances.

Tuition $1103 full year tuition for 4 hours per week- can be paid in lump sum, 3-Installments, or monthly

 Saturday Rehearsal $195 3 routines, $60 each - will be combined with your chosen tuition plan

 Costumes $300 3 costumes at $100 each, accessories not included

 Competition Fees $840 based on 4 competitions, $70 per routine per competition

 Saturday Retreats $60

 Convention (2) $500

 Total: $2998\*

\*Please note: this is just an approximate total for the entire year. Payment due dates are staggered throughout the season as not to overwhelm you at one time. If you break it down monthly, you would owe approximately $334 per month across a 9-month season.