



# Camp Hints & FAQs

## **What sets ADTS® apart from other companies?**

We pride ourselves in being the first in the U.S. to present a team camp, first for an officer camp, first for private camps, and first for custom curriculum. We continue to uphold our quality through an experienced dance staff, professional sound equipment, exceptional indoor air conditioned teaching facilities for all classes, quality audio and visual note routine videos and knowledgeable office staff that can help guide you and meet all of your dance/drill team needs. Just ask other directors, you will hear that *American Dance/Drill Team®* represents quality and professionalism and that Customer Service is our priority. We offer innovative Director Workshops, Team Building activities to inspire your dancers, plus Dance Master Classes from some of the most notable choreographers from around the country.

## **Most of my team will be new members. Will technique classes be offered?**

Dance and Kick technique classes are offered at each camp site. Some of these will be offered the first morning of camp while the directors are involved with registration. For the beginning dancers, a special introduction to dance technique class will be taught so that learning will be made easier throughout the camp. Routines are offered on all levels of ability, and you have the choice to either keep all team members together or divide to learn more routines.

## **I want advanced material for my team. What curriculum should I choose?**

Advanced material is offered at each camp. However, we recommend that you might consider a custom or custom/combo curriculum so that you can choose the style and ability level of your routines as well as requesting specific instructors. Our Private Camps will offer two custom routines *free*.

## **Do we have to do a home routine to receive awards at camp?**

Teams may elect not to do a Home Routine and still have the chance to earn a “**Diamond Super Sweepstakes**” Award by choosing to perform a Pep Rally Routine, Camp Dance/ a second Dance, or Marching Evaluation. American Dance offers a “**Ruby Sweepstakes**” for performing two routines for evaluation and a “**Sapphire Sweepstakes**” for performing one routine at evaluation.

## **Do we have to stay in the dorm on campus or may we stay in a hotel and commute?**

Several camp sites offer alternate lodging at a hotel or resort. In most cases the cost is very close or just above the cost of staying in the dorm. Why not enjoy the benefits of maid service, pool, TV, private bath, and more! Commuter Camps offer a great price point if you choose one close enough to commute from home.

## **Can my managers attend camp?**

Yes! In fact, we offer a special Managers Training Program at select camp locations & provide daily workshops on leadership, organization, first aid skills, and motivation. Managers receive a handbook full of helpful workshops and projects. This program will motivate your managers to be a productive and integral part of your team operations. This curriculum is offered at SMU and Richardson Renaissance Hotel camps.

## **Camp Preparation & Helpful Hints...**

- Motivation
  - While at camp have the team select a member of the day and tell why, then present the member with a special ribbon or small gift
  - Have the team set goals for themselves before arriving at camp and then remind them of their goals during camp to check their progress
  - Make out the camp certificates with each dancer's name and present them on the last night of camp
- Hold Evening Meetings
  - Announcements and goals for the upcoming day
  - Share positive comments
  - Vote on "Dancer of the Day"
- Explain Awards before camp and review while at camp. Use this time to set goals for each day.
- Bring a laptop so that you can review the Visual Notes on the flash drive.
- Have your Home Routine music on a phone, laptop or device. Bring a backup device, if needed.
- For Final Evaluation, you will either bring custom music to the sound table, or let the announcer know your music selection from the camp music provided.
- As a Director, you may wish to bring a light sweater or sweatshirt to wear while watching routines. The facilities are often quite cool.
- Feel free to bring workout clothes to join in the fun of learning some of the routines!
- Remind the dancers of good eating habits to utilize before and during camps and to drink plenty of water.
- Work on stamina and conditioning before camp to prepare for many hours of learning and performing at camp.
- Students can bring extra funds for snacks or bottled water or sports drinks that may be available on site.
- Bring your patience and understanding. Remember this is most likely the most rigorous schedule the dancers will have all year!