

BARTRAM TRAIL DANCE TEAM



The BTHS Dance Team will be conducting Auditions May 6th-May 8th

Interest Meeting

Wednesday April 30th @ 5:30pm in the BTHS Dance Studio

Located in the back of the 9th Grade Academy by the tennis courts

Audition Material: Candidates will learn the material at the mandatory tryout clinic May 6th and May 7th in the BTHS Dance Studio from 4:00-5:30pm.

Tryout Date: Thursday May 8th 4:00pm-possibly 9:00pm (BTHS Dance Studio).

The Application Packet, Required Forms & Athletic Clearance are due Friday May 2.



Dear Parents and Prospective BTHS Dance Team Members,

Thank you for your interest in the Bartram Trail High School Dance Team! May 6th-8th, we will be conducting clinics and tryouts for the 2025-2026 season.

The BTHS Dance Team has enjoyed the reputation of being a strong competitive force in the National Dance Competition Circuit. We have won the NDA National Championship in hop-hop four times 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2019! Our team focus is to develop strong character in our team members, excel and grow as a team, promote school spirit, and serve our community while maintaining a positive attitude.

Being chosen as a member of this team will be both an honor and a commitment to excellence. Team members will focus on excellence in the following: academics, team building, leadership, character, community involvement, and DANCE! If chosen, you will represent the entire school as well as yourself and your team. You are expected to show trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, citizenship, and caring to all of those around you.

The BTHS Dance Team members must maintain at least a 2.0 unweighted GPA, have no more than 15 unexcused absences, and not have any failing grades.

Thank you again for your interest in the BTHS Dance Team. If you have any questions, please email Coach Allie at BartramTrailDance@gmail.com.

Best of Luck!
Coach Allie Bishop

AUDITION INFORMATION

- **AUDITION CLINIC: CANDIDATES WILL LEARN ALL MATERIAL MAY 6TH-8TH IN THE BTHS DANCE STUDIO FROM 4:00-5:30PM**
- **FORMAL AUDITION: THURSDAY MAY 8TH 4:00PM-9:00PM**

The length of the audition depends on the number of participants. Time slots will be randomly drawn at clinics on May 7th. On the day of the audition, candidates should plan on arriving 30 minutes early and be prepared to stay 30 minutes after the end of your scheduled audition time.

- **Clinic Material-** Learned in tryout clinic (BTHS Dance Studio)
 - **Note:** Routines will be emailed to participants on May 4th. It is suggested that you come to the clinic with a basic knowledge of the choreography.
- **Formal Audition-** BTHS Dance Studio
 - **Note: In consideration of all participants, this will be a closed audition!**

Participants should wear comfortable and appropriate dance attire. Clothing should be non-constricting, yet not baggy-we need to see you move (most candidates wear a racer-back top with leggings). Please wear tennis shoes or sneakers. For your safety and the safety of others, please do not wear jewelry. Hair should be kept out of your face. Make-up should be applied tastefully as if for "evening" (somewhere in-between stage make-up and day make-up). Males may wear joggers or shorts and a shirt of their comfort.

All candidates should be prepared to demonstrate choreography taught at the clinic, kicks to splits, hip hop tricks, additional mastered technical skills.

TRYOUT PACKET AND REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

In order to be academically eligible to tryout, a student must be registered at BTHS before tryouts, hold a 2.0 GPA unweighted, have no more than 15 unexcused absences, and have no failing grades. All candidates are required to have a current physical (dated prior to dance tryouts) on file through our Athletic Clearance Website PRIOR to participation in the tryout clinic. You can print the physical form from the athletic website. ALL physicals must be on that form. All athletic forms **required** by the school are completed online.

Please visit <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/forms/> to register your athlete.

If you have any question about athletic clearance, please contact Shelly Vann at shelly.vann@stjohns.k12.fl.us.
Dance Team does not participate in pay to play, so please DO NOT pay the "pay to play" fee.

The following BTD forms must be completed and submitted to Coach Allie no later than May 2nd, 2025! You may scan and email them to BartramTrailDance@gmail.com

- **Understanding of Commitment Form** – Signed by both student and parent
- **GPA Verification** - Attach a photocopy of your most recent official Report Card with your current GPA
- **BTD By-Laws** - Located on the BTHS Dance website
- **Parent Contract** - Located on the BTHS Dance website
- **Teacher Recommendations** - FOLLOW DIRECTIONS EXACTLY
- **Physical and Athletic Clearance** - Completed with instructions on BTHS website

Understanding of Commitment Form

Parents and potential dance team members please read the following form and sign below.

We understand that dance is a rigorous sport that requires discipline, time and commitment. This commitment includes, but is not limited to the following MANDATORY events:

SUMMER DANCE CAMPS: Attendance at Dance Camp, Football Season Camp, Choreography Clinic, and Bear Cub Camp promotion and clinic are mandatory, no exceptions.

MANDATORY PRACTICES: Mandatory morning and after-school practices during football season (specific days and times TBA). You will be given sufficient notice (one week) for other added mandatory practices.

PERFORMANCES: Performing for all home football games and pep rallies (**including playoff games**) as well as selected basketball games.

COMPETITIONS: Possible participation in local, state, and national competitions held from November – April.

COMPREHENSIVE FITNESS: All dance team members must be able to fit this class into their academic schedule.

FUNDRAISING: Participation in ALL fundraising activities the team decides to do. These may include but are not limited to the following: Bear Cub Camp, Winter Workshop, Ad Sales, Sponsorship Recruitment and Recital.

ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB: All families are encouraged to join and support the Athletic Boosters Organization as they provide support to our team.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE:

First Payment: Due at first Team/Parent Meeting. Summer Dance Camp Fee \$550 (Approximate) This includes lodging, lunch and dinner each day and camp instruction.

Second Payment: Due during Football Season Camp. A \$500 personal check (Made out to BTHS) will be required. This covers all practice wear/camp wear, pom poms.

Third Payment: NEW MEMBERS ONLY! Approximately \$300.00 due September 1st for jacket and backpacks.

Choreography Payment: TBD

Football Shoes: \$150 each member will be responsible for purchasing their own sneakers for football games.

Dance Team Competition Fee: \$100 due within the first week of November for our first competition.

Dance Competition Outfit: Each member will purchase the items for the Competition Uniform that they will keep. The budget does not exceed \$250 unless agreed upon by ALL parents. Costume will include shoes, clothing, make-up, and accessories.

Note Concerning Additional Expenses: Additional expenses may include, but are not limited to, hotel and registration fees for competitions. Members will be given ample opportunity to fundraise. Any additional expenses that are not raised by the team member will be absorbed by that team member.

(Student Signature, Date)

(Parent Signature, Date)

I understand that the decisions of the judges are FINAL!
(Note: All dates, payments, and times are subject to change)

Dear Prospective Team Member,

A confidential teacher recommendation form must be completed by 3 of your core academic teachers. Please make 3 copies of the following form and **follow the directions carefully.**

- 1) Write your name and your teacher's name/subject area on the lines provided.
- 2) Give each one of your teachers a copy of this form as well as an envelope with the following mailing address:
Allie Bishop, BTHS Dance Coach
7399 Longleaf Pine Parkway
Saint Johns, Florida 32259
 - a. Note: If you currently attend Bartram, simply address the envelope: "Allie Bishop, Dance Coach" and write your name in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.
- 3) Prior to auditions, politely follow up with your teachers to make sure that your recommendation has been sent.

Please return this confidential information to Coach Allie Bishop at BTHS prior to Friday May 2nd, 2025

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name/Subject Area: _____

Dear Educator,

Please feel free to answer the following questionnaire as frankly as possible with the understanding that these forms will be kept strictly confidential. These forms will be shredded at the conclusion of the audition process.

Please do not return to the student as this invalidates the evaluation.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Allie Bishop

Coach, BTHS Dance Team

****ATTN**** For added security, please sign your name across the sealed flap of the envelope.

Please circle the corresponding number for each characteristic that best describes the above-named student.

	RARELY	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	ALMOST ALWAYS	ALWAYS
RESPONSIBLE	1	2	3	4	5
RESPECTFUL	1	2	3	4	5
PUNCTUAL	1	2	3	4	5
REGULAR ATTENDANCE	1	2	3	4	5
HARD WORKING	1	2	3	4	5
HIGH MORALS/CHARACTER	1	2	3	4	5

Please check here ____ if you have ANY reservations about recommending this student. (If you do have reservations, please explain on back.)

Teacher Signature: _____

Important Dates

All applicants MUST be able to commit to the following dates in order to try-out for the BTHS Dance Team, and *must* be a registered student at Bartram Trail High School

First Team Practice

Tuesday May 13th from 4pm-5:30pm @ the BTHS Dance Studio.

Concussion Baseline test will be with Coach Shelly Vann after the team is announced. A time will be determined.

First Team/Parent Meeting

Tuesday May 13th at 5:45pm @ the BTHS Dance Studio. Both the dancer and at least one parent must attend.

Dance Camps

NDA Camp - July 23rd-26th at the Renaissance Resort in WGV

*This is an overnight camp

Football Season Camp

August 5th 8-2 at BTHS Dance Studio

Bear Cub Community Dance Camp

There will be promotion days BTDT Members attend (usually during orientation at the elementary and middle schools who feed into Bartram) The date of the camp and football performance will be announced at the first parent meeting.

Choreography Camp

Will be a weekend of LONG hours – TBD

BTDT Practice Schedule

Monday - Friday 7th Period Comprehensive Fitness 3:05-3:50

Practice – 2 afternoons a week

Hip Hop Tech – Mandatory 1 afternoon

Mornings will be added as the season progresses

Competitions

We will participate in 3 Regional Competitions this season. Dates will be provided before the start of the school year.