



Student General Information

The following list has been compiled to help you better prepare for HTEDance Officer Training Camp. It is our hope that you have the most productive and memorable experience possible and we will do everything in our power to ensure that happens. Should you have any additional questions, please have your director contact us at the HTEDance offices and we will be glad to help.

- Camp Schedule:** You should have received a copy of the camp schedule from your director. If you did not, please ask her for one. This will give you a general idea of times and workshops. HTEDance expects you to be punctual to ALL classes.
Remember: To be on time is to be early!!!! As a leader, this is YOUR responsibility!
- What to Bring:** You should have also received a copy of the "What to Bring" list. Please use this in your packing for OTC.
- Medical Authorization & Liability Release Form:** Your director should have given you this form along with the schedule and "What to Bring" list. You must complete this form! *No one will be allowed to participate at camp without this form!!*
- Spirit Shop:** HTEDance is proud to once again offer the Spirit Shop. The Spirit Shop is open every evening for your shopping convenience. Don't forget to pre-order your official OTC T-shirt with your director.
- Good luck notes/gifts:** HTEDance does not require you to do good luck notes/gifts for the other schools at camp. However, if you choose to do so out of the spirit of good sportsmanship, feel free. We do encourage a spirited environment at HTEDance and Spirit Awards are given out daily based on such things as good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, camaraderie with other schools, etc.
- Choreography 101:** HTEDance does not require you to bring a home routine to camp. Instead, our staff will help you learn the proper do's and don'ts of choreography through your Choreography 101 class and project. We will walk you through the basics of choreography and give you the needed skills and then you will create your own routine at camp with the guidance of your camp buddy. This routine will be shown off on the final day for all your fellow campers to see.
- Teaching 101:** The HTEDance staff will work with each of you individually on developing proper teaching skills. You will be given an extensive training class on the do's and don'ts of proper teaching techniques and then your buddy will spend time with you perfecting what you've learned. We want to send you home the strongest possible leaders you can be and teaching your team is definitely a job requirement of any officer.
- Covenant Ceremony:** An exclusive to HTEDance. This is THE most important time you will spend at an HTEDance Officer Training Camp. This highly emotional workshop is designed to prepare you for the year ahead. This is truly where it all starts. Here is the place where all the memories begin. You will need a long tapered candle for this intimate, yet inspiring workshop.
(Please be advised: You will need something to catch the dripping wax.)
- Workshops:** For all workshops, it is suggested that you have the following items: notebook with paper, pens/pencils, stationary, stickers, your team's constitution and a jacket/sweatshirt **(the ballroom gets cold...very cold!!!)**. Please feel free to bring any other items you feel necessary to make yourselves comfortable without being distracted.
- Routines:** At each routine session you will be offered 3 to 4 routines of various styles and levels from which you may choose. Have your squad divide up to learn as much material as possible or stick together, the choice is yours and your director's. The only exceptions are camp dance and hip hop.
- Night on the Town:** The second night at OTC, you will be given the evening off. What you choose to do with this time is up to you and your director. You may spend the time practicing (so you can get to bed early), go out to dinner, shopping, etc. The choices are endless; however, HTEDance does encourage you to do something together so that you may continue with the bonding/planning/dreaming process that has been introduced at camp thus far.)
- Evaluations:** HTEDance does not promote competition at its training camps, but rather a spirit of unity and togetherness. You will be evaluated on the last day based on your performance and abilities to "follow the guidelines given." You will NOT be scored against the other teams there, but against a standard. This is meant to be a means of critique to help get your year started on the right foot.
- "Sign" Language:** It's *back!* HTEDance's "Sign" Language contest. This is a fun, spirited way to wish your fellow campers good luck for the week ahead, say hello and introduce yourselves, or simply motivate all fellow campers. Simply make a poster/sign that can be hung in the main meeting area. It can be anything from a poem to a picture wishing all the other campers a great week. The most important thing is to be creative, positive, motivating, and fun. Prizes will be given based on creativity, originality, and motivational impact.
- POST IT:** Also back this year is our POST IT message center. POST IT centers will be up around the camp. Want to tell your director how much you love her...POST IT! Want to let a team know how much you admire their technique...POST IT! Want to tell your staff buddy "Thanks"...POST IT!
- Director Gift:** HTEDance does not require you to give a gift to your director at any time during camp! However, if you choose to do so, please feel free. There are instances that occur where a gift or note might be appropriate, but again, not mandatory. And let's be honest, by in large, most directors are required to be with you at camp, but have to volunteer their own private time to make camp not only fun and successful, but even possible. Simple shows of appreciation go a LONG way with any of us! Feeling appreciated and rewarded for what we give to each other, helps the job run more smoothly!