

*Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Trustworthiness ~ **Caring** ~ Fairness ~ Citizenship*

Bolingbrook Park District Power Dance Project

2011-2012 Season

Welcome to the Power Dance Project!

You are about to not only learn how to dance (very cool, like America's Best Dance Crew!) but you'll get to perform! And we don't care if you don't have a lot of experience...that's what your teacher is for! You'll get to perform and do some really interesting activities that have to do with making you a stronger person from the inside out. It starts with character. And no one does it quite like the Power Dance Project. You'll see.

Schedule: We'll follow the school schedule with holidays and vacations, and we'll meet in sessions (usually 4-5 weeks per session) so you won't have to register for the whole year all at once. It's the same afternoon and time each week, right after school. Your friends can join at any time! Be sure to have arrangements immediately after we finish, our teachers go on to different schools and teaching assignments making it difficult to stay back with you. Try not to take sessions off so you're ready for the performances and won't miss the other activities planned throughout the school year, which include exploring the six pillars of character (Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Caring, Fairness & Citizenship). You'll find out that our new curriculum this year is totally fun! *(Parents: don't forget to ask your child about what we're doing. Chances are they will want to share, and that will reinforce the whole process. And watch for the handouts that will come your way frequently. All performances will require permission and we will provide details to you).*

Registration: Each 5 week session costs only \$28, and we'll hand out the registration form you'll need before the start of the each session and you can bring it in to your Power Dance teacher the following week. No hassle for parents! And you can register ahead of time, too!

Performances: Each Power Dance group will have their own unique opportunities to perform and represent their school, but some of the big ones include *the Bolingbrook Pathways Parade SCHEDULED for Sunday, September 11th*, and *the Bolingbrook Community Basketball Championship Games halftime performances in March!* You are the featured entertainment! And the big event that we will be working toward all year...you will be featured in a *huge dance concert in May* - on the big stage at BHS, with lights and sound and a huge audience! As we get closer to each of these events you'll get more detailed information about them.

POWER DANCE T-SHIRTS! The official shirt is orange with a cool logo and only \$7! Bring in your shirt money and get your shirt by the day of parade. You can also stop by the BRAC to get your shirt too! (If you can't purchase a Power Dance shirt, you can wear a solid orange shirt from home for the parade).

We can't wait to get started, and hope you have as much fun as we'll have working with you!

INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS:

www.bpddanceforce.org - up to date information on the Power Dance Project!

NEED HELP?

Aileen Puzon, Power Dance Coordinator, (630) 739-1700 ext. 6106; apuzon@bolingbrookparks.org

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SIX PILLARS TO BUILD CHARACTER!

RESPECT

Treat others the way you would want them to treat you

Everyone is different, and that's cool!

Use good manners, not bad language

Never hurt yourself or others

Respect and take care of your home, belongings, school and dance studio

If someone says something mean, don't do what they do

RESPONSIBILITY

Do what you are supposed to do

Never give up

Work as hard as you can all the time

Practice self-control and discipline

Think before you act – think about what will happen because of what you do

If you make a mistake, admit it and make things right

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Be honest – don't lie

Don't keep the truth from others or cheat or steal

Do what you say you'll do

Have the courage to do what is right

Be the person that others think highly of

Be loyal – stand by your family, friends and country

FAIRNESS

Play by the rules

Make what others need just as important as what you need

Listen to others – be open-minded

Don't take advantage of others or situations

Don't ever leave anyone out

Don't be careless and blame others

CARING

Be kind and compassionate to EVERYONE

Say "Thank you"

Forgive others

Help and protect others who need you

Be the friend, not the bully

CITIZENSHIP

Do your share to make things around you better

Cooperate and work together

Keep learning about the world around you

Get involved and be a good contributor

Obey laws and rules

Respect authority all the time

Take care of your community, neighborhood and world

Stand up for what you believe in

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**POWER DANCER
T-Shirt Order Form**

This is a 50/50, short sleeve ORANGE T-Shirt with the official Power Dance logo in white on the front. While it is not required, it is recommended so that all participants have a uniformed look at some of their performances and other events.

ORDER FORM

Participant's Name: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

(Circle One)

Size: Youth Med (10-12) Youth Lg (14-16) Adult Sm Adult Med Adult Lg Adult XL

Price: \$7 per shirt \$ _____ Total payment made

Checks payable to: Bolingbrook Park District. Please note participant's name and school location on check. You may NOT include this payment on your Power Dance registration check. Please put both payment and this order form in an envelope and give to your child's Power Dance Teacher.

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Appearance Information

PERMISSION SLIP DUE BEFORE 9/11/2011

EVENT: Bolingbrook Pathways Parade
DATE: Sunday, September 11, 2011
CALL-TIME: 1:00PM – Bolingbrook High School (Parking Lot in front of the Cafeteria, enter via Schmidt Road Entrance)
PARADE START: 2:00PM
PICK-UP: Village Hall on the HILL – *you must be there to get your child when they complete the parade route.* A suggestion would be to observe the parade near the judges' review stand in front of the Village Hall (which is the end of the parade) then walk through the tunnel to sign them out immediately. We cannot be responsible for your child after our portion of the parade has concluded. **IMPORTANT: No child will be released until the end of the parade at the sign-out location.**

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

All Power Dancers and BPD Danceforce are included in this unit (Approx. 250 dancers). The parade begins at the Bolingbrook High School, goes down East on Lily Cache Lane, North on Canterbury Lane, ending at Town Center. The dancers are lined up and will walk, dance, freestyle down the street during the parade. The judges review stand is located on Canterbury Lane, right in front of the Levy Center, and a great place to view the parade while also being near the ending point. The entire unit is being judged in the Jr. Dance/Gymnastics category.

COSTUMING: Orange Power Dance Shirt or solid orange shirt, blue jean shorts, and sneakers.

NOTES:

Do not bring anything with you to BHS. We leave and do not come back.

Eat a late breakfast or early lunch before you get there.

Upon arrival at BHS, look for the sign with your school name on it being held up by your teacher or parent volunteer, then check in with your leader there and stay put, quietly.

Reminder to parents you that you must come get your child immediately after we finish. Be near the Village Hall so that you will see when we are finished and can come over to the tunnel to get your child.

The award ceremony takes place at the performing arts stage at that afternoon if anyone is interested in the results. Watch for the actual start time of this ceremony.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS: Aileen Puzon, Program Coordinator apuzon@bolingbrookparks.org

(Keep the above information posted so that you are prepared for the parade)

(Return this portion to your Power Dance teacher BEFORE September 11, 2011)

POWER DANCE SCHOOL SITE: _____

I give my child(ren) _____ permission to perform in the 2011 Pathways

Print full name(s)

Parade, to commence at 2PM on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

Parent Guardian Name (printed, then signed and dated) _____

Email (REQUIRED) _____

In the event of an emergency during this event, I may be reached at

_____, or another emergency contact is: _____
(emergency phone) *(Name, relationship to child, phone #)*

I agree to drop off and pick up my child as described in the appearance information listed above, or I have made other arrangements for my child to be picked up (see below).

Non-parent picking up: _____

Print name of authorized person picking up, if other than parent