

## STARS & STRIPES TWIRLING/DANCE

[www.starsandstripesdance.com](http://www.starsandstripesdance.com)

Dear Students & Parents,

Stars & Stripes was founded in 1988. We strive to provide students with a learning experience that can last a lifetime. We prepare students for the future in dance and twirling. Stars & Stripes base its classes on ability and not necessarily by age. Students learn at different levels.

Interested students in painting also have a chance to take workshops in acrylic and oil painting. Acrylic painting is for students whose age is 8 and up. Oil painting classes are for students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up. We have painting workshops on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.

Twirling and dance provide many other benefits not found in other sports - music interpretation, hand feet coordination to music, memory, and preparation for band and auxiliary activities in junior and high school. Dance is for everyone and twirling is a fun sport. Basic flag twirling can be learned in several months but baton twirling needs a longer commitment to master. Smaller students receive training in tap (after three months), ballet, baton, pom-poms & props all in one class (called combination class on registration form). This offers them a chance to march in parades with us and try out different forms of twirling/dance. Tap is changed over to clogging training after the first year. However, we do have an intermediate/advance clogging class available.

Stars & Stripes teaches our students the terminology for all forms of dance. The studio is very careful of the type of music that is used to dance or twirl to. Class size is limited to 8 - 12 students. Average class size is 6 - 10 students.

If you are not sure what your child would like to learn, Stars & Stripes provides a multilevel class of activities that includes tap (or clogging), ballet, lyrical, baton, pom-poms, and props. The class is broken into three different activities each week. Tap (clogging) will be started in January of each year. This will give your child a chance to try all areas but not have to make a big commitment. This becomes a fun class that changes every week and every month a new prop (baton, pom-poms, tambourines, ribbons, etc.) is added for variety. Your child should learn a minimum of four - six routines during the year. Stars & Stripes provides all props used in class except for Baton Only or Flag Only classes. You will need to provide the necessary shoes for ballet and tap as needed.

Your membership fee (\$15.00 annually) is used to provide these props and to provide a reward for your child each week that she or he attends class and tries. This system has worked very well. There is also a dance dress code for the studio.

**NEW STUDENTS WITH PRIOR DANCE TRAINING MAY BE PLACED IN A PRE-EXISTING CLASS PROVIDED THAT YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE A COSTUME AVAILABLE (COSTUMES ARE ORDERED IN SEPTEMBER).**

All students are offered the chance to perform when we are invited. There is a sign up notebook with each event available. Also announcements will be made during the year of new invites to perform. We try to march in the LaGrange, Hogansville, and Pine Mountain Christmas parades each year. We also try to perform at several nursing homes in the area and the LaGrange Mall.

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We may provide one recital each year depending on the number of students. Recitals are usually scheduled at the end of the school year and costumes average \$45.00. Costumes are non-refundable and a deposit is due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The balance is due by January 15<sup>th</sup>. A recital fee is charged per family and is due during the month of March. The recital fee is based on cost of renting a venue for the recital. Your child will receive a trophy at the end of the year.

I am happy for you to visit our studio and I can answer any questions you may have. Your child should feel comfortable with me and at the studio. Every parent is welcome to watch classes at any time and for as long as you like (if I can still keep your child's attention while learning). I feel that the more the parent is involved in the student's learning, the better the child becomes with the sport. Your child should want you to watch their classes and be a part of what she or he is learning. You are welcome to video tape any classes for home use. Smaller brothers & sisters must sit with parents during teaching times. No children are allowed outside without a parent. You must come inside to pick up your child after class.

I look forward to meeting you if you choose to enroll your student in our classes. Please see the website home page for registration dates for the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carolyn  
706-812-1039

**Directions to the Studio**

Turn off LaFayette Parkway (street between mall and downtown) in front of Ashley Furniture, turn left onto Durand Road, proceed in front of Dan Ric Homes and Durand Wayland Building till you reach the very end of the street. Look for large sign and building is on the left at the dead end.