



Dear Step Team Coordinator,

We are pleased to announce that your Step Team has been invited to participate in the 12th Annual Dr. E.V. Davidson Teen Step off Competition. The event will be held on **Saturday, March 4th, 2017** at Knoxville's Civic Auditorium. The Auditorium is located in downtown Knoxville and has a large stage and a seating capacity of 2,500. This year we will once again have great prizes and lots of fun in store for our participants. We will be awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for the top Team Step Performance. The prize for Team Step Performance this year will be **\$3,000 for 1st place, \$1,000 for 2nd place, and \$500 for 3rd place.**

We are once again partnering with the University of Tennessee, and they will provide fun activities for all of our participants, coaches, and parents on the Saturday morning of the show. But don't worry- we know you have a show to prepare for so we won't keep you too long! We have chosen Embassy Suites here in Knoxville as the host hotel this year. They have free cooked- to-order breakfast, bus parking, complimentary internet access, and a swimming pool.

We have designed our Teen Step Competition with a goal to give students a clean, fun, and competitive outlet to showcase their talents on stage, as well as in the classroom. With over 2,000 audience members and 175 steppers in attendance at our 2016 show, we have gravitated to an invitation-only event for teams. If you are receiving this letter then your team has been pre-selected to participate in our 2017 show. This Early Bird invitation deadline is December 15, 2016. Registration received by this deadline will guarantee teams a slot to compete. If you are unable to enter your team before this deadline, you may still do so until February 4th, 2017. We can only guarantee slots before the December 15th deadline, so any entries after this date will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

We look forward to having you participate on March 4th, 2017! Registration is \$150/team for early-bird registration, and \$100 for each additional team. The registration fee is \$200/team after December 15th. If you have any questions feel free to contact Nikki at (865)-215-1723, or Mr. D at (865)-719-6201. You can also e-mail us at ncrutcher@knoxvilletn.gov or ddavenport@knoxvilletn.gov.

Visit our website at knoxvillestepshow.com for more information or to register your team.

Please call or e-mail us to let us know you have received your official invitation. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Nikki Crutcher and Darrow Davenport
City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation





CITY OF KNOXVILLE

PARKS AND RECREATION

12th Annual Dr. E.V. Davidson Step Off Competition

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each participant must have a City of Knoxville waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian in order to participate.
2. Each team will have a total of **10 minutes** to complete their routine. There will be a **10 point deduction** from a team's final score value for exceeding this limit. Time officially starts with the first step movement or cued intro music. Time officially ends with the exit of the last step team member from the stage or performance areas. Please adjust your routine accordingly so you do not get penalized for excessive time.
3. Each judge has the authority to issue a team with multiple point deductions for inappropriate behavior. Deductions worth 5 points are allowed for each and every instance of profanity (including music), sexual innuendo, obscene gestures, or any other action or language deemed not suitable for a family friendly event.
4. Each team must have all performance music cued on one CD. A representative from each team must be assigned to instruct the sound technician during the performance. Clean music only please!
5. If a Step Team member is found to be unsportsmanlike-like and causing a disruption to the Step Show, the Team he/she represents will be disqualified.
6. Awards will be given to all teams, with a monetary prize for first, second and third place finishers in the Step Performance category.
7. Entry forms and fees are due by the **February 4th, 2017 deadline**.
8. All team members, or anyone on stage included in your routine, must be in middle school or high school. Proof may be required.

9. Each judge will use the following categories to judge each teams' performance:

Creativity/Originality (1-10 points)

-Performing new and/or innovative steps and utilizing a creative introduction and exit.

Synchronization (1-10 points)

- Performing various steps and moves with members in time with each other.

Precision (1-10 points)

- Carrying out precise rhythmic syncopation of beats

Transitions (1-10 points)

- Smooth shifts between each phase of the routine

Showmanship (1-10 points)

- Overall manner and enthusiasm of presenting the routine to the audience

Uniformity (1-10 points)

- Creative coordination of a team's outfits in respect to each other and the routine.

College Activities Participation (10 points)

- Teams who participate in the Saturday morning tour and activities will be awarded the maximum points in this category.

Maximum Score: **70 points/judge**

10. All judge's decisions are final.

11. Each team's final score will be calculated as follows:

- There will be a total of 5 judges scoring a team's performance, which will give a team 5 score values.
- The highest and lowest score value will be removed.
- The 3 remaining score values will then be averaged to determine a team's **final score**.
- **Final scores** will be used to determine the place of each team.
- In the event of a tie between 2 or more teams, the high and low score values will be added back into the average to determine the final score (only for the actual teams who are tied).



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6:00pm

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

* *You may register online at knoxvillestepshow.com*

**\$150.00 Registration Fee per team by 12/15/16. *200.00 after this date.
\$100.00 fee for each additional team.

School/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Team Name: _____

Greek Sponsor
(if applicable): _____

Coach Name/
Contact Information: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

*** Early entry deadline is December 15th, 2016. Final entry deadline is February 4th, 2017.**
Mail all forms and monies to:

**E.V. Davidson Step Off Competition
5930 Lyons View Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919**

- **Entry fee payable by check or money order to City of Knoxville.**
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- **Or register and pay online at: knoxvillestepshow.com**



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OFFICIAL ROSTER

School/Organization: _____

Coach Name/Phone Number _____

Team Name: _____

Name of each Participant (4 minimum):

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| 1. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 24. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 25. _____ |
| 13. _____ | |

Final entry deadline to submit this roster is February 4th, 2017.

Mail to:

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ACADEMIC ACHEIVEMENT

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Academic Achievement Award portion of the competition is open to all official Step Show Participants.
2. Participants enter as individuals in Middle School or High School.
3. Individuals need to submit a copy of an official school transcript or grade report dated for the most recent grading period completed, and it must contain the student's GPA. Transcripts and grade report copies need to be signed by a school official.
4. The top three individuals will be chosen according to the highest GPA (weighted GPA is acceptable) for each division.
5. All entries must be placed on the official Academic Achievement form.