



Vail Friends of Dance/Vail Youth Ballet Company 2026-27 Dance Captain Application

Vail Friends of Dance is seeking Dance Captains to be a part of the Vail Youth Ballet Company Committee for the 2026-27 season. Your role as a Dance Captain is extremely important, not only for VYBC and VFOD, but as a way for you to gain valuable leadership skills to showcase in job and college applications.

The program is focused on creating open communication between the VFOD Board and VYBC dancers and leading initiatives outlined below. As a committee member, you'll help share dancers' ideas, questions, and feedback with the board — and bring back information from the board to your fellow dancers. The goal is to make sure everyone is working together, supporting each other, and developing new ideas to make these programs successful.

Dance Captain(s) will be responsible for the following duties:

- Gather input from VYBC dancers during Saturday rehearsals (time will be allocated) on topics, general subjects or anything that the dancers wish to be brought to the board.
- Serve as a liaison between the VFOD Board to VYBC Dancers, following up on Dancers' Dish items and other timely and relevant happenings
- Lead the Buddy Program: communicate weekly themes and cleaning schedule (both determined by Ms. Ashley) and develop new programs/activities/ideas to enliven the program.
- Leading and managing the Valentine's Ball Fundraiser (with board oversight)
- Enliven our newly created VYBC Values Program to be introduced
- Rehearsal Assistants (as directed by Artistic Director and Assistant Artistic Director)
- Attend two of the three VFOD community outreach events

Other Ideas For Dance Captain(s) to be Involved:

- Explore other Community Outreach programs; ideally implementing/leading initiatives
- Explore other Fundraising opportunities; ideally implementing/leading initiatives
- Supply social media content (photos, video) for IG and FB usage
- Other duties TBD as the program develops. As this is a new program, additional responsibilities may present themselves

Dance Captain(s) Benefits

- Gain valuable leadership skills to showcase in college and job applications.
- Community service/volunteer hours
- Letters of recommendation



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Requirements:

- VYBC Dancer must be a VYBC Company Member with at least 1 year in company.
- Responsible, dependable, team leader, role model & mentor, communication skills, time management (have the time or make the time)
- Passion for VYBC and VFOD

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade Level: _____

Please submit responses to the following questions on a separate paper:

1. Why do you want to be a VFOD/VYBC Dance Captain?
2. What qualities do you possess that qualify you for this role? Give specific examples.
3. How would your VYBC Peers describe you?
4. What ideas do you have for improving VYBC?
5. How could VFOD better support dancers?

**Applications are due August 28 at 5:00pm via email to Meggen Kirkham
vailfriendsofdance@gmailcom.**

26-27 Dance Captains will be announced Aug 30 @ the Welcome Tea