



Moananuiākea Handbook

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Vision Statement

To perpetuate pacific island cultures through song and dance, and bring community to those who join us.

Class Schedule

Monday

Keiki | Beginners 5:15-6 PM Intermediate 6:15-7:15 PM

Wednesday

Adults | Drumming 5-6 PM Kane + Vahine 6-7 PM

Tuition Fee

Monthly tuition is due the first of every month. Tuition is \$40 per dancer. Sibling discounts are available at the rate of \$35 per dancer. Tuition is to be paid by Venmo to @Moananuiākea. If tuition is paid after the third of the month a \$5 late fee will need to be added per person.

Tuition must be paid current to attend practices, and participate in performances.

Class Structure

At the beginning of every class we will stretch and warm up with basics training and drills. A short cultural lesson may be given on dance terminology, song lyrics, etc. Students may bring folders to class to keep handouts. Once basics training is finished, students will learn choreography for the upcoming show season, as well as review previously learned choreography. We will close each class in prayer.

Cancellations

Absences will not result in waived or prorated tuition. Refunds will not be given for absences, holidays, or class cancellations. Should an instructor cancel a class, a makeup class may be

scheduled. Students who are unable to attend a class should contact Samson or Tehani regarding their absence, you may also reach out in the WhatsApp.

Uniform

Students are required to order 1 uniform t-shirt from the online registration form that must be worn to each class. All students dance barefoot, socks cannot be worn during class. Female students are required to wear soft/athletic shorts or spandex with a pareo/lavalava, and your uniform t-shirt. Male students are required to wear soft/athletic shorts with an ie/lavalava and uniform t-shirt. Denim shorts and pants, or leggings/ long pants are not permitted. Students with hair that is longer than shoulder length will be required to have it secured away from their face in a ponytail or bun.

Communication

All classes will have access to newsletters, reminders, and other important information on WhatsApp. If you would like to speak in depth about a concern, please schedule an appointment with your class instructor to meet after class. You may also contact all instructors via text or phone call.

Studio Regulations

Only water is permitted within the studio rooms. Spill proof water bottles are preferred. Students are not permitted to chew gum during class, in the studio, or during performances. All who enter the studio are expected to clean up after themselves. If multiple issues arise without resolve you will be asked to wait for your dancer outside of the studio. Anyone younger than the age of 12 is not permitted in the lobby or studio areas without their parent or guardian present. Phones and electronics are not permitted for use during class by students. Photo, video, and sound recordings of Moananuiākea classes, Moananuiākea students and Moananuiākea staff are prohibited unless prior approval is given by a Moananuiākea instructor.

**** Only Moananuiākea students and Moananuiākea instructors are permitted inside dance rooms while classes are in session****

Group Protocol

Any and all forms of bullying, harassment, disrespectful and discriminatory behavior will not be

tolerated and will result in immediate withdrawal from Moananuiākea. Moananuiākea values God, service, love, respect, family, and community. Students are prohibited from teaching choreography or class material to non-group members. Music is kept confidential and may not be distributed. Anyone who vandalizes/damages the studio or Moananuiākea property will be held responsible to repair or replace those items.

Our Village

We are so blessed to have members of Moananuiākea with so much knowledge and talent.

While each person who comes through our studio is so valued and loved, we want to especially recognize all of our village who prepares costumes, and shares their time and talents to further each of our dancers and Moananuiākea as a whole.

Samson Toalei - CoDirector, keiki boys instructor, Kane instructor

Tehani Toalei - Lead Director, Keiki girls instructor, Vahine instructor

Julienne Sotoa - Keiki girls assistant instructor, costume committee member

Janelle Fejeran - Drumming instructor, Siva Afi instructor

Ilima LaFlamme - Costume committee member

Michelle Kamada - Costume committee member

Mileka Tilini - Costume committee member

Hevyynn Heimuli - Costume committee member, Māori cultural practitioner