

JAM DANCE TEAMS

JUNE/JULY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Dear officials and coaches,

As dance team news tends to be a little slower in the summertime, we have combined June and July into one newsletter for this edition. Our big announcement is that registration is now open! We are ahead of schedule this year and are excited to bring you some changes regarding registration - see below.

The Core Group is also hard at work revamping and planning our annual member training. We have tweaked the schedule and format a bit to offer a more comprehensive training and breakout sessions.

JAM is excited to be included as presenters at upcoming Just For Kix high school dance camps. At each camp, a small group of officials will be hosting a class for coaches! We will be talking about what judges are looking at and thinking about as teams are performing.

Have a great 4th of July weekend!
JAM Core Group



JAM MISSION STATEMENT:

JAM was formed for the purpose of promoting, training and increasing the number of quality dance team officials throughout the state of Minnesota. JAM subscribes to a four-fold mission: 1) To provide information and facilitate discussions between judges, coaches, activities directors and MSHSL. 2) To encourage standards of sportsmanship at meets and competitions. 3) To offer a mentoring program to new and/or inexperienced judges. 4) To maintain and support its quality judges and strive to increase our credibility as trained, knowledgeable professionals.

Registration is Now Open!

Join JAM for the 2013-14 season! Register online at <http://www.jamdanceteams.org/join-jam/registration-form>.

New this year: JAM membership levels have been revised. Our levels are now FULL MEMBERSHIP or KICK COUNT/TIMING/TABULATION (KCT/Tab) ONLY. Those wishing to officiate in the capacities of Judging, Superior Judging, Kick Counting/Timing and Tabulation should register under the Full Membership option. All-day training is required. Those wishing to officiate in the capacities of Kick Counting/Timing and/or Tabulation should choose the KCT/Tab Only option. A separate, half-day KCT/Tab training session is offered to these members.

We provide the choice of two Full Membership training options and one KCT/Tab training option to accommodate schedule conflicts or emergencies.

2013 Training Options

Greater Minnesota – Full Membership
October 5, 2013
St. Cloud Area
Exact Location TBD

Twin Cities Metro Area – Full Membership
October 26, 2013
Valley Middle School
Apple Valley

KCT/Tab Membership Only
November 9, 2013
Adolfson & Peterson Construction
St. Louis Park

Membership Fees

New this year: You have the option of either paying by debit or credit card online or mailing a check. Membership fees are based on when you register and pay. You are not considered fully registered until your payment has been received.

Payment Received	Full Membership	KCT/Tab Only
Early Bird (June 12 - July 31)	\$95	\$60
Open Registration (August 1 - September 15)	\$105	\$70
Late Registration (September 16 - Final Training Date)	\$125	\$90

Visit our website for additional information on fees and refunds.

Member News



SABBATICAL

The following officials will be taking a one-year leave of absence from JAM:

Alissa Connolly, Nancy Larsen



MOVING

Susan Patist and family will be relocating to San Diego, California at the end of June.



BABIES

Jennifer Gilhoi had a baby boy, Alex Michael, on June 7.

Tricia Betley welcomed a son, Calvin James, on June 26.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Franzi Schneider-Krumpus	June 4
Terri Mason	June 5
Amanda Clemens	June 8
Carrie Coppock	June 10
Lora Meier	June 15
Sarah Schaffer	June 25
Stacy Abel	June 27
Lisa Hart	July 1
Karna Hay	July 5
Tara Dolder	July 13
Melissa Erp	July 14
Lauren Theobald	July 15
Rhonda Dehler	July 19
Breanna Blaskey	July 27
Jody Delorit	July 27
Sarah Jensen	July 27
Missy Tutewohl	July 28
Kim Diedrichs	July 31

2013-14 JAM Scheduling Statistics

- 87:** Meets Requested
- 866:** Total Officiating Positions
- 537:** Judge Positions
- 189:** Kick Counter/Timer Positions
- 150:** Tabulator Positions

Save the Date

- July 1** MSHSL Officials Registration Deadline To Avoid Late Fee
- July 31** Early Bird Registration Deadline
- Sept 15** Open Registration Deadline
- Oct 5** Full Membership Northern Training
- Oct 14** MSHSL Online Rules Meeting & Exam Available
- Oct 26** Full Membership Late Registration Deadline
- Oct 26** Full Membership Metro Training
- Nov 5** MSHSL Online Rules Meeting & Exam Deadline
- Nov 9** KCT/Tab Only Late Registration Deadline
- Nov 9** KCT/Tab Only Training
- Dec 1** MSHSL State Application Deadline
- Feb 1 & 8** Section Meets
- Feb 14-15** State Tournament



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In the Spotlight

Get to know JAM judge:
LAURA HARDING



Resides In: Plymouth
Occupation/Company: Piano Instructor/Owner of Harding Music Studios
JAM Member Since: 2003

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I took studio dance lessons for seven years, was on dance team all four years of high school and tried a short stint on my college's dance team (it was more pom squad at the time).

Q: Why did you decide to become a MSHSL official?

A: I ran into Lisa Lindemann and Melanie Schmidt at my husband's high school reunion. Lisa, Melanie and I were on dance team together in high school and they had just joined the organization a couple years prior. I had been thinking about getting back into the dance world somehow, but was super busy with graduate school at the time. Being a MSHSL official was the perfect thing to take my mind off my studies and meet a great bunch of ladies! (Plus, it helps me get through winter.)

Q: What are your interests and hobbies?

A: I enjoy spending time with family and friends, walking, biking, music and chasing my busy toddler around the house.

Q: Tell us about a favorite dance that you performed or costume you wore. How old were you?

A: That's a tough question to answer! I would say the most memorable dance was our state dance my junior year of high school. I was a captain at the time and our team had been going through a rough year of coaching transitions. We stuck together as a team and never gave up on being our best at state. The hard work paid off and we took home a 1st place trophy! It was a very emotional moment for the entire team.

Q: What is your ideal vacation spot?

A: Hawaii or Ireland

2013-2014 Meets Scheduled with JAM

Date	Day	Site	Type
11/18/13	Monday	Chisago Lakes	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
11/21/13	Thursday	Wayzata	Lake Conference Meet
11/22/13	Friday	Coon Rapids	Northwest Suburban Conference Meet
11/23 or 1/4	Saturday	Maple Grove	Invitational
11/23/13	Saturday	Shakopee	Invitational
11/23/13	Saturday	Southland (Adams)	Small Invitational
11/25/13	Monday	Monticello	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
11/26/13	Tuesday	Lakeville North	South Suburban Conference Meet
11/26/13	Tuesday	Shakopee	Missota Conference Meet
12/2/13	Monday	Andover	Northwest Suburban Conference Meet
12/3/13	Tuesday	Apple Valley	South Suburban Conference Meet
12/5/13	Thursday	Holy Angels	Missota Conference Meet
12/5/13	Thursday	Minnnetonka	Lake Conference Meet
12/6/13	Friday	Rochester John Marshall	All-City Triangular
12/7/13	Saturday	Chaska	Invitational
12/7/13	Saturday	Detroit Lakes	Invitational
12/7/13	Saturday	Forest Lake	Invitational
12/7/13	Saturday	Hayfield	Invitational
12/7/13	Saturday	Rogers	Invitational
12/7/13	Saturday	Target Center	WOW Factor Sports Invitational
12/9/13	Monday	Blaine	Northwest Suburban Conference Meet
12/9/13	Monday	Farmington	Missota Conference Meet
12/9/13	Monday	North Branch	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
12/10/13	Tuesday	Prior Lake	South Suburban Conference Meet
12/12/13	Thursday	Eden Prairie	Lake Conference Meet
12/14/13	Saturday	Bemidji	Invitational
12/14/13	Saturday	Eastview	Invitational
12/14/13	Saturday	Edina	Invitational
12/14/13	Saturday	Fridley	Invitational
12/14/13	Saturday	Hutchinson	Invitational
12/14/13	Saturday	Lakeville North	Invitational
12/14/13	Saturday	Rochester John Marshall	Invitational
12/14/13	Saturday	Zumbrota-Mazeppa	Invitational
12/14 or 12/21	Saturday	Maple Grove	Invitational
12/16/13	Monday	Buffalo	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
12/16/13	Monday	Elk River	Northwest Suburban Conference Meet
12/16/13	Monday	Rosemount	South Suburban Conference Meet
12/17/13	Tuesday	Fergus Falls	Quad Meet
12/19/13	Thursday	Edina	Lake Conference Meet
12/19/13	Thursday	Mayer Lutheran	Minnesota River Conference Meet
12/19/13	Thursday	Rochester Century	All-City Triangular
12/20/13	Friday	Frazee	Invitational
12/21/13	Saturday	Burnsville	South Suburban Conference Championship

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Date	Day	Site	Type
12/21/13	Saturday	Holy Angels	Invitational
12/21/13	Saturday	Lake City	Invitational
1/4/14	Saturday	Henry Sibley	Invitational
1/9/14	Thursday	ACGC	Small Invitational
1/9/14	Thursday	Hopkins	Lake Conference Meet
1/11/14	Saturday	Aitkin	Invitational
1/11/14	Saturday	Chaska	Missota Conference Championship
1/11/14	Saturday	Hawley	Invitational
1/11/14	Saturday	Lakeville South	Invitational
1/11/14	Saturday	Maple Grove	Northwest Suburban Conference Championship
1/11/14	Saturday	Minnnetonka	Invitational
1/11/14	Saturday	Park (Cottage Grove)	Invitational
1/11/14	Saturday	Rochester Century	Invitational
1/11/14	Saturday	St. Francis	Mississippi 8 Conference Championship
1/11/14	Saturday	Waconia	Invitational
1/11/14	Saturday	Winona	Invitational
1/13/14	Monday	Melrose	Mini Invitational
1/16/14	Thursday	Belle Plaine	Minnesota River Conference Meet
1/16/14	Thursday	Minnnetonka	Lake Conference Meet
1/17/14	Friday	Pine River-Backus	Northern Lights Conference Meet
1/17/14	Friday	Sauk Rapids-Rice	All-Area Invitational
1/18/14	Saturday	Delano	Wright County Conference Championship
1/18/14	Saturday	Faribault	Big 9 Conference Championship
1/18/14	Saturday	Farmington	Invitational
1/18/14	Saturday	Mayer Lutheran	Invitational
1/18/14	Saturday	Pelican Rapids	Invitational
1/18/14	Saturday	St. Charles	Three Rivers Conference Championship
1/18/14	Saturday	YME	Invitational
1/24/14	Friday	Goodhue	Hiawatha Valley Conference Championship
1/25/14	Saturday	Blaine	Invitational
1/25/14	Saturday	Canby	Camden County Conference Championship
1/25/14	Saturday	Eastview	Showcase
1/25/14	Saturday	Holy Angels	Catholic Jamboree Invitational
1/25/14	Saturday	Prior Lake	Invitational
1/25/14	Saturday	Simley	Invitational
1/28/14	Saturday	Dover-Eyota	Invitational
1/31/14	Friday	Lakeview (Cottonwood)	Invitational
2/1/14	Saturday	Orono	3AA Section
2/1/14	Saturday	Wayzata	2AAA Section
2/7/14	Friday	Paynesville	Dual Meet
2/8/14	Saturday	Dover-Eyota	1A Section
2/8/14	Saturday	Aitkin	4A Section
2/8/14	Saturday	Austin	1AA Section