

JAM DANCE TEAMS

AUGUST 2013 NEWSLETTER

Dear Officials and Coaches,

It's hard to believe but the fall performance teams have already started practicing and school will be in session in just a few short days. Doesn't it feel like summer just began? We hope you have had a fun and relaxing summer. The winter season will sneak up on us so quickly and before you know it, our free time will be consumed with all things competitive dance team.

In JAM news, we have secured our Northern Training location and overhauled our training schedule to provide our members with a full day of education that will be the best yet. With only six weeks until our first training date, we are busy choosing video clips and writing the material for our sessions. We are excited for you to see what's in store!

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

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.



A Legend Retires

It is with great sadness that we announce the retirement of a Minnesota high school dance team superstar. After 26 years of judging, Laura Berg Olsen has decided to hang up her seat cushion and put away her tally sheets.

Some words from Laura...



I have been involved with dance for all but six years of my life and am very grateful to all of the talented, professional, committed women of integrity I have judged with!

Thanks to all of the coaches who have led such talented dancers to perform so many incredible performances over the years. MN dance is the BEST and much of the credit is due to you!

Thank you also to all of the administrators, sound guys, announcers and meet personnel for all of their hard work at the many dance team meets I've officiated. You've made my job as a Superior Judge so much easier.

I am very appreciative to the MSHSL which has offered so much support to me as the State Rules Coordinator and Supervisor of Officials at the State Tournament, as well as the other Rules Coordinators, Lisa Hart, Missy Tutewohl, Katie Ohlund and previously, Sherry Mergens.

A special thanks to my JAM sisters for all of the hard work, time, energy and commitment to start and grow our fantastic association! I have appreciated all of the support you've given during my 15+ years of training our judges!

Too many words and emotions to thank everyone and to remember so many great moments, so I'll just say that I've had the time of my life and will miss the great camaraderie of so many fine and talented people! Stay in touch!

JAM appreciates everything that Laura has done for this organization and for the sport of dance team in the state of Minnesota. She is truly remarkable and will forever be remembered as one of the few who have made such notable contributions to our sport.

THANK YOU, LAURA!

It's Not Too Late!

Haven't registered with JAM yet? You can still sign up to be part of the 2013-14 roster.

Open registration deadline is September 15.

Register online at:
jamdanceteams.org/join-jam/registration-form

Fall Training Dates

Greater Minnesota – Full Membership

October 5, 2013
St. Cloud Area
NEW LOCATION: Sartell-St. Stephen High School

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

Need Officials?

Still need to get your meet scheduled? Contact our Scheduling Team to request JAM officials.

jamscheduler@gmail.com

Member News



SABBATICAL

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

Breanna Blaskey



WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Suan Kelley married John Krisnik on August 3. They now reside in Apple Valley.

Jessamy Alto was married on August 17 to Jason Thomas.



BABIES

Becky King had a baby boy, Easton Kendall, on August 17.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Emily Dirksen	8/1
Jenna Weis	8/1
Martha Speckel	8/1
Shaylee Schei	8/1
Kaelynn Kampa	8/8
Jennifer Gilhoi	8/10
Laura Harding	8/11
Haley Haberle	8/13
Jenny (Flake) Charbonneau	8/15
Jennifer Sainsbury	8/18
Jenna Quick	8/22
Brittani Maki	8/25
Amy Rath	8/28

2013-14 JAM Scheduling Statistics

- 102:** Meets Requested
- 1023:** Total Officiating Positions
- 629:** Judge Positions
- 223:** Kick Counter/Timer Positions
- 179:** Tabulator Positions

Save the Date

- 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
- Dec 12** HOT SATURDAY All Officials Needed
- Jan 11** SUPER HOT SATURDAY All Officials Needed
- Jan 18** HOT SATURDAY All Officials Needed
- Feb 1 & 8** Section Meets
- Feb 14-15** State Tournament



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In the Spotlight

Get to know JAM judge:
NICOLE HEIDE



Resides In: Moorhead
Occupation/Company: Credit Manager at Food Services of America
JAM Member Since: 2008

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I started dancing when I was in kindergarten at a local studio. I continued studio dance until I graduated high school. I was also a member on the competitive team throughout high school and served as a jazz choreographer for two years. I am currently starting my fourth year as the head coach of the Concordia College dance team in Moorhead.

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

A: I wanted to stay a part of dance after graduating high school and was really interested in the analysis of high school dance the score sheet I had seen so many times but didn't completely understand.

Q: What are your interests and hobbies?

A: Well, of course, anything and everything dance, but I also love to read, hunt, run, travel, ski, fish, snowmobile, attend demo derbies, four wheel and do almost anything outside.

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

A: I don't remember how old I was but I absolutely LOVED this tie-dyed unitard with extra large bell bottoms from my days in studio dance. They were terrible but fun to dance in and play dress up with.

Q: What is your ideal vacation spot?

A: Lake Wenatchee, WA. Without a doubt, it's the most beautiful place I have ever been and will ever go. Highly recommend a visit..or ten! And it's located about 20 minutes from Leavenworth, WA...an adorable little Bavarian town.

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
11/23/13	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	Sauk Rapids-Rice	Central Lakes Conference Meet
11/26/13	Tuesday	Shakopee	Missota Conference Meet
11/26/13	Tuesday	South St. Paul	Classic Suburban Conference Meet
12/2/13	Monday	Andover	Northwest Suburban Conference Meet
12/3/13	Tuesday	Apple Valley	South Suburban Conference Meet
12/3/13	Tuesday	North (St. Paul)	Classic 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	New Ulm Cathedral	Quad Meet
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
12/11/13	Wednesday	Eden Prairie	Lake Conference Meet
12/12/13	Thursday	Zimmerman	Granite Ridge Conference Meet
12/14/13	Saturday	BOLD	Invitational
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
12/16/13	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
12/17/13	Tuesday	Northfield	Missota Conference 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
12/20/13	Friday	Richfield	Classic Suburban Conference Championship
12/20/13	Friday	St. Cloud Tech	Central Lake Conference Meet
12/21/13	Saturday	Burnsville	South Suburban Conference Championship
12/21/13	Saturday	Holy Angels	Invitational

2013-2014 Meets Scheduled with JAM

Date	Day	Site	Type
12/21/13	Saturday	Lake City	Invitational
1/4/14	Saturday	Belle Plaine	Invitational
1/4/14	Saturday	Henry Sibley	Invitational
1/7/14	Tuesday	Jordan	Minnesota River Conference Meet
1/7/14	Tuesday	Sauk Rapids-Rice	All-Area Meet
1/9/14	Thursday	ACGC	Small Invitational
1/9/14	Thursday	Hopkins	Lake Conference Meet
1/9/14	Thursday	St. Cloud Cathedral	Granite Ridge 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	Marshall	Invitational
1/11/14	Saturday	Minnetonka	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	Minnetonka	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	Wayzata	Invitational
1/18/14	Saturday	YME	Invitational
1/23/14	Thursday	Becker	Granite Ridge Conference Championship
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	Chisago Lakes	2AA Section
2/1/14	Saturday	Orono	3AA Section
2/1/14	Saturday	Sauk Rapids-Rice	4AA 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