

February Newsletter 2009

Valentine's Party!

February 10th and 12th in class. Please bring a small inexpensive gift to be exchanged (\$1-\$3). Please talk to individual class teacher's if you can bring treats.

Kick-Off Classic-Boise

Our competition teams will be competing on February 14th at the Brandt Auditorium at NNU in Nampa. Everyone is welcome to come and watch. Admission is \$5.00 per person. The clogging portion of the competition begins at 10:30am and will continue until about 6pm.

Recital Reminder

Saturday, May 2nd at the Emmett Jr. High Auditorium.
2pm- Rhythm Kids, Beginners, Tater, Little, and Big Gems, and Sapphires and Rubies
5pm-Jades, Pearls, Emeralds, Topaz, Diamonds, and Adults

Costumes

Costumes are almost done and ready to be billed and sent home. We are still waiting on a few exchanges and alterations. You do not need to come to the office to pick them up. We will send them home when they are ready.

Costume Care
DO NOT MACHINE WASH!

Costume fabrics and trim are NOT designed to hold up in the washing machine-even on delicate.

To wash your costume: swish lightly in cold water with mild detergent(Check for color fastness) and hang or lay flat to dry.

I have seen many costumes that have shrunk, faded, bled, or simply fallen apart in washing machines and dryers.

Be VERY careful if you need to iron your costume. I would recommend hanging them up in a steamy bathroom before resorting to ironing. Fabrics and trim can melt.

You can also keep your costumes in good condition by promptly hanging them up after performances.

E-MAIL and WEBSITE

Communication is probably our biggest challenge as directors. You can help us out by providing us with your e-mail address and checking the website regularly. www.gemcloggers.com

MUSIC

You can get the music for your team dances! Just bring a blank CD to the office with your name on it or \$1 to purchase a blank CD from us.

Thanks,
Leah and Dan Coffman

www.gemcloggers.com Check out our on-line calendar!

COMPETITION TEAMS

It's crunch time so let's practice hard! Competition is always an awesome experience. Private lessons are available if you are feeling unprepared. You can get A LOT done in 30-60 minutes one on one.

Practice Friday, February 6th at the studio

Sapphires 4-5pm

Jades 6-7pm

Rubies 5-6pm

Pearls 7-8pm

Kick-Off Classic Boise

The final schedule is up! I will be e-mailing out your information packets this week! Check www.americaonstage.org for more information.

If this is your first time at competition it can be a little overwhelming. Just take a deep breath and be ready to roll with the punches. The best way to describe competition is “organized chaos.”

We will all gather in a common area, where everyone will change, practice and go to line up. Please stay in that area with your instructor or a team parent. We spend a lot of time just waiting, but we always need be ready to go!

Thanksgiving Point

Emeralds, Topaz, and Diamonds your fees for Thanksgiving Point are due Feb 13th. Fees are \$10/event if paid by February 13th, after the 13th it is \$12/event.

Don't forget to book your hotel rooms. Gem Cloggers does not have group accommodations for this competition. However, America On Stage has a host hotel lined up. Best Western Timpanogos Inn p.1 (801) 768-1400 I am unsure of the rate.

You are all amazing! I am having so much fun this year and I hope you are too. Recital will be here before we know it and it is going to be a BLAST!

Calendar of Events

Feb 6th Practice-Sapphires, Rubies, Jades, Pearls

Feb 14th-NNU Competition

Feb 28th- Saturday Practice (Jades, Pearls, Emeralds, Topaz, Diamonds)

Mar 6th & 7th **Emeralds, Topaz and Diamonds**-Thanksgiving Point Competition

April 17th-Fruitland Show-All Competition Teams

April 18th -**Jades and Pearls** Saturday Practice

May 2nd - Saturday Practice

May 2nd- Recital

May 15th and 16th -Nationals at Lagoon