



Welcome!

Welcome to Gem Cloggers Dance Studio!

Studio Policies 2017-18

General Information

Season

- Rec Classes run in sessions separate from other classes. Rec Class Session Dates – Fall Session: Sept 5th-Dec 16th, Winter Session: Jan 16th-April 28/May 5th (depends on recital date).
- Competition classes run from the first week of September until the week after Nationals in May. Spring Recital will be before Nationals.

Class Expectations

- Be on time (shoes on and ready to go!)
- Use the restroom BEFORE class. 😊
- Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty and follow the Dress Code.
- Dress Code: T-shirts and knit or athletic type shorts, capris or pants. No dresses, skirts, or jeans/denim. Rec classes are to wear their Gem Cloggers T-shirt when they have them.
- **Bring A Water Bottle!**
- Have a positive attitude.
- No Cell Phones in class.
- No Food, Gum, Candy or Drinks other than water in class (exception for class parties)
- No Running! Safety is a huge concern for us and we want to keep everyone from having any accidents. We also would like to keep the waiting room as calm as possible. 😊

Performances

- The number performances will vary throughout the season depending on which team you are on.
- All comp teams will perform at Winter and Spring Recitals. Rec classes will perform in the recital at the end of their current session.
- Performances may include but are not limited to various holiday festivals, Youth Appreciation Day (Emmett Studio), Cherry Festival (Emmett Studio), Apple Blossom

Festival (NP Studio), Malheur and Payette County Fairs (NP Studio).

- **Not all teams will perform in the summer.** Competition teams are required to perform in the summer. Attendance at summer performances is expected of all competition cloggers, even if you will not be returning for the next season.

Parents

- Please no parents or observers in the classrooms after the first few weeks of class. Thank you for your support in maintaining a distraction free learning environment. Contact us if you have any concerns. 😊
- Special arrangements can be made with individual class teachers to visit a class.
- “Parents’ Week” The last 10 minutes of the second class of each month is reserved for parents to come in and see your child’s progress and ask questions.
- If you would like a video of the dances to help your child, please arrange a time with the teacher to come in and make a video tape.

Communication

We want to keep you informed and have open channels of communication. Stay up to date by checking the website regularly and calling, texting or e-mailing with any questions or concerns. Clogging should be a great experience for parents as well as students.

Newsletters- Newsletters will be sent out at the first of each month. We will both e-mail and send home a copy. They will also be posted on the website.

Website- www.gemcloggers.com There is a wealth of information on the website including newsletters and updates. Check out the calendar link to help you stay on top of upcoming events.

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Events-Stay up to date at
www.gemcloggers.com/events

Payment Policy

Please review our Payment Policy and *sign and return* the slip on the back.

www.gemcloggers.com/member-info

Billing- You can view your account and make payments online. Click on "Member Log-in" to create an online account from this page:

www.gemcloggers.com/member-info

- **Tuition is due by the 1st of each month.**
- *A \$5 per class discount will be given for payments made by the 8th.*
- If there are discrepancies on your bill contact us right away!
- Please include a breakdown of what payments are for on the memo section of your checks (i.e. \$ costume deposit, \$ tuition, \$ registration fee.)
- Payments by check can be dropped in the payment box or handed to either Dan or Leah. Cash can only be dropped in the payment box in an envelope with who/what it is for written on it.

**IF YOU PAY IN CASH MAKE SURE
YOU GET AN EMAILED OR WRITTEN RECEIPT!**

Costumes and Shoes

Costumes- Fees are due starting October 1st

- Fees are outlined in the payment policy.
- Costume Fees are non-refundable once costumes have been ordered.
- **Competition Teams:** Different deposits are due Oct 1st, Nov 1st, and Jan 1st depending on team.

Shoes- Proper shoes allow for proper instruction.

- WHITE tap style shoes are required for most classes. (Comp teams see contract)
- Intermediate and higher competition teams must have leather-lace ups with buck taps.
- We sell both new and used shoes.
- We will give you a credit for an approved used shoes style trade-in. Amount of credit will vary depending on style and condition of shoes.

<<ASK ABOUT USED SHOES>>

We have used shoes for sale and there will be more as others new shoes come in.

Clogging Taps- We sell Steven Stompers Buck Taps which we install with purchase and also will reattach them for free if they come off.

Fundraising

Fundraisers-We are aware that costs can be restrictive for some families. We want to help by providing you with as many fundraising opportunities as possible. However, our primary focus is quality instruction for our students, so parent volunteers are needed to run fundraisers.

Participating in fundraisers is NOT mandatory and credits go directly to those who participate and not into a general fund. (Unless a general team fundraiser fund is specified.)

If you would like to run a fundraiser or have ideas let us know! Money can be used to pay for t-shirts, shoes, costumes, competition fees and TUITION!

Scentsy Fundraiser – Phyllis Morancy usually offers Scentsy Fundraisers. In the Fall and Spring.

Wreath Fundraiser-Starting in October we will send home packets for "Winter Greens." These are fresh wreaths, garlands and centerpieces for the Holidays. This is our biggest and most popular fundraiser.

Questions?

We are happy to discuss with you any questions, comments or concerns that you may have, please call or text 208-739-2433 (cell) or e-mail. Since Leah and Dan will be in class most of the time please direct your questions to your teacher or contact them outside of class times.

Thank You!
Leah and Dan Coffman