

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, June 7, 2019

Summer Flexi-Schedule - *Our summer dance schedule does not change!*

Summer is a time for amazing growth and strength in your dancers. We have a "Flexi-schedule" so you can come whenever you want and travel when you wish:

- Come any time (double up a week or month, take off a week or month).
- More strength and fitness work!
- Dance & keep up steps with your friends
- If you can't get to classes in your own level, audit the level above (like an upgrade!)

Summer enrollment allows your dancer to perform at the Irish Fair!

Upcoming Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Upcoming Performance Opportunities - More to come!**
 - Washington County Fair - August 3 - [Form/Rubric](#)
 - Irish Fair of Minnesota - August 9 - 11 - Save the date. More info below.
 - Mac/Groveland Fest - September 7 - Save the date.
 - St. Ambrose (SAW) Fest - September 21 - [Form/Rubric](#) (*for dancers not participating in our local feis the same day*)

All-School Performance at 2019 Irish Fair of Minnesota

Save the dates - **August 10th and 11th**. We will be performing both dates (times TBD). This is an opportunity to show dancers from all levels as we recently did for St. Patrick's Day weekend at Landmark.

Performance Teams and KII dancers plan on dancing both days. All classes will pick one day or the other (or both if you wish!) This is one of our biggest and most fun performances of the year. More info, forms/rubrics to come!



SPREAD THE WORD: Summer Camp for New Students

Our OID New Student Beginner Summer camps are **Monday, June 17 through Thursday, June 20** OPEN TO CURRENT BEGINNERS TO start learning the reel. Share the joy of Irish dance with a friend, cousin or sibling! **Registration information coming soon!** If you're interested or know someone who's interested, please email oidadmin@osheairishdance.com. Registration is now open on StudioDirector. Select **Summer Camp 2019** as the season and register for each of the four days.

- 9-10 am preschool (ages 3-5)
- 10-12 beginners (ages 5-12)

Thinking Ahead to Oireachtas - Hotel Blocks Are Open

We endeavor to involve as many dancers as possible from Primary I and up for the regional championship called MidAmerica Oireachtas. There are lots of opportunities to dance at Oireachtas other than ceili. There are traditional sets and smaller four-hand dances. FYI, we are going to reintroduce the Family Four-Hand class to give everyone an introduction so we're ready to do this at Oireachtas, if there is interest. Adult teams are also encouraged! So if you wish to participate, go ahead and book a room.

The hotel blocks are open for booking. Details attached. Team dancers who are not qualified for solo competitions are invited to dance their Traditional Set.

Booking Note: All reservation requests will require a credit card guarantee and a non-refundable one-night's room and tax deposit at the time of reservation.

For planning your stay, the days only schedule follows:

- Friday: U14 & over solos
- Saturday: teams & trad sets
- Sunday: U8-U13 solos

Teams will need to be in Louisville and ready to rehearse on Friday by 4 pm.

Summer Feiseanna Planning - Important Info

In addition to the feiseanna this weekend, other local or nearby feis opportunities include:

- **Northern Mid-America Championship Feis / 10,000 Lakes Feis - June 15 & 16 - quickfeis.com**
 - **Register on QuickFeis** - If you haven't registered with QuickFeis before, you'll have to create family and dancer profiles. Please note, if you've previously been on a team or competed at Oireachtas, you will have an account already since the MidAmerica Region Oireachtas uses QuickFeis..
 - Nationals Ceili Teams are **required** to perform in teams at the 10,000 Lakes Feis on **Sunday ONLY**. Solo competition at the June Feiseanna is at your own discretion.
 - These feiseanna are hosted by the Mulhern school.
 - Cormac and Natalie will only be there for First Feis and teams. It is the same weekend as an annual CIM event at the Celtic Junction. Other teachers will be there to help!
 - Please note, Saturday's feis includes a "Second Chance." Dancers may enroll in the Second Chance to dance again that afternoon. It's basically a double feis in one day! See attached for more information.
- **Badger State Feis / Cream City Feis July 20 & 21 - feisworx.com**
- **Greater St. Louis Feis - August 25 - feisworx.com**

**YIKES! ALL OUR SENIORS ARE NOW HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2019**