

### **What is a Clogging Connection Little**

A Clogging Connection Little is a new or less experienced member who has been paired with an older or more experienced member, known as the Big. The Big acts as a mentor and guide to the Little, helping them navigate through competition life and offering support in various ways. This relationship is an important part of being on the team and helps create an sense of family.

#### The role of a Big in a Little's life

A Big plays an important role in a Little's life. They become mentors, guides, and friends to their Littles. The Big helps the Little navigate competition life, offering support and advice when needed. They are there to encourage their Littles to get involved in all things CC. The Big also helps the Little feel welcome and part of the CC family by including them in traditions, events, and bonding activities within the team. Overall, being a mentor and friend is what makes a Big's role so special in a Little's life.

#### **Activities and traditions between Bigs and Littles**

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between Bigs and Littles foster strong bonds and create lasting memories. Here are some of the exciting things that Bigs and Littles do together:

- Crafting: Bigs and Littles often spend time crafting together, creating personalized gifts for each other or making inexpensive items for their team for competition
- 2. Matching Outfits: Bigs and Littles may coordinate their outfits or wear matching shirts to show off their bond. Anything with the Studio CC or CC logo requires approval from the directors.
- 3. Secret Big Little Gifts: At Nationals or your Big/Littles last competition of the year, Bigs/Littles surprise each other with anonymous aifts to show appreciation and support-\$15 Maximum for gifts.
- 4. Practice Sessions: Bigs help their Littles with technique and skills by practicing with them.
- "Date" Nights: Bigs and Littles enjoy spending quality time together on fun outings like movie nights, dinner dates, or attending clogging events.
- 6. Special Events: Whether it's themed holiday weeks, competitions or workshops, Bigs and Littles participate in various events as a team.
- Support System: Bigs offer emotional support to their Littles during challenging times, providing guidance and being a listening ear when needed.
- 8. Lifelong Friendship: The relationship between Bigs and Littles extends beyond dance years as they continue to support each other through life's ups and downs.

## This year will be great

Clogging Connection is known by many teams for many things but being a family unit is number 1. Please keep in mind that not all Bigs/Littles will be able to provide a "gift" at every competition nor are they expected to and being a Big/Little is not about what someone can or cannot provide financially, it is mainly about a bond between two dancers who share the same love and passion. It is allowed but not required to give gifts at every competition, if you decide to give a gift at a non-gift giving competition, please do so privately so that others do not feel left out. Gift giving competitions would be considered as; your big/littles first competition of the season, your big/littles final nationals of the season (Tiny-tots=Florida Competition, Elementary/Adult= not yet determined, Seniors=Showdown). Please let us know if you have any further questions, we are looking forward to a WONDERFUL year!

# One more thing!!!!!

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