

## TEAM BONDING ACTIVITIES

*Throughout the dance season we offer different team bonding activities for the dancers to take part in. This is a great way for dancers to get to know each other outside of the studio atmosphere. I highly recommend dancers take part in these events as it helps build and strengthen friendships between the dancers which makes for a stronger overall team bond.*

### TEAM BUILDING / GOAL SETTING EVENT

We will be having a team building and goal setting event at LaFollete Park in Kaukauna on **Sunday, July 22nd**. Dancers should be dropped off at 3pm and picked up at 7pm and should bring a drink and bagged lunch/dinner. We will have coolers at the park for dancers to put their food and drink in but please make sure they have their items labeled.

We will also be getting all the dance groups together to come up with a list of team goals for the year. We will use these lists throughout the year to track our progress as a team. We will also do some fun team building activities in small groups and as a large group. Big Sister and Little Sister partners will also be announced at this event. ***I highly recommend dancers arranged schedule to attend this event!***

### TEAM PICNIC/COOKOUT

This year the Kelly family has so kindly offered to host our team picnic at their house. **This event will take place on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**. We are still working out the details on the time but will communicate the information once it's set in stone. We will have fun yard games, a bounce house, and a slip and slide set up. As we get closer to the picnic I will send out an email with details so everyone can plan accordingly for what activities the dancers can participate in.

We will be asking dancers to bring a dish to pass or a drink for the picnic. We will also be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. I will send out a link to an online form in mid-July so families can start signing up for items.

### BAY BEACH

Back by popular demand, we will be going to Bay Beach on **Saturday, September 15th**. I will need parent volunteers who are willing to drive dancers up to Green Bay and help chaperone. If you are able and willing to help, please send Kim an email at [kimdercks@gmail.com](mailto:kimdercks@gmail.com) and let me know how many dancers you could take in your vehicle. We will leave from the studio parking lot at Noon sharp. Please drop dancers off by 11:50 am so we have time to get everyone split up into their groups and we can leave on time.

Dancers should either pack a bag lunch or bring money to purchase food at Bay Beach. Dancers will also be responsible for covering the cost of ride tickets. Ride tickets are \$.25 each, with most rides requiring one or two tickets per rider. The Sea Dragon and Bumper Cars are 3 tickets and the Zippin Pippin Roller Coaster requires 4 tickets. We will leave Bay Beach at 6:00 pm and I expect to be back at the studio by 6:30 pm for dancers to get picked up.

### TEAM PHOTO SHOOT

We will once again have a team photo shoot with Debbie Daanen on **Saturday, October 6th starting at 9 am**. I am still scouting parks that would give us enough different backdrop opportunities for our photos (if you happen to have an idea for a location, please let me know!) Once I have a location confirmed I will send an email updating everyone with the location and a specific picture schedule for the morning. Dancers should plan on wearing fall colors for the pictures (think navy, plum, mustard, burnt orange, browns, deep reds, etc.) and could wear anything from dresses to cute tops and jeans. There is no cost associated with this. All pictures will be uploaded to a website where parents and dancers can view and purchase as they wish. You will receive the website info and password to view the pictures on the day of the photoshoot.

### **ADVENTURE PARK AT THE NEW ZOO**

New this year! We'll take our daring dancers to try out the Adventure Park at the NEW Zoo in Suamico. This event will take place on **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Included in this group activity will be a ropes course, zip line and wall climbing. I'm also working with their group to include some team building exercises in smaller groups. I expect the cost to be around \$20 per person but it will vary slightly based on the number of attendees.

I will need parent volunteers who are willing to drive dancers up to Suamico and help chaperone. If you are able and willing to help, please send Kim an email at [kimdercks@gmail.com](mailto:kimdercks@gmail.com) and let me know how many dancers you could take in your vehicle. I'm still working out details with their staff and will send more details regarding time frame, etc. once the information is confirmed.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY/STUDIO SLEEPOVER**

Our annual Holiday Party / Sleepover will take place at the studio on **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 6 pm.** Our evening will start with a pizza party for dinner. We will then bring back our "So You Think You Can Dance" challenge where we split dancers into groups and they work together to choreograph their own routine. Each group performs their routine and votes are placed by all dancers for their favorite routine. The winning group will receive a prize. We will also have a gift exchange between the dancers (\$5) for those interested in participating. We will also have open studio time for the girls to dance (because we can never have enough dance ☺). Later in the evening when things settle down, we will use a projector to watch movies and old dance DVD's on the studio wall. Each dancer will be asked to bring a snack, drink, or breakfast item for the party.

### **TEAM DINNER**

**On Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** after our dress rehearsal, we will host a team dinner at The Kaukauna Moose Lodge. All dancers and families are welcome. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. As we get closer to the date we will send out an email to coordinate who's bringing what. This will be a fun way to officially kick off the start of our competition season.

### **TEAM BANQUET**

We will close out our competition season with a banquet at the Darboy Club on **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Along with dinner, we'll have speeches from our senior dancers, hand out certificates to all dancers and end the evening with a slide show capturing all the seasons' fun memories. As we get closer to this date, a form will be emailed out with more details including price and the deadline to sign up.