

**Walworth County Cloggers**  
**CLUB MEMO**  
**SPRING 2010**

**2010 Showcase Performance**

Amazing. Talented. Awesome. Incredible.

That is just a few of the words used to describe our dancers in the showcase show last night. I hope you were all able to hear how impressed the audience was with the show. If we could delete out the audio difficulties from your technologically challenged director, we had the absolute most amazing show ever. HUGE thank you's to EVERYONE that helped, assisted, and just made sure all things happened so the dancers had a wonderful experience.

Our club dancers were ADORABLE! What an amazing experience and wonderful start to their clogging experience. Club parents should be VERY proud of them for getting out in front of ALL those people – *very scary*. I sometimes think that most parents wouldn't even want to stand (much less dance) on the stage area (even at a small show) if they saw the view of the audience from the dance floor. Pretty intimidating – but they do GREAT! What an awesome confidence builder!

INTERMEDIATE dancers... are you ready? It's about that time. We will start to transition intermediate level dancers to a pre-team and team level you will be working VERY HARD!! The class will NOT move together as a whole class, but rather a few will move on at a time. We're hoping this will give the dancers a chance to work with and be influenced from dancers with more experience and give our instructors a chance to assist in those transitions. Most of the intermediate dancers will be transitioned to the team by our next showcase show. Pretty cool, huh?

We are losing some valuable and talented dancers between now and the next showcase. What does that mean to our group? It means that our task is to concentrate our efforts on sharing our knowledge with our younger dancers. It means we focus on improving overall skill level -- we try to 'close the gap' we have between our newer dancers and our dancers with years & years of experience.

One of the FASTEST ways to bring a dancer's skill level up is to make a commitment to exposing them to as many clogging experiences as we can. Attending shows helps the dancers continue to see and hear the more experienced cloggers. And that is such a wonderful help to them to create the visual and auditory memory of what they *should* look and sound like. Attending events also helps the dancer feel connected and included which also motivates them to practice and learn more. We have several events scheduled this summer and we have included all of our club dancers in those shows.

Another amazing way to see improvement in a clogger is to attend clogging workshops. The concentrated focus on clogging in this environment combined with the inspiration of other talented dancers provides such a unique experience. When I formed the youth team this is how we were able to improve on our teams technique and skill – we attended workshops. A lot of workshops. The results were amazing.

So this summer, we want to get as many of our intermediate level dancers to attend the Dancequest workshop as possible. I promise they will have a blast and you will see improvement in your dancer. Please seriously consider attending this event. By sharing rooms and car pooling you can even cut down on the already reasonable cost for this weekend.

The instructor staff is very excited about our fun summer plans. We hope to see all of our club dancers at our summer events, classes and of course, the workshop.

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