

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, June 14, 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*)

Weekend Closure of I-94 - Plan Your Local Feis Travel Accordingly

The resurfacing project on I-94 in St. Paul continues this weekend. For those traveling from the East Metro to the feiseanna in Minneapolis this weekend, please plan an alternate route and account for the extra time. MNDOT is recommending Hwy 36 as an alternate. Here are the details:

- Beginning 9 p.m. Fri, June 14, access to WB I-94 is closed on all ramps between Western Ave. and Hwy 280 through 5 a.m. Mon, June 17.
- Beginning 10 p.m. Fri, June 14, WB I-94 is closed between Western Ave. and Hwy 280 through 5 a.m. Mon, June 17.

More info about all the road closures / traffic impacts [here](#).

Planning for Outreach at Your Dancer's School

We are planning now for Fall, Winter and Spring outreach performances at preschools and elementary schools. If you'd like O'Shea to perform at your dancer's school (featuring your dancer!) with the support of other dancers, musicians, and Irish cultural leaders, let us know or fill out [this form](#).

Summer Feiseanna Planning

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

- **Badger State Feis / Cream City Feis July 20 & 21** - feisworx.com
- **Greater St. Louis Feis - August 25** - feisworx.com

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!



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.

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