

The Flipside



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Keeps You Informed

The Flipside Newsletter is published twice each session to keep you informed of the upcoming events, information, and schedules at Jump Start Gymnastics. We encourage you to read it completely and keep it as a reference.

Important Dates:

- December 6—Shop Till You Drop
- December 8—Jungle Jamboree
- December 14—Lunch with Santa
- December 22—Make Up Day
- December 22-January 4—No Classes
- December 29 & 30—Holiday Camps

Keep Busy this Season with Fun Events at Jump Start

As winter weather closes in and children are stuck playing indoors, let Jump Start help you keep them entertained with some of our extra events!

Shop Till You Drop: Do your children drive you crazy while you're trying to get your holiday shopping done? Drop them off at Jump Start for a few hours on Saturday, December 6th from 12:30-3:30pm. Children will enjoy an afternoon of games, crafts, gymnastics, snacks and more! Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome to join in the fun (children must be potty trained). The event is \$12 for the first child and \$8 for additional family members. Advanced registration is required. If you would like an



afternoon of shopping without your children and give them the opportunity to have some fun, stop by the front desk and sign them up today!

Jungle Jamboree: Jungle Jamboree is a new open play program provided by Jump Start Gymnastics. Children three and under, with their adult buddy, are welcome to attend an unstructured play time on the gym floor. Toys, activities and games will be provided. Staff members will be on hand to help provide a safe environment. This is not a class but a fun time for children and adult to socialize and play! Our next event is Monday, December 8th from 11:15-12:15pm. The

cost is \$5.00 per child. We will also be offering more in January. Dates and times to be announced.

Lunch with Santa: On Sunday, December 14th, Jump Start will welcome a special guest, Santa Claus! We are inviting children 3-7 to come have lunch with this special guy. Each child will get their picture taken with Santa too! The afternoon will also include games, crafts, gymnastic activities and caroling! The festivities will be from 1-4pm and we are asking you to reserve your spot today! The cost is just \$15 per child! Stop by the front desk and register today!



REMINDER: Winter Break is December 22-January 4.

Weather Alert—Please be aware as winter weather approaches that Jump Start may cancel classes if the weather is "frightful." As bad weather develops, tune to local TV stations, their websites, or our website for cancellation information. All cancelled classes due to weather will be rescheduled for a later date by Jump Start. If you are not sure, please call our office before coming. Thank you!

Mom Groups/ Playgroups

Bring your groups to Jump Start for a Field Trip, scheduled at your convenience, or to one of our predetermined Jungle Jamboree dates!

Holiday Gifts

Jump Start wants to help you with your Holiday shopping! This year we have partnered with two great companies to bring you some great gymnastics themed gifts.

As in years past, we are once again working with Resilite to bring you quality athletic

equipment at an affordable price. The front desk has details and order forms. Mats will be delivered to the gym before December 23rd.

This year, we also joined forces with Alpha Factor Aerials to bring you a variety of leotards



and gymnast accessories. The items can be ordered online and are shipped directly to your home! How much easier can it get!?

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask an employee.

Sickness & Make Ups

No Classes
December 22nd—
January 4th
Happy Holidays!

Food, friends, parties and shopping are abundant during this season, but so are illnesses. Please rethink attending classes or events if your child is or has:

- *Acting sick, lethargic or achy
- *Diarrhea or vomiting within 48 hours
- *Yellow or green nasal secretions
- *Fever of 101.5 or higher
- *Severe sore throat or cough
- *Been on antibiotics for less than 48 hours

In general, when the illness is mild or viral, the child may return when he or she has been free of symptoms for 24 hours. Ultimately, parents know their children best, so use your best judgment.

If your child is feeling ill and will not be attending, please call us as soon as you know. Jump Start Gymnastics does allow make ups for missed classes when the office is notified in

advance, but we do not guarantee them. Most of the time, with a little flexibility, we can usually find a class that will work. If you have any questions, feel free to ask your instructor or the front desk.

Please be aware that our instructors fall ill from time to time also, so do not be alarmed if you have a substitute instructor.



Jump Stars Team Update— The Jump Stars have been hard at work both in practice and competition. They recently competed at Horton Invitational in Bloomington, IL and did an excellent job. The Level 4 Team came away with 3rd Place and the Level 5 Team received 5th Place team awards. In Level 4, Olivia Devanna received 1st Place All Around, Sophie Miller, 2nd Place and Grace Bowman 3rd Place. Kristen Barra, Level 7, also received 2nd Place on bars. Congratulations Jump Stars! Next, the team will compete in the Quad Cities at the Rollin’ on the River Meet on December 13 & 14 and then they will be at the St. Jude Meet January 17 & 18th.

Kids Helping Kids

Once again, gymnasts from around the country will congregate at the Peoria Civic Center on January 17th & 18th to participate in the 18th annual St. Jude Benefit Gymnastic & Tumbling Meet. Over 2000 athletes and their families will join in a weekend of “Kids Helping Kids,” competing not only for individual and team awards, but to help children stricken with life threatening diseases

to live. To date, this event has raised over \$900,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The organizing committee is currently seeking monetary or physical donations for the event and the auction and raffle. If you own or know someone who owns a business and would like to become involved in this event as a

sponsor or advertiser, please contact Dawn Kocher at dawnk@jumpstartfun.com. A great way to help out and see all the exceptional athletes is to attend the competition. Admission fees and all proceeds from this event are donated to St. Jude. For more information about the St. Jude Meet, visit www.stjudemeet.org.



Holiday Camps

Gonna need a break from the kids over the long holiday break? Send them to Jump Start for a few hours to enjoy our Holiday Camps. December 29th and 30th we will offer two holiday themed camps where children can come blow off some steam while they play games, do gymnastics activities, create some goodies and more! Look for more information to follow!

Area Websites

We’ve been working to get Jump Start’s events out to more people and have found some great websites in which to do just that! Take a look!
www.findsomethingtodo.com
www.peoriaparent.com

Camera Weeks
December 8-13
&
January 26-31

Toy Area for Tots

It has come to our attention that older children are beginning to take over the toy area intended for younger siblings. The play area is for children 5 and under with adult supervision. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff available to supervise this area. If your child is using the toy area, please sit in or near

the area and keep an eye on them and their behavior. If we happen to see a child misbehaving and without supervision, they may be asked to leave the toy area and sit with the adult who brought them. We want to keep all our friends safe and happy. Thank you for your cooperation!

