



Chalk Talk

We have lots of great activities planned for the Summer of 2013!



Make sure that your children have a great summer by joining us here at the Ohio Gymnastics Institute. We have lots of great activities planned, so don't let your children miss out on any of the FUN.

Get ready for SUMMER here at the Ohio Gymnastics Institute!

- ◆ New Girls Compulsory Routine System
- ◆ Intra Class Competition
- ◆ Jungle Gym Exhibition
- ◆ Age Group National Championships in Orlando, FL
- ◆ Summer Day Camps
- ◆ 4th Of July Parade
- ◆ Junior Olympic Games in Detroit, MI
- ◆ Cedar Point Day

JUNGLE GYM NEWS...

This year's Jungle Gym Preschool Gymnastics Exhibition will take our youngest athletes "Under the Big Top" for an adventure they will never forget. Our Jungle animals will enjoy a fun circus theme while demonstrating to the crowd the skills they have learned in class with their friends and teachers.

All of the members of our Jungle Gym Preschool Program are welcome to participate, showing off the skills to their family and friends. This is a good opportunity for young children to have a fun time while learning the valuable skill of performing in front of a crowd.

The little animals who participate will receive two extra practice times, a T shirt, a goody bag and a medal on the day of the event. Pick up a flyer for more details. The last day to register for the event is May 24.

The Jungle Gym Classes will be focusing on Trampolines and Tumble Track during May - developing the understanding of "centering" their bouncing and bouncing while traveling along the tumble track.

Upcoming Events:

May

- 13 TO 19 –SUMMER REGISTRATION FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS
- 18 - ALEX TATEBE GETS MARRIED!
- 20 TO 25 –SUMMER REGISTRATION FOR NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS
- 27 -CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

- NEW GIRLS COMPULSORY SYSTEM
- 2 -INTRA CLASS COMPETITION
- 8 & 9 JUNGLE GYM EXHIBITION
- 17 -SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

JULY

- 1 TO 31– SUMMER DAY CAMPS
- 4 –CLOSED / AUSTINTOWN PARADE
- 22 –FALL SCHEDULE AVAILABLE

AUGUST

- 5 TO 10 – FALL REGISTRATION FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS
- 12 TO 17 – FALL REGISTRATION FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS
- 14 - CEDAR POINT DAY

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TeamOGI Competitive Gymnastics Team News

On April 5th Victoria Wolfe competed in the Level 8 State Meet. She placed 10th on Vault, 2nd on the Uneven Parallel Bars, 8th on Balance Beam, 7th on Floor Exercise and 5th in All Around with a score of 34.875. Her All Around score qualified to compete in the Region 5 Championships in Bowling Green on April 21st. At Regionals out of 58 girls from 5 states; Victoria placed 17th on Balance Beam and 17th in the All Around with a score of 35.500. Great job Miss Wolfe - We are all so proud of you!



The Women's gymnastics compulsory program will be restructured by USA Gymnastics starting in June of 2013. All compulsory (levels 1-5) routines and music will be updated this fall. All optional (level 6-10) rules and requirements will also be updated. The biggest change this year will be the renumbering of the compulsory levels. The current levels 2-6 will be renumbered to include a new optional level 6. So each of these levels will still contain the current core skills but will be numbered lower. For example, the current level 5 will be called level 4 starting in the fall. Please remember that the fun, challenge and excitement hasn't changed, just the numbers. More

information will be posted during the month of June.



Happy April, May & June Birthdays!

Our Staff: Ronnie Ferris, April Solic, Shane Tallon, Emily Wyant **Our Students:** Carter Abbott, Makayleigh Aliff, Matthew Amendol, Ariella Anzevino, Ava Arundel, Lenna Atway, Annie Bada, Breann Baker, Carson Barber, Ayshia Barnes, Grace & Rocco Basile, Alexis Beaudis, Sophia Beltran, Shianne Bigelow, Brooklyn Bennett, Darlia Benson, Kaitlynn Bierdeman, Connor Brinker, Abbie Brown, Justin Brown, Lea Brown, Miranda Bugos, Joscelyn Burkey, Emma Burton, Isabella & Sophia Butchko, Brooke Carroll, Anthony Chance, Natalie Ciccone, Seneca Coats, Vito Colella, Ravonna Colon, Alaina Constance, Joshua Cox, Faith & Hope Crawley, Brandi Cross, Kaitlyn Culver, Madison & Taylor Dado, Lyla Day, Giavonna Dilts, Calon Dipiero, Erin Duffy, Marina Eagle, Deonna Ellis, Robbi Ferguson, Jessica Fincham, Ari Fiorentino, Haley Ford, Brady Frank, Zoe Frank, Hailey Freedy, Allison & Madelyn Gassman, Maggie Geidner, Jacob George, Ashley Givens, Hailie Hamilton, Alena Harcarik, Kaylie Harmon, Kasen Helmick, Cohen Herchler, Amber Higginbotham, Alexis Hudock, Annabelle Humphrey, Bayann Jadallah, Abigail Janosik, Katie Justice, Hope Karash, Elizabeth Kennedy, Natalee King, Emily Knight, Maya Kubancsek, Alanna Lawson, Alexia Learn, Dominic & Nicole Leone, Giana Leone, Madeline Lowery, Breana Lucas, McKenna McCartney, Kaitlyn McComb, Grace Masterson, Kennedy & Quincy Miller, Riley & Whitney Miller, Ella Mitchell, Kylee Mitchell, Elyssa Molody, Alaina Montgomery, Luke Morrison, Aniya Moses, Tyler Nalbach, Shaylee Nolan, Katie O'Horo, Katelyn Obermyer, Carli Osiniak, Casey Peart, David & William Petrunia, Brady Philibin, Katherine Pomponio, Carrie Powell, Alex Protain, Leila Rafeedie, Triston Ramon, Ivy Rawl, Anne Rea, Kaitlin Remish, Brian Rollison, Amanda Romain, Austin Ruthrauff, Lauren Runion, Mia Salcedo, Rayven Shaw, Izabella Shetter, Cierra Shiley, Hannah Sierra, Tessa Smith, Christian Snyder, Larkin Standford, Megan Stoneburner, Robert Stoy, Bailey Sullivan, Isabella Summers, Sofie Thompson, Mia Tisone, Madelyn Tobey, Lexi Toporcer, Elizabeth Tynal, Alexandria Viano, Stephanie Virallito, Samantha Vuksanovich, Paige Weiland, Skylar Weiser, Ava & Lily Widmyer, Eliana Williams, Connor Wills, Audrey Wirtz, Victoria Wolfe, Kyleigh Woodley, Samantha Wortman, Abigail Yavorsky, Zoi Zaveson.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

Scenes from Around the Gym



Coming Soon - Summer Day Camps!

Team OGI Summer Day Camp is open to all children ages 3 to 14 (must be potty trained). Day camp runs from 9 am to 3:30 pm; arrangements can be made for children needing a later pick up for an additional fee. A brochure with more detailed information will be available beginning May 22, 2013.

The day camp will be held for 4 consecutive weeks beginning July 1st through the 26th (closed on July 4th). You can register for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 weeks! The more you sign up for, the bigger discount off additional weeks.

Our goal is to create a fun and educational summer camp for boys and girls of all skill levels. Each day, children will have active play with gymnastics instruction, crafts, games, open gym time and much, much more! The benefits your child receives from a physically fit summer will last well into the school year!

Summer Day Camp is open to all children, members and non-members at The Ohio Gymnastics Institute alike. Pick up a brochure and make arrangement to enroll for a summer of fun! Registration begins June 1, 2013.

Look who's moving up - CONGRATULATIONS - Keep up the Good Work!

Advancing from Bouncing Bears to Tumbling Tigers:

Carson Klotz, Austin Ruthrauff, Alley Skeliski

Advancing to Leaping Lions:

Jocelyn Hill and Akilah Thomas

Advancing from Jungle Gym to Girls Beginner:

Ravonna Colon

Advancing from Girls Beginner to Girls Novice:

Elena Chahine, Maria Chahine, Madyson Prior and Haley Heckathorn

Advancing from Girls Novice to Girls Intermediate:

Kamilah Thomas, Ashleigh Haas and Kaitlin Remish



Coming Soon! ACH or Pre-authorized Credit Card Payment Options

We would like to offer either ACH or preauthorized credit card charges for our customers who want to participate.

Please stop by the front office and let us know if you are interested in either as a payment option. We are finishing up a study on the advantages and disadvantages of initiating a program for our customers and should know more by the end of the May.



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Where did the Playroom go?

You may have noticed that we have closed the playroom. We have done so to avoid problems which are certain to arise due to its use by unsupervised children. Our rules for the playroom have always required direct supervision of those using the playroom by their parents. While there have been instances of mild injuries, broken toys, damage to the walls and books and even some bullying, we have been fortunate. However, OGI must behave responsibly. Each week over 3,000 people enter the building and without very expensive changes to our systems we cannot be expected to provide supervision to children who are not in classes. Accordingly, effective immediately, any children who are not in the gymnastics areas and under the direct supervision of our coaching staff are required to remain within the line of sight of their parents at all times. This includes trips to the entrance areas, bathrooms, Pro Shop and outside the building. A few weeks ago we were very fortunate that one of our staff noticed a toddler roaming the parking lot unattended. The child apparently had followed another family out the front door and couldn't find its parents who were in the Observation Area unaware that their child was outside. Webb Road is a very busy street, as is our parking lot –both provide the perfect opportunity for an accident involving an unsupervised child. Another real risk is that one of our own could be taken by a stranger while they were not being supervised. With nearby highways the child could be in another state within minutes and no one would be the wiser.

The Ohio Gymnastics has had a playroom since the early 90's. When we moved to our current facility in 2005 there was not an area which could house a playroom within view of the gymnastics area. We plan to remodel the area behind the bleachers to include a playroom, but the extensive changes require an expense that we are not ready to make at this time. We will in the future offer a playroom again, but it will not include the option to be used without a parent directly in attendance.

OGI's Policies on Social Media and contact between our Students and Staff outside of the Gym

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute has had a long standing policy to strictly control access to our customers' and staff's personal information. Long before Social Media issues became popular OGI had in place rules defining the boundaries between our staff and our customers. When the company began in 1986 we also established rules to protect everyone by requiring that at least two staff members be in the building during any time our doors are open to the public. We also prohibit our staff members from entering into personal relationships with their students. Contact information for both our customers and our staff are considered private information and are not "given out" without prior consent.

Several years ago, as we noticed the rapid growth of Social Media, we put into place several additional policies in order to be pro-active in defining boundaries for this new world. Please take a minute to review our company's policies regarding Social Media issues.

- At no time may any OGI staff interact on a personal basis with any of our students under the age of 21 through any social media
- OGI staff are not permitted to text, Facetime, Skype, or engage in phone conversations with any of our students under the age of 21
- OGI staff may not provide their personal telephone, e-mail or other contact information to students under the age of 21
- All business interactions with our customers must be executed through the office staff at our business office - not customer to coach or coach to customer via a staff member's personal telephone

OGI has an active web site (www.MyTeamOGI.com) and a company Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MyTeamOGI>). Those two forms of social media are the only means for our staff and students to interact beyond the personal interactions they enjoy safely at the gym.

Children must wait for their parents in the building!

We have the same concerns with regard to children waiting for their rides in the parking areas as we do with the playroom. We must require that all children wait in the building for their parents / rides to arrive. We cannot supervise children in the parking lot or on the front lawn. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.