



Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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Spring Into Summer



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Jungle Gym Exhibition



“Shooting Stars”

Sunday June 5th, 2011

The Jungle Gym Exhibition is the perfect opportunity for your little athlete to showcase just how much they have been learning to family and friends. Tickets are \$6 for Adults / \$4 Children & Seniors Participants will receive a T-Shirt, Goody Bag, and a Medal! Registration Deadline Sunday May 15th, 2011

Extra Practice Times: Sunday May 29th 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Friday June 3rd 6 – 7 p.m.

Calendar

May '11

- 7-8 Level 4, 6, & PO NEOGL Championships @ Home
- 9-15 Summer Registration for Currently Enrolled Students
- 14-15 Level 3 & 5 NEOGL Championships @ Ten-Point-0 Gymnastics in North Ridgeville, OH
- 15 Open Gym, Pizza, & a Movie
- 16-19 Summer Registration for New & Returning Students
- 21-22 AAU District Championships @Home
- 30 Memorial Day – OGI Closed
- 31 Competitive Team May Move-Up Date

June '11

- 4 Spring Intra-Class Competition
- 5 Jungle Gym Exhibition
- 13 Summer Schedule Begins
- 13 Banana Split Club Begins

July '11

- 1-3 AAU Age Group Nationals @ Orlando, FL.
- 5-29 Summer Day Camps
- 4 OGI Closed - 4th of July Parade
- 30-31 AAU JO Games @ New Orleans, LA



OGI Will Be Closed

In honor of Memorial Day

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

will be closed

Monday May 30th, 2011

2011 Summer Registration

Current Students'

Registration Begins Monday, May 9th

New & Returning Students

Registration Begins Monday, May 16th

Remember...even if your athlete plans to attend the same class and time, you will still need to inform the office so that your space will be reserved!

May Birthdays

Grace Basile	Jessica Beere	Isabella Butchko	Sophia Butchko
Katie Buttar	Shannon Calhoun	Madison Christy	Matthew Daichendt
Lourden DiNardo	Megan Finnie	Macey Futkos	Mark Garver
Madison Johnson	Taylor Jones	Hope Karash	Sara Kountz
Gianna Leone	Deandra Maggs	Gina Marsco	Joe Marsco
Olivia May	Kaitlyn McComb	Isabella Merlo	Carter Miller
Nichole Noday	Catherine Olivier	Adam Omran	Maryn Pechatsko
Elsa Pfrenger	Samantha Plott	Cortney Prout	Brian Rollison
Summer Sammarone	Allison Schrock	Madison Schaefer	Cynthia Shaffer
Brianna Shannon	Dominique Trimboli	Caitlin Wagner	Morgan Witiver
			Zoe Neff
			Addison Pellin
			Meganne Rovynak
			Racquel Schertzer
			Tori Wolfe



Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our May Athlete of the Month is Brian Mahaffey. Brian is the only child of parents Janneta and Brian Mahaffey. In September, Brian and his family moved to Ohio from Silverstone, which is a town in North Hampshire, England! Brian currently resides in Austintown where he attends Woodside Elementary School. He is finishing up his 3rd grade year where his favorite subject is Science.

Brian began at OGI in January and is enrolled in our Boys Beginner class, where his instructors are Mr. Donnie, Miss Leah, and Mrs. Lauren. They all say that Brian is such a joy to have in class and that his accent is awesome! Brian recently received an advancement to the Boys Novice class, which he plans to move to next month. He is also just 4 skills away from receiving his Boys Beginner trophy!

In the gym, Brian's favorite events are Rings, Rope, and Trampoline. Brian's future gymnastics goals include learning a Back Flip and a Front Flip!

When he's not at gymnastics, Brian enjoys baseball, Cub Scouts, and playing the piano and violin! Brian also enjoys playing with his Labrador Retriever, Rex! A few fun facts about Brian are that his favorite color is scarlet, his favorite food is pasta, and that he really enjoys computer games and Pokemon!

When Brian grows up he would like to be either a cop, baseball player, or a baseball coach.

One thing that most people don't know about Brian is that his left hand is bigger than his right hand!



Congratulations Brian!
OGI's May Athlete of the Month!

Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our May Staff Spotlight is Christina Danko!

Christina, who is a former Team OGI Competitive Member, re-joined our staff in August of 2008.

As a gymnast, Christina's favorite event was the Vault, where she earned a career high of a 9.85! She also enjoyed spending time on the Floor Exercise perfecting her tumbling. Christina is also a former competitive cheerleader for Ursuline High School and Youngstown State University. Christina has earned countless achievements, including the 2006 "Tumble Off" Champion! Christina gave gymnastics another shot when she competed in the Ladies Division of the AAU Age Group National Championships in Savannah, Georgia in the Summer of 2009. To no ones surprise, she brought home a gold medal on the Vault and a bronze medal in All-Around! She had such a great time that she is planning on competing in this summer's AAU Nationals in New Orleans, Louisiana!

Upon graduating from Ursuline High School in 2006, Christina attended Youngstown State for 2 years. Christina hopes to earn a degree in Education or possibly attend school for the Culinary Arts, as she loves to cook!

One of Miss Christina's best and most exciting accomplishments is her son Jaylin Brian! Jaylin will be celebrating his 3rd birthday this month!

When Christina is not coaching, she enjoys going to the movies and spending time with family, especially her 2 younger brothers; Stephen, who is 13 and Matthew, who is 8. One of her favorite things to do is to teach son Jaylin new things and to watch him grow!

Congratulations Christina!
Thanks for being a part of our Team OGI Staff!



Alexis Charles

Congratulations on qualifying to Level 8 Regionals!

Apparel Shop

Just in...New Leotards...New Grips...New Team OGI Apparel!



We Are Hosting

Looking for a great opportunity for your child to see some competitive gymnastics? The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. will be hosting the Northeast Ohio Girls League Championships the weekend of May 7th & May 8th!

Team OGI will also be hosting Men's & Women's AAU District Championships the weekend of May 21st & 22nd!



Good Luck at Nationals!

We would like to wish staff member and team member Donnie Yeager "Good Luck" as he competes in one of his final competitions as a member of Team OGI! Donnie will be competing at the USAG Boys JO Nationals in Long Beach, California the first week of May!

2011 Spring Intra Class Competition



Saturday June 4th, 2011

The Intra Class Competition, or ICC Meet, is an annual event at OGI. Every year we look forward to offering our students in the Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced gymnastics and trampoline & tumbling classes an opportunity to show off the skills they have been developing and compete against other students of similar age and skill level.

The whole competition is done in a very positive and supportive atmosphere, designed to reward your athlete's hard work and spotlight their achievements. From the Olympic style march-in to their trip onto the awards stand your athlete is sure to have a great experience!

Extra Practice Times: Sunday May 29th 6-7 p.m. & Friday June 3rd 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$9.50 each

Summer Activities!

Here are some of the great activities your children (and you) will be participating in here at OGI this summer!

Intra Class Competition

Saturday June 4th

Jungle Gym Exhibition

Sunday June 5th

4th of July Parade

Monday July 4th

Summer Day Camp

July 5th- July 29th

Banana Split Club

June 12th -August 13th

Cedar Point Day

August 10th

New Skills, Advancements, & Steady
Customer Discounts!

TBA: Parent Participation Week, National
Gymnastics Day & Bring a Friend Week

Happy Mother's Day



Open Gym, Pizza & Movie

Saturday May 14th, 2011

This Month's Movie is
"Tangled"

1 ½ Hours Gym Time

Pizza, Juice

& a Great Movie!

\$17.50 Member \$20 Non-
Members

\$3 off

There must be at least 10
participants to run the event, so be
sure to tell your friends!



Congratulations

Miss Alex & Mrs. Lauren

Who will both be graduating from college this Month!



Students Say...

I like everything about gymnastics! I really enjoy trying new skills and all of the nice teachers!

-Emily M. ~ Girls Novice, Age 12

I like OGI because I get to hang out with my friend Albert! I like gymnastics because I like the trampolines and jumping in the blue pit squares!

-Nicholas F. ~ Bouncing Bears, Age 5

I like cheerleading at OGI because I get to try new things in the belt! Thumbs Up!

- Shannon C. ~ Just Backhandsprings, Age 13

Name: _____

Class: _____

