

Star Stepper Commitment Program 2006-2007

The Star Stepper Dance Team and Spirit Club are teaming up to work together for a great year, and the Star Stepper *Commitment Program* is a key part of that team effort! We have the best Dancers and the best Directors, and the Spirit Club wants to provide the best moral and financial support we can to the Star Steppers!!

We all know that fund raising is an essential part of a successful year and that a class act like the Star Steppers requires support. So this year we are asking all the dancers and their Spirit Club families to make a commitment of their time and talent to the fund raising effort. We'll be dividing the Star Stepper *Commitment* into two parts: a Fall Drive and a Spring Drive. Here's how it works!

Commitment: Each girl and her family are asked to volunteer 24 hours of their time to the *Fall Fund Raising Commitment* to run from this summer to January 1, 2006. The Spirit Club will organize the fund-raisers, provide whatever "seed" money is necessary, and track the hours worked. The goal is for each girl to credit her account 24 hours of effort, and family and friends can participate in the dancer's name to make the 24-hour total. So a dancer might work 8 hours, a Mom or Aunt another 8, and a Dad, Grandfather or Uncle another 8, totaling 24 hours and fulfilling the commitment.

The *Spring Commitment* will be focused on the exciting Competition Season, the prestigious Show Makers of America Dance Clinic, and our beautiful Spring Show. It will start after the holiday season and end the week before the Spring Banquet, typically early May. Banquet essentials, team gifts, props, costumes, choreography, etc. are just some of the needs in the Spring. At that time, we will have some new fund raising ideas that will be both fun and fruitful! This is an excellent opportunity for the New Star Steppers and their families to get involved and get to know the Dancers, the Directors, and the Board Member duties. For the *Spring Commitment Program*, each girl and her family will be asked to volunteer 12 hours of their time for fund-raising efforts.

Fall Fund Raisers: The Spirit Club has a total of 5(five) fund-raisers planned for this Fall. It is these six fund-raisers that will count toward the Star Stepper *Commitment*. All require several hundred hours of time to organize and execute. The fund-raisers are:

1. Cookie Dough Pick-up
2. Ram Rally Concessions
3. Little Kids Clinic with a Craft Fair
4. Poinsettias
5. Night Pep rally

For each fund-raiser we will have a sign-up sheet for girls and family to sign up to volunteer. The Spirit Club Executive Board will manage these time sheets. Each fund-raiser will have a Chair and Co-Chair position, and these positions will be responsible for

some organizing, accounting and tracking activities, and in return they will each earn an additional hours for holding either of these positions.

Dancer Accounts

The Spirit Club will track all accounts but will only be tracking hours. Our goal is to have a time commitment, and whether the fund-raiser is a modest or a huge success, the girls and their families will still be credited for the actual time they contribute. We all know that some fund-raising activities require more effort than others do, but we know our girls and they never step back from a challenge, and we know our parents in the Spirit Club will be there for us. If you have any questions or concerns, they should be referred to the President of the Spirit Club, and resolved in coordination with the Executive Board and the Directors.

Financials

All funds go to the benefit of the Star Steppers. This year we need spirit gifts, scholarships, camp goodies, contest goodies and other support items. Each month the Spirit Club members post a record of the Spirit Club Financial Statement on the Dance Room wall for inspection. We hope you will take the time to review it.

Goals

This sounds like a lot of effort, and sometimes it will be, but it will also be a lot of fun. And besides, it truly is a labor of love for your daughters, for our team, and for the excellence that the Star Steppers stand for. Just ask any Spirit Club member or Executive Board member why we do it! So please, join Mrs. Gardner-Shore and the Spirit Club to make the Star Stepper *Commitment Program* a success that supports your dancing daughters.