

# **Dance Camp Chicago 2017 FAQ's**

## ***Do I need a partner for the weekend?***

*Of course you don't need a partner. We have single people just hanging around waiting to dance. The more (partners), the merrier!*

## ***I've never danced before. Would I have fun at Dance Camp Chicago?***

*This weekend is definitely made for you! We have a Beginner's Track (for Two Step as well as West Coast Swing) just for newbies, so fear not! And we promise that the "regulars" will remember what their first dance days were like and give you gentle, happy dances.*

## ***How many workshops can I take?***

*Take as many as your brain can hold; all but one are included in the weekend pass. Even better, take 'em all and then buy the video notebook so you can jump-start your memory.*

## ***I'm not a workshop kind of person. Can't I just come and dance?***

*You betcha! There's open dancing (to practice what you just learned) between workshops and 30+ hours of open dancing during the weekend. Some say that last year the ballroom closed Friday and Saturday at 5:30 am. That's some serious open dance time!*

## ***Is there really free pizza on Friday night?***

*Swing 'n' Country is famous for feeding dancers, and Dance Camp Chicago is their very own party, so there will be pizza galore!*

## ***Do I have to compete to participate?***

*Perish the thought! In fact, some folks consider competitors uniquely strange types of human beings. Admit it, though, it is kind of fun to watch other people get out there and compete.*

## **But let's just say that I do want to compete. What's the deal?**

You can compete in either Two Step or West Coast Swing. We have several types of contests: Jack and Jill, Strictly, Pro Am (Strictly and Routines), and Rising Star Routines.

## **What's a Jack and Jill? And what is the difference between that and Strictly?**

J&J is wonderfully random: You don't know your partner (selected by rotating competitors) or the music (selected by the DJ). The name of the game is Lead and Follow. You'll meet some pretty nice people who will dance with you later.

**Strictly however** is not random – you choose your partner (no costumes – but you can coordinate that same color). This is Lead and Follow as well – no routines allowed. You still do not know your music (or how many songs you'll get).

## **Dance Camp Chicago – same sex strictly partnerships ARE allowed!!**

Additionally, we are allowing you to dance Strictly (Two Step AND West Coast Swing) in your traditional role and current ability AS WELL AS the non-traditional role (with a different partner – in a different ability level)

## **What about Pro Am? Is that like Dancing with the Stars?**

Kind of... You ask a Pro (teacher) to dance Two Step or West Coast Swing with you. You won't know what song you'll get, but you'll have a terrific partner who will take care of you and make you feel like a star!

## **What is the Pro Am age division?**

The Dance Camp Chicago Committee has added a 40 and Over division to both our Two Step and West Coast Swing Pro Am's. This option has been added to all ability levels.

## **My teacher is the same gender as I am. Can we compete together?**

You bet. A teacher is a teacher. Come one. Come all!

***Would I have to compete against all those really, really good dancers?***

*Of course not! All competition divisions are leveled so you dance with others at the same ability.*

***So I decide to compete. Can my non-dance friends come and watch me?***

*Of course they can! In fact, we have spectator passes available for just \$5 a day, so your whole family can come and cheer you on.*

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