

# Junior Olympic Team Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2011

## Important Dates:

September 16	Open Gym 6:30-8:00
September 22	Open Gym 6:30-8:00
September 30	Open Gym 6:30-8:00 *bring a friend night
September 30	Tuition Due

## Thank You for coming to the Team Party!!

### Meet the Owner - Jen Chase

Junior Olympic Gymnastics and Tiny Tots and Tumblers was founded in the fall of 2003 with the goal in mind to provide quality gymnastics, a place for young children to thrive while nurturing positive relationships, building strength, balance, flexibility, grace, self-confidence and pride in achievements among other things. Jen has coached and managed every single level and class offered by Junior Olympic Gymnastics and has immensely enjoyed seeing the potential in our preschool gymnastics classes, excitement in our rec. classes and growth and accomplishments in our team program. She has formed very close relationships with many of the gymnasts and looks at them as part of her family (even calling them my girls!), her daughters are lucky to have so many loving sister gymnasts here. She has 3 kiddos, Jaylee 10, who is an optional 2, Taryn 7 who was part of pre-team, and Taven 2 who loves being at the gym! In addition to running the gym, She is also the director of the Tiny Tots and Tumblers academic preschool enrichment program, where we teach preschool and kindergarten readiness to kids ages 2-5. Being part of both programs has been such a joy as she strives to offer the highest quality of character building to kids both educationally and through the sport of gymnastics. Although she doesn't actively coach at this time, the passion for it remains and she looks forward to having the flexibility in her schedule to be a part of the magic again. She is very open to feedback and welcomes your questions or comments at any time. She highly values your business and support of the gym community made up of amazing coaches, gymnasts and families that nurture every aspect!



food to share. We couldn't have done it without your help. We started the evening socializing and eating. The kids enjoyed jumping in the bounce house. After we ate, we gave the girls their awards for all of their hard work in the 2011 season. The party continued at the Turnberry pool where the kids had a blast swimming and splashing under the lights. We got lucky and the rain held off. It was an amazing night filled with fun and laughter!!

### Parent's Night Out and Open Gym Are Back

Friday events have been added back to the J.O. Schedule! The First Friday of the every month will be Parent's Night Out from 6:30-9:30. All families are welcome, so tell your friends. The second and third Friday of the month will be open gym, and the last Friday of every month will be bring a friend to open gym! Open gym runs from 6:30 until 8:00. Open Gym begins September 16th!

### Gym Update

Sarah has decided to step down from the Rec Coordinator job because she is in the process of adopting a child from Ethiopia and needs more time to prepare for her new little arrival. Sarah will be passing her gym duties onto AnaMarie who will now be our new Gym manager, managing all of our gymnastics programs here at JO. Sarah put in a tremendous amount of work into structuring the rec. program so that the students receive the maximum benefit from each lesson and each coach in the program, and AnaMarie will do an amazing job upholding what was built and continuing on the path of growth and enhancement of each program. We wish Sarah the very best with her expanding family!

### Michelle Nigro - Dance Coach Extraordinaire

Female gymnasts need to have a strong sense of dance skills to be successful on beam and floor exercise. Michelle Nigro began teaching dance to gymnasts over 20 years ago at Columbine Gymnastics. Since then, she has worked at several gyms teaching gymnasts of all levels to dance. In addition she choreographs floor exercise and beam routines. Michelle is a mother of three children, and has been married to David for 23 years. She has lived in Brighton since 1977, and owned her own dance studio locally for nearly a decade. She taught elementary school for 18 years before quitting her job six years ago to homeschool her own children. Michelle enjoys dancing, singing, serving at her church, teaching Bible study, and spending time with the family dog, Joshua. The best part of being at Junior Olympic is working with all the energetic, talented and fun gymnasts!

### Team Party Highlights

The End of the Season Team Party was a lot of fun. We had over 80 people attend the celebration. Thank you to everyone who brought

