

## **DCC 2012 FAQs**

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

*Are you silly or what? 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?***

*Are you kidding? This weekend is made for you! We have a Beginner's Track 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. Or buy a video pass and use your own camera. Easy!*

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

*You betcha! There's half an hour of open dancing between workshops and 30+ hours of open dancing during the weekend. Some say that last year the ballroom closed at 5:30 am. That's some serious open dance time!*

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

*Realio trulio. 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?***

*Easy peasy. You can compete in either Two Step or West Coast Swing. We have several types of contests: Jack and Jill and Pro Am; **newly added this year are:** Strictly, a 40 and Over Pro Am age division, and Pro Am routines.*

***What's a Jack and Jill?***

*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.*

***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 divisions?***

*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! There is a Starter Division for people who have never done this before and aren't sure how long their legs will hold out. They dance for just 45 seconds and are limited to just a few easy patterns. That's not so bad, is it?*

***What is Strictly?***

*The Dance Camp Chicago committee has added both Strictly Two Step and West Coast Swing as another option for competition. Strictly is when you know your partner but you do not know your music. Costumes are not allowed, but matching dress/clothing are encouraged.*

*No lifts or aerals allowed in Novice through Advanced divisions. Partner-supported moves are allowed (safely executed) in Advanced and Champions divisions only.*

***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.*