

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. Do I need a dance partner to come to an event or join a class?

NOPE! A variety of people come to our events and classes without a partner and still have a great time! However, trying something new can be even more fun with someone you know and love, so we always recommend bringing friends!

#### 2. What should I wear to classes?

It's casual! Our classes are a fun, family friendly environment, so please wear something appropriate, but keep in mind that dance is exercise, so you might sweat! Wear clothes that you'd feel comfortable moving around in. As for shoes, we like clean, non marking shoes or dancing in socks.

#### 3. What should I wear to dances?

Our events are generally semi-formal. (not sweatpants, but not a prom gown) Although, we won't kick you out if you'd rather wear jeans than a dress. :)

### 4. What if I can't make it in person?

You will be missed! We DO have an online learning option for those who aren't local or can't make it to an in-person class. You can check that out on our site! It covers everything you'll learn in an in-person beginner lesson with us. Reach out to us and we can also help you find dancing opportunities in your local area.

# 5. Do you offer one night classes?

Yes! On occasion we host pop-up learning opportunities for those who can't commit to 5 weeks of classes. We also teach a brief beginner lesson at all of our social events. Stay posted on all social events/classes on our website or our Facebook page!

6. Do I have to have any dancing experience to participate?

None whatsoever! We start everyone off with the basics AND we teach you how to keep a beat. Everyone starts from scratch, so no experience is required!

7. How can I stay up to date on upcoming events and classes?

We post about ALL of our events/classes on our website, www.mwswingdance.com, as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages!

8. What is the general age range that attends your events and classes?

We have students anywhere from highschool to past retirement age! Our general age range for our events is couples and singles in their mid 20s-30s, but all are always welcome!

9. How can I get more involved?

If you'd like to become a part of our volunteer team please send me an email/message on our website or facebook page. We'd love to have you as a part of our team!

10. What type of swing dancing do you do/teach?

What we teach is a 4-Count, 4-Step East Coast Lindy. It's *similar* to Country Swing but it's 4 steps instead of two and we dance primarily to Pop and Jazz Music. It's also a lot like Lindy Hop but it's a simplified variation that is accessible to all dance ability levels!

11. Where are you located?

We serve folks/dancers in Northwest Iowa, Southeast South Dakota and pretty much the whole midwest region. We are open to traveling outside of the midwest for events as well. :)

12. What are your hours?

We usually respond to messages/emails within one to two business days. Our events are generally in the evening, weekdays as well as weekends.

### 13. What different lesson options do you have?

We offer classes/lessons for beginner, intermediate and advanced dancers! We generally recommend that you complete the beginner class before moving into the intermediate class, and we recommend completing the intermediate class before moving into an advanced class. We have something for everyone!

## 14. When are your 5-week classes?

We host these classes in the Spring and Fall. We will keep you posted on exact dates, times and locations on our website as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages.

## 15. Do you do private events?

Yes! For anyone who wants to host a dance lesson for a birthday, reunion, wedding, co-ed bridal shower, anniversary party, work party etc. we can be hired to teach. We also collaborate with companies and organizations by hosting for-profit events where there is a registration fee for guests and the earnings are split between the organization and Midwest Swing Dance co at an agreed upon rate/percentage.

# 16. Do you teach private lessons?

If you'd like to learn to dance but don't want to do it in a social/classroom setting, we can come to you and teach private lessons! (Groups of 2 or 4)

#### 17. Have any other questions?

Please feel free to reach out by email (midwestswingdance@gmail.com), on our Facebook Page, Website or Instagram pages!