

Madison Hope Chinese School Waist Drum Team Proposal

Dear Parents

As you know, we are going to form a waist drum team in our new semester after the New Year. It will be a great team and possibly the very first one in the whole US! I am going to be the initial coach for the team, as I have not found anybody yet in Madison who can play and coach the team. I know it will be a tough task but I am honored to coach these lovely girls! I will continue looking for a better coach for them, but in the mean time, Hua Fei and Amy lao shi will assist. I think they will learn very quickly and will be a great help coaching the students.

Considering the convenience, I have decided to let each student bring the drum home and bring it to school on Saturday. **I may charge \$25 for each drum to cover the cost** (including the ribbon, the velvet carry bag and two drumsticks). So, **the drum belongs to you and you need to take care of it.** I will also provide you a video tape so that the children can watch the video and practice at home! It is not performed by me ☺, it is performed by a group of older girls in Shanghai.

I would suggest the children in dance class two consider joining the waist drum team. It requires lots of energy and is an excellent excise for the arms and the legs! Beside that, it is so much fun to play! When I was in elementary school, only about one in ten students had the chance to be in the waist drum team! So the other girls were all jealous of us! I was so proud to be in the team and feel that it affected my life. So, as I told you before, it is my dream to form a waist drum team here in Madison! Now we are on the way!

I need to know how many children would be interested in joining the drum team and how many would like to continue the dance class. There are a few girls who were in our dance class two in the past year and quit because of the schedule and some other conflicts. It would be great if you could give them a call (if you know some one) to let them know about this news. I am thinking the **maximum for the team is 16 children.**

The class time will be same as the existing dance class two's time: **11:20 am – 12: 05 pm.** I may have to move the adult class into the other room which is a bit farther away from the hall. I talked to Sonja – the Administrator in church about our drum team and told her about my worry about the noise we may make. She suggested we use some inside rooms to avoid affecting others. I need to talk further to her about this issue. By spring time, we will play outside! No rental fees, no worrying about bother anybody. Only sunshine and fresh air!

Please fill out the slip attached and hand it to Cathy Dornon if your daughter is interested in joining the team. We well reserve a space for her. I will play the video tape again on Saturday, Dec 11 to the group so that they know what it would be like! I will play it at the end of the dance class which will be about 12:05 pm. Hope you can join us.

Thank you very much for your attention and your support as always.

Hui Cheng
MHCS Head Teacher

**Madison Hope Chinese School Waist Drum Team
Sign Up Sheet**

**January 8 – March 12, 10 weeks
Saturday morning 11:20 am – 12:05 pm
Tuition fees: \$65/student**

Yes, I am interested in signing up my daughter _____
to participate in the MHCS Waist Drum Team.

*I understand that injuries may occur during the class. I agree to not hold the instructor or school responsible for any injuries my child, _____ may incur before, during or after class.

Parents' Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!