

I wanted to take a moment to provide you with information about the Spring 2009 Jump Start percussion ensemble program.

Beginning this spring, candidates are no longer required to prepare audition materials. Instead, anyone interested in performing with one of the ensembles will be scheduled for a 15-minute “help session”. At this session, candidates will meet and play along with the director of the ensemble. Afterwards, the director will contact each candidate and offer them a position in the ensemble or provide input for improvement.

The criteria for acceptance into the Jump Start program reaches beyond one’s abilities on the instrument. Additional considerations are that of attitude, attendance, and commitment to percussion excellence. Together, the Jump Start ensembles create an educational program seeking those who wish to learn.

The spring 2009 session of Jump Start will involve three ensembles, one in Vernon Hills, one in Lake Villa, and one in Gurnee. Rehearsal dates and times vary based on the ensemble. Each ensemble will meet for one rehearsal a week for eight weeks, and conclude in late May with the Jump Start concert and “Day of Percussion”!

2 simple steps to involving your son or daughter in the Jump Start program

1. Go to the L.e.a.P. website (www.fearthefrog.org) and select “Jump Start” to review all details of the program including scheduling.
2. Mail the “Membership Application/Profile” attached to this message to: Jump Start, 2118 Fairfield Road, Lindenhurst, IL 60046 as soon as possible. You will be contacted by a director to schedule your son or daughter’s “help session”.

Should you have any questions whatsoever, I can be contacted by phone at (847) 845-0938, or by email at leapdirector@yahoo.com.

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