



**Kitchener Schwaben Club**  
**Kindergruppe / Jugendgruppe**  
**Registration Package 2012/2013**

**Welcome**

*Our goal is to introduce and preserve our Schwabian Culture and Heritage by way of dance, costume and tradition in a fun and encouraging environment. Our Kindergruppe (Children's Dance Group) is for ages 4-9 and our Jugendgruppe (Youth Dance Group) is for ages 9-16.*

**Practice**

Time: Thursdays at 6:30p.m.

Place: Schwaben Club  
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Kitchener, ON N2G 2P1

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www.kitchenerschwabenclub.com



Please arrive 10 minutes before to prepare your child to start at 6:30pm sharp. Classes for our Kindergruppe are 30-45 minutes and our Jugendgruppe are 60-90 minutes; therefore we need to be prompt. Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to each class.

**Class Start Date: Thursday, August 23, 2012**  
**Class end Date: May 9, 2013**

**Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe Registration**

Registration entitles a child to participate in the Kitchener Schwaben Club Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe by way of weekly dance practice and regular performances/events. ***This membership is a participating membership. Please see fundraising/volunteering for more information.***

**Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe Registration is \$100.00 per child, based on a full dance term beginning August 23, 2012 and ending May 9, 2013. Registration monies are due by Thursday, September 6, 2012 or if joining later in the year by the second participating dance practice.** A multi-child discount is applied when more than one child is registered (20% for a second child, 30% for a third, etc. up to a 50% maximum). Registration for children joining later in the year will be pro-rated.

\*Please note there is a NSF charge of \$35. If our pay structure does not suit, please contact our Treasurer or President for alternative arrangements.

***Children interested in joining are welcome to participate/observe for one practice with a commitment by the second.***

Parents are responsible for their own children during all practices and performances. Parents are to remain in the Club during practices. If you are unable to remain at the Club during practice, a responsible adult needs to be left in charge of your child.

Parents are encouraged to also become members of the Schwaben Club. There are many benefits to a family membership such as reduced rates for dinner and dance evenings, opportunities to participate in group activities such as our Ladies Auxiliary, Schwaben Club Bowling League, cooking classes, a copy of our monthly newsletter the "Nachrichten", and much more. With a membership there is a sense of community, commitment, and support within the Schwaben Club. Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe Committee Members are asked to be Schwaben Club members.

## Uniform Information

**Practice Uniform:** Dancers are to wear comfortable, loose fitting clothes and proper dance shoes. Performance attire is to be saved for performances only.

**Performance Uniform:** Dancers are to arrive in full uniform to each performance. Our current uniform is the traditional “Tracht”. The Kindergruppe hairstyle for girls is two French braids finished with white bows. Jugendgruppe hairstyle for girls is two French braids joined and tucked under in the lower back. For our more formal events a crown braid may be requested with advance notice.

*We take pride in how we represent the Schwaben Club and our Dance group therefore the uniform must be clean and pressed for each performance. Whites are to be laundered and pressed after every performance.*

**Failure to do so may result in a dancer not participating in the performance. Performance Uniforms are to be worn for performances only and are not for personal use.**

<b><u>Girls Tracht Items</u></b>	<b><u>Boys Tracht Items</u></b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. White poly/cotton blend blouse</li> <li>2. White poly/cotton blend petty pants</li> <li>3. White poly/cotton blend petty skirt</li> <li>4. Skirt</li> <li>5. Lace apron</li> <li>6. Black vest</li> <li>7. White dance tights</li> <li>8. Black leather character dance shoes</li> <li>9. White hair bows</li> <li>10. Necklace</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. White long sleeve dress shirt (non-button down collar)</li> <li>2. Black dress pants</li> <li>3. Black dress socks</li> <li>4. Plain black dress shoes (lace up or velcro)</li> <li>5. Schwaben Club Vest</li> </ol>
<b><u>Parent/Guardian Responsibility</u></b>	<b><u>Parent/Guardian Responsibility</u></b>
Items 7, 9 & 10 Replacement only Item 8 Costs vary. Available at Inspirations 130 St Leger St, Kitchener	Items 1-4 Costs vary

Items #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 for girls and Item #5 for boys are property of the Schwaben Club Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe. Any repairs/altering/tailoring on the Tracht must be addressed with our Costume Director/Committee. Alterations/exchanges due to growth are Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe responsibility.

## Tracht Deposit

**GIRLS:           \$150.00           *due at first fitting/distribution/new dance term***

The Tracht Deposit entitles one dancer to the use of items #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 for the 2012-2013 dance year with the understanding it will be returned in original form and professionally dry cleaned upon resigning from the Kitchener Schwaben Club Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe. **A mandatory usage fee of \$50.00 will be deducted annually from the Uniform Deposit to account for the depreciation and maintenance of the Tracht.**

**BOYS:            \$40.00            *due at first fitting/distribution/new dance term***

The Tracht Deposit entitles one dancer to the use of item #5 for the 2012-2013 dance year with the understanding it will be returned in original form and professionally dry cleaned upon resigning from the Kitchener Schwaben Club Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe. **A mandatory usage fee of \$15.00 will be deducted annually from the Tracht Deposit to account for depreciation and maintenance of the Tracht.**

## **Performances**

**NOTE:** Dancers must attend 2 out of the last 3 practices prior to a performance in order to participate. Participation is under the instructor's discretion.

The Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe performs during Oktoberfest and other events throughout the year at the Schwaben Club and surrounding area. We also have performed at nursing homes, service clubs, and cultural festivals. Below is a listing of our 2012-2013 performances. Dates are tentative and may change with notice. Additional performances may arise upon request.

*\*A commitment to monthly performances is encouraged. Performances are usually held on Saturday evenings or Sunday afternoons. The cost of dinner/entrance is parent/guardian's responsibility.*

**September 9, 2012** Jugendgruppe only. Williamsburg Town Square, Kitchener  
**September 15, 2012** Kirchweih (Church Celebration), Schwaben Club  
**September 29, 2012** Oktoberfest Preview at Conestoga Mall  
**October 5-13, 2012** Oktoberfest, K-W Region  
**November 17, 2012** Frauengruppe Gründungsfest (Ladies Auxiliary Anniversary), Schwaben Club  
**December 9, 2012** Christmas Luncheon, Schwaben Club  
**January 26, 2013** Miss Schwaben 2012, Schwaben Club  
**February 2, 2013** Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner  
**February 23, 2013** Gründungsfest (Kitchener Schwaben Club's Anniversary), Schwaben Club  
**April 13, 2013** Schlachtfest, Schwaben Club  
**April 2013** Landestrachtenfest, Hosted this year in Leamington, ON  
**May 5, 2013** Mütterstag (Mother's Day Celebration), Schwaben Club  
**June 23, 2013** Schwaben Club Family Picnic  
**Aug/Sept 2013** Tag der Donauschwaben. Hosted this year in Detroit, MI

## **Fundraising/Volunteering**

The Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe asks parents/guardians/dancers to contribute to our dance groups by way of fundraising and volunteering. We ask that you sign up to volunteer for as many events as possible and participate in all of our fundraisers. Regular communication detailing volunteering/fundraising opportunities is outlined in our Parent/Guardian Monthly Newsletter and Calendar or through emails.

## **Code of Conduct**

The Kitchener Schwaben Club Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe Code of Conduct recognizes a clear set of guidelines for the instructors, dancers and parents/guardians to follow. Our goal is to ensure that dancing is fun, safe, and a positive experience.

The code of conduct is based on the concept of fairness and these six basic principles:

1. Respect for the Schwaben Club and its property.
2. Respect for the instructors.
3. Respect for all participants, including other dancers, dance instructors, and parents/guardians.
4. Respect for the uniform provided by the Schwaben Club.
5. Participation by all.
6. Maintaining self-control at all times.

*\*Parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing the Code of Conduct with all members of their family. It is a condition of continuing registration that all family members follow this Code of Conduct at all times as you and your family are a representation of the Schwaben Club and our dance group.*

## **2012-2013 Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe Instructors**

Our instructors are volunteers with many years of German folk dancing experience. Their goal is to instruct German Folk dancing and traditions in a safe and memorable environment.

Kindergruppe: Sheri Thompson  
Jugendgruppe: Brandy Chapman & Kirk Hanke

## **2012-2013 Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe Committee**

Lisa Schaadt	President
Johanne Watchorn	Vice-President & Costume Director
Kathy Beckett	Treasurer, Jugendgruppe Parent Representative
Christie Schellenberger	Secretary
Helga Hill	Fundraising & Performance Co-ordinator
Lea Becker	Kindergruppe Practice Volunteer, Kindergruppe Parent Representative

A separate Fundraising Committee will be formed for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

***Thank you for your continued support throughout 2012-2013.***