

## **The Nest Denver Dance 8 Academy ? Why is this type of program so important?**

The NEST system was developed so prospective square dance students would no longer have to wait to take lessons. It was designed to encourage and facilitate the perpetual integration of new students into the classroom. Our goal has always been to create a learning environment so students could enroll anytime – thereby allowing us to recruit anytime – thus, enabling us to promote anytime. Never again having to tell folks they have to “wait ‘til September” or ??????. WOW!! Just think of the potential!!!

It's THE NEST CURRICULUM that makes all this possible! Its strategic design allows new students to join ongoing classes without impeding the progress of existing students. And if that's not enough; 'drop-outs' from THE NEST (or from anywhere) can come anytime and pick up where they left off – with everyone, regardless of experience, having the freedom to go at his or her own pace.

### **Trying it in Denver**

Starting Monday October 14th, 2013, we will be Beta testing a Nest type system in Denver. Bear Miller and John Blakely will be heading it up. We have 6 volunteers so far to be Narrators and we will have work-in-progress system going on. **It will be at the Wheat Ridge Grange each Monday from 7-9.** The system has Narrators working and teaching two couple groups the calls that only need two couples in part of the hall while the caller has a full square working the calls that need a full square. Students are tracked on their progress and can start anytime, miss for a while if needed and come back as they learn mostly from the Narrators in a curriculum that has the calls in 7-9 call sequences.

### What we look for from clubs

As the dancers will have no club affiliation when they leave the Nest, we would like clubs to offer a free pass to anyone who finishes the curriculum. We would also ask for clubs to provide angels on a rotating basis, once every 5-7 weeks. The angels you send will be representing your club, so send your best, most friendly dancers, not necessarily the ones who need the extra floor time, but the ones your clubs wants the new dancer to associate with your club.

Contact Bear Miller 303.973.9529 or [beardenver@comcast.net](mailto:beardenver@comcast.net), John Blakely 303-674-6267 [jblakely@sprynet.com](mailto:jblakely@sprynet.com), or Bob Gaunt 303-503-0095 [bojjoangaunt38@aol.com](mailto:bojjoangaunt38@aol.com) for more information or to volunteer your club to assist with angels.

Cost of Class \$10 per person per class. It is self paced so it is made to fit anyone.