

# Estill County Jump Rope Team Is A Success

"Jump!" . . . that's the song from Van Halen back in the early 80s that many people remember. However, the Estill Elite Jumpers is doing just that these days . . . "jumping."

Eight years ago, Mrs. Jodi Lahrmer Sims started a jump rope team at Estill Springs Elementary called the "Bouncing Bulldogs." It was more of a jump rope performance team in which the jumpers would have 2-3 performances a year. The team would, however, meet early in the mornings at 7:00 a.m. to practice at least twice a week and also have 1-2 practices after-school practices.

Since then, Mrs. Sims has taken the jump rope team to a whole new level. It is no longer an elementary jump rope team, but rather, a county-wide team.

Mrs. Sims also recruited another teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Renner, to assist her last year.

This past summer they attended a jump rope workshop on their own time in Maryland to learn more about how to teach different jump rope skills to the jumpers.

The "Estill Elite Jumpers" jump rope team, formerly the "Bouncing Bulldogs" team, will be competing in two competitions during

the 2013-2014 school year in Ohio. It is a unique, rare sport, in which no other schools have in our part of the state. The closest jump rope team in Kentucky is located in Bowling Green.

Most school jump rope teams are more known in the northern part of the United States. However, Mrs. Sims sees potential in these students and plans to build this county-wide team in hopes that it will turn into something more long term.

It takes great skill and a lot of hard work to do jump rope routines, sets, and now to be able to participate in competitions. Some of the girls on the team have been

on the team for 4-5 years. As they continue to grow, they are building and mastering their jump roping skills.

Since Estill County has never had a county-wide jump rope team, Mrs. Sims is not expecting to win at the competitions. However, since the team is in its early infancy, she is expecting the jumpers will gain more exposure to the sport as they see other school jump rope teams compete and learn from them. The intent is to build the momentum for the sport for these young jumpers. Also, it is the hope that other schools in our surrounding area will take note and maybe form their own

jump rope teams. It would certainly have a positive impact for our county schools as well as our community.

The "Estill Elite Jumpers" team is composed of 20 members made up of seven core members who have been on the team for at least a year to 5 years, and 13 new members.

The returning jumpers are listed as follows:

- Kylee Conley-7th grade, her 5th year on the team
- Ashley Stone-7th grade, her 4th year on the team
- Jenna Stone-5th grade, her 3rd year on the team
- Karlee Richardson-5th grade, her 2nd year on the team

Raleigh Jones-5th grade, her 2nd year on the team

Summer Evans-5th grade, her 2nd year on the team

Peyton Maybrier-5th grade, her 2nd year on the team

The team will be attending an all-day workshop in Ohio in January with two competitions to follow in February and March.

You can see the Estill Elite Jumpers "Live with Lee Cruise" in the morning on Channel 18 on Feb. 28th. For more information and updates, go to the team's facebook page under "Estill Elite Jumpers."

## Estill County Tribune's "Letters To Santa"

I have been a little bit good this year. I want a RC monster truck, rocket ship and toy car.  
Love, Nathaniel Baird, 5  
P. Natasha Tucker

I have been good this year. I want a dump truck to play with, toy train and a box to play in; I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.  
Michael Baird, 5  
P. Natasha Tucker

I have been good this year. Please bring me a dirt bike, four wheel and an x-box game. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Love, Gavin Profit, 5  
P. Jessica Williams and Josh Profit

I have been good this year. Please bring me a RC car, racecar, and a game. I will leave you milk and cookies on the counter.  
Love, Sean Adams, 5  
P. Jim and Angie Tipton

I've been good. I want a toy dirtbike with a man on it that you can take off, Legos, and a big skeleton tattoo. I will leave you a glass of milk and a blueberry muffin.  
Love, Bryce Wolfenbarger, 5

P. Brandy Bowman and Justin Wolfenbarger

I have been a great girl this year. All I want for Christs this year is Monster High dolls, make-up, tablet, coloring books, glow in dark pillow pet, movies, DVD player, new clothes, head bands, and all kids to be happy. Thank you.  
Christina Flinchum, 5  
P. Angel and Nikita Flinchum

I have been good this year but a little bad. Thank yo for my presents last year. For Christmas I would like a R/C Dusty, R/C four-wheeler, and a DS. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.  
Love, William Horn, 6  
P. Buddy and Whitney Horn

I want a DS, a computer, necklace and pet shot toys.  
Kaydence Campbell, 5  
P. Tonya Campbell

I would like a lunchbox. Also a Christmas tree and a stuff animal put under it, a toy bunny and big blue monster and a toy house. Hope you and Mrs. Claus and the deers have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Brenton Muncie, 6  
P. Cassie Coffey

I would like a pair of alligator stomper shoes, blue phone, tv for my bedroom, clothes and candy would be nice too. I will leave carrots and cookies under the tree for you and your reindeers.  
Laython, 5  
P. Jeff and Tamera McQueen

I want a brand new bike with 2 wheels with princesses on it, and an umbrella wth flowers on it. I also want a baby doll with clothes on it. I also want brand new pjs. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer under the tree. And Santa, please bring my family presents.  
Evelynn Leanna Rose Helton, 5  
P. Curtis and Jennifer Helton

I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a new Kindle, some barbies and sticker earrings. My bubbly Jordyn and my sister Kloie have been good too so please remember them. My mommy and daddy will make cookies and leave milk on the table.

Love, Madison Boyken, 4  
P. Kim LeMaster and Gary Boyken

My name is Sydnie Arthur. I would like a guitar with blue and pink. I want a necklace and new Barbies. I want a doll that you fix her hair and some new hair-bows.

Thanks Santa!  
Sydnie Arthur, 5  
P. Dickie Arthur and Stephanie Arthur

I've tried to be good this year. I really hope you will bring me a skylanders video game, a Nintendo 2DS, and a new racetrack for my cards. I will leave you Ale-8 and cookies by the fireplace.  
Love, Kenneth Lester, 4  
P. Tony and Alisha Lester

I would like to have Zomer, Triple Track Twister Race track, train set, games, clothes, candy, and Turbo. I will leave milk and cookies for you and reindeer food for all the reindeer. I love you!  
Brayden Scott Gross, 4  
P. Chris and Melissa Gross

I have been a really good boy this year. If you can, bring me a Jeep and a DVD iof planes and please bring my niece and nephews something too. I will leave you cookies and milk under the tree.  
Love, Matthew Terry, 4  
P. Kimberly Richardson and Daniel Terry

I wish you would bring me a new bike and an Incredible Hulk Toy. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree!  
Love, Elijah Sizemore, 4  
P. Sally Sizemore

My name is Hannah. I am 3 years old. I have been very good. I wish you would bring me a hot pink doodle bug and a pair of boots and make-up. Thank you.  
Hannah Chapman, 3  
P. Tina Chapman and Darrell Sargent

My name is Cody. I have been a very good boy this year. Please bring me the talking Shredder, Power Rangers, some new Ninja turtles and a remote control turtle truck and the turtle houses. Please bring my dog Zoe a new bone. She has been a good girl. I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree. Thanks. Santa, I love you.  
Cody Floyd, 5  
P. Larry Floyd and Missy Murphy

This year for Christmas I would like the Skylander Swapforce, an Ipad, and a wii U. I will be sure to leave some cookies and mmilk out for you. Thank you so much!  
Kyser Chaney, 5  
P. Chris and Loren Chaney

My name is Colton. I have been a pretty good boy this year. All I want for

Christmas is a robot, some Halo men and Ninja turtles. My brother and sister have been good too, so bring them some toys too.

I love you Santa.  
Colton Brandenburg, 5  
P. Tonya Brooks, Joey Brandenburg

Thank you for my family being happy every day. For Christmas I would like a Barbie house, Barbies, new computer, and a doll house with dolls. I've been very good. God bless you!  
Alyvia Curtis, 5  
P. Lanny & Judy Profit

I have been good this year. Please bring me a toy leaf blower, and some cars and trucks. I will leave milk and cookies for you.  
Joshua Holliman, 5  
P. Mike and Anita Holliman

I've tried to be a good boy this year. I would really like most of all Ipod touch and Nano tablet and a Monster truck with a tractor, new clothes, new austin boots, and new hotwheels. Whatever I get I will be glad and thankful.  
Boone Raydan McIntosh, 5  
P. Misty Bowles and Danny Ray McIntosh

I have been a good girl this year. I want a Barbie dream-house, bracelet kit, Justice bank, and I-pad mini.  
Love, Callee Snowden, 5  
P. Chad and Missy Snowden

I have been a very good boy most of the time. I want a John Deere tractor with a top on it. That's it. I don't want nothing else. I'll leave you some cookies. You don't have to eat them all like last time. I like cookies too.  
Gabriel Isiah Freeman, 5  
P. Michelle and Ezra Freeman

I've been a very good boy this year. So, I'd like you to bring me a Lego construction set, please.  
Caleb Conrad, 4  
P. Metia Crowe and Cody Conrad

I have been a very good boy this year and I want to ask you to please bring me a new Woody doll, Peter Pan Toy and a Cars airplane. I will leave you milk and cookies and food for Rudolph. See you soon. Thank you.  
Love, Myles Dotson, 5

My name is Nevaeh. I am 4 years old. I have been very

good this year. I want a baby doll, some Dora stuff. And my mom to be happy. I have a sister named Montana. She has been good too. I love her ery much. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love you, Nevaeh Richardson, 4  
P. Ashley Kirby

I have been a very good girl this year. Can you please stop at my house because I would really love a Doc McStuffins doctor set, a baby bassinet, clothes, shoes, anything Tinkerbell, and a makeup set? Thank you.  
Emma LaFountain, 4  
P. Gary and Faye LaFountain

I want a Lego city, a toy house for me and brother, a Ninjago Lego set, and also an X-box and Lego T-Rex. Thank you.  
Kyran McIntosh, 4  
P. Randy and Kyle McIntosh

I have been a good boy this year. I wish you would bring me a real little dirt bike, xbox 360 with two games, a four-wheeler that's red, 20 inch H.D.T.V. and please bring my little sister a teddy bear and some pacifiers. I will have you some milk and cookies waiting on you, Santa.

P.S. Please bring my Mommy and Daddy something too.  
Love, Benson Keith Kelly, 3

I've been a really good girl this year. I help my Mommy clean around the house. What I want for Christmas is snow, toy Santa, a computer, a Mickey Mouse clubhouse, and make-up.  
Miheyyla Farmer, 4  
P. Jamie Farmer/James Farmer

I hae been a very good girl this year. I would like a camera, a dream house, duck dynasty duck and a diary. I will be leaving cookies and milk out for you.  
Love, Kadara Skinner, 5  
P. Charlie and Gracie Skinner

I have been good this year. I want a little computer or tablet like brother. I want a little ball and some puzzles and some cars and trucks too. I will be good and will be leaving out some milk and cookies for you. Hope to see you soon.  
Daniel Dixon, 5  
P. Cecil and Patricia Dixon



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