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## Join the Marin Chinese Cultural Association Lion Dance Team

**We:** Are a performing dance troupe composed of youth between 8 and 18 years old  
Have between 20 and 30 performances per year  
Practice Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, starting in the fall  
Have a lot of fun performing the traditional Chinese lion dance to audiences throughout the Bay Area

**You will:** Learn the movements of the lion and how to play the drums, cymbals, and gong  
Perform the Chinese lion dance in front of audiences at various events  
Make new friends

The Marin Chinese Cultural Association Lion Dance Team was founded in 1979 and over the years, we have been delighting audiences throughout the Bay Area with our cultural art form. Lion dancing is performed for many auspicious occasions, including Lunar New Year performances, grand openings, weddings, birthdays, and anniversaries. Some of our major performances during the year are the Marin County Fair, the Bay Area Discovery Museum's Chinese New Year Celebration and Asian Pacific Heritage Festival, and the Marin Chinese Cultural Association's Chinese New Year dinner.

In our practice sessions, you will learn the movements of the lion and also the accompanying music of the drums, cymbals, and gong, which provide the beat for the lion.

We do not charge any fees for lessons. All we ask is that you make a commitment to attend practices on Saturday mornings and also try to participate in our performances, which occur mostly during weekends.

### Requirements:

- You must be at least 8 years old to start with our team because the lion dance music and movements require a certain degree of memorization
- You must be a member of the Marin Chinese Cultural Association. Please see <http://marinchineseculture.org/?q=node/25> for more information.

Interested? For more information, please contact Ben Chuck, the director of the team, at [bbchuckus@hotmail.com](mailto:bbchuckus@hotmail.com).