

Jam Hops Narrative

Starting at the beginning:

In 1997 Jam Hops (Spring Lake Park) merged with The Gymnastics Factory (Ham Lake) to combine forces in the Ham Lake area. Jam Hops Gymnastics Factory, Inc. offered gymnastics classes and had a young competitive gymnastics team. In 2002 a new, larger 15,000sf building was built and along with gymnastics, we began offering recreational and competitive dance. Over the next few years we added cheerleading, and an academic preschool called Leap-n-Learn. In addition to regular classes we also offer birthday parties, day camp, open gym, skill clinics, movies night, and other activities.

By 2017 we had added our Ninja and theater programs and we were operating out of 3 locations because we kept running out of space. So, in the fall of 2017 we opened a new 43,000sf complex to house all of our varied programming. We are now adding an additional 13,000sf expansion to that location, because once again we are out of space.

Shortly after moving into our new Ham Lake building, I was approached to buy out another gymnastics company on the Anoka Ramsey border and I took that over in June of 2019. We also moved our theater program from Ham Lake to this new location. At the time, the program had dwindled down to about 50 kids, but we now have well over 350 children coming every week as well as opening up more opportunities by offering the same types of activities as the Ham Lake location.

We recently found out that the Anoka/Ramsey space we are renting will be sold and we need to vacate by next summer (2024). So, we began the process of finding land in the Ramsey area to build a new larger building to house our expanding needs.

What are we requesting:

I am requesting approval to operate our gymnastics and theater programs, all of our activities, and add a Ninja program to our new Ramsey location. Since we continue to grow, we know we will need more space than the 16,000sf we currently have. We will also continue to be the home for at least one local high school gymnastics team during the months of November – February. We will have the option of hosting 2-3 high school gymnastics meets which will have approximately 80-100 in attendance.

The City of Ramsey has been gracious in allowing us to purchase a piece of property off of Ramsey Blvd, and I believe the size and location will serve us well! Our plan is to build an approximately 27,500sf building by the summer of 2024 with a future expansion plan to add up to 10,000sf. as needed. We are in the process of completing the survey, Phase 1, building plans, appraisal and loan process.

We're very excited about moving into Ramsey and thank you very much for your consideration!