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June/July Newsletter

Aerial's will be closed Wednesday, July 4th!

Dear Athletes & Parents,

Welcome to the new Aerial's Athletics. We are pleased to welcome Studio City Gymnastics into our existing programs. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to make you feel more at home in the new gym.

I am also pleased to announce National Gymnastics Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 4th, 2007. This is a nationwide celebration to recognize our young people and the hard work that they put into the wonderful sport of gymnastics. This year to celebrate, we are hosting a cartwheel-a-thon. Read more details in the newsletter. We hope to see a great turnout!

Last, I want to ask that each of you keep the Acro Gymnastics team in your thoughts and prayers this month as they travel to Palm Springs, California to compete in the 2007 Junior Olympic National Championships. The 14 team members have worked extremely hard this year – we're very proud of all that they have accomplished thus far!

God Bless,

June Birthdays

Kaylee Stewart	6/1/95
Emma Bailey	6/3/98
Molly Dettwiller	6/4/88
Shaylie Smith	6/7/96
Emily Earley	6/7/99
Kennadie Lee	6/9/05
Taylor Trimble	6/9/92
Chelsi Ertel	6/9/99
Abigail Dubois	6/12/01
Shaylee Carson	6/12/97
Makenna Byers	6/13/01
Jami Highley	6/14/97
Aidan Eades	6/17/04
Rachel Hartley	6/20/96
Sydney Griffith	6/22/97
Delaney Hutchinson	6/26/03
Mary Ellen Hardin	6/26/92
Gracie McCarren	6/27/05
Abby Cranmer	6/28/00
Haley Swaney	6/28/99
Alexis Coffey	6/28/99
Abby Walsh	6/29/01

July Birthdays

Ciera Stewart	7/1/99
Kaeli Anderson	7/3/01
Courtney Speakman	7/8/90
Jennifer Highley	7/8/91
Samantha Taylor	7/8/96
Kaitlyn Highley	7/8/97
Madison Snyder	7/8/98
Julia Hudnell	7/11/02
Jaiden Stern	7/11/00
Abby Blankenship	7/12/99
Cara Vinup	7/13/99
Crystal Giler	7/16/95
Gabby Woods	7/17/01
Destiny Conroy	7/18/02
Alexandra Morris	7/18/04
Alexandra Morris	7/18/04
Marci Ellis	7/22/03
Jayme Maynard	7/27/98
Hannah Shull	7/28/01
Elizabeth Mason	7/28/04
Sammi Shepherd	7/31/01

Athletes see a staff member for your birthday sucker. Please let the office know if you were left off the list – sorry!

Promotions

In the past, we always spent the last class of the month filling out athletes' sticker charts. I still think the sticker charts are a great motivational tool as well as a great way to track athletes progression; however, we have learned over the past 3 years of doing the charts, that it is very time consuming and in many cases instructional time is lost due to filling out the charts. We have decided to still have "sticker day" and still complete the charts, but only once a quarter (4 times a year). Staff are still going to give out stickers the last class of the month and we'll still promote athletes at the end of the month if they are ready, but we just won't physically get the charts out until the end of the quarter. We are also in the process of doing away with the purple folders that many of you have become accustomed too. Instead we will keep the stickers charts in the registration folders in the office. So parents, if you are ever curious as to what stickers your child needs to "move up", the office staff can pull the folder easily rather than dig through crates of purple folders ☺

Congratulations to the following athletes for being promoted this month!

Ali Bailey has been promoted to the **intermediate class!**

Shawna Conger has been promoted to the **intermediate class!**

Lauryn Gibson has been promoted to the **intermediate class!**

Jade Harrell has been promoted to the **intermediate class!**

Ida Monroe has been promoted to the **intermediate class!**

Hannah Stern has been promoted to the **intermediate class!**

National Gymnastics Day – Saturday, August 4, 2007

USA Gymnastics has declared Saturday, August 4th National Gymnastics Day. In celebration of the national event, Aerial's will be hosting a Cartwheel-A-Thon on Saturday, August 4th from 11-1. We will be doing the fundraiser to raise money for 2 charities as well for our own athletes. The fundraiser will be open to any athlete that is enrolled during the month of August that is able to perform a good cartwheel without spot. It is a great way to make some money to help towards classes, competition fees, etc. Here is how it will work:

1. Pick up a pledge form in the office on or after July 16th.
2. From July 16th – August 4th, collect as many sponsors as possible. A typical sponsor may pledge to give you \$.10 for every cartwheel. We estimate that each athlete will perform about 500 cartwheels, so for a \$.10 pledge that would equal \$50 from that sponsor. Sponsors may also pledge as little as \$.01, which would equal \$5.00 for 500 cartwheels, or they can also give a flat donation.
3. Once you've collected all of your sponsors, come Saturday, August 4th to the Wilmington gym. From 11AM-Noon will be Advanced & Elite tumblers. From Noon-1PM will be Beginner & Intermediate tumblers. If you are unsure as to which group you are in, please ask. Aerial's staff will be on hand to help count the cartwheels.
4. Once the event is over, athletes will go back to the sponsors and collect the pledged amount. The athlete/parent will then have until August 16th to give Aerial's 50% of the money earned (the athlete keeps the other 50% to use towards class fees, competitions, etc. – it must be used towards gymnastics or cheer. If an athlete uses it for any other purpose, he/she could be dismissed from the gym). The 50% that is given to Aerial's is going to be used as follows: ½ to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and ½ to Sugartree Ministries in Wilmington. Aerial's will not be keeping any of the proceeds.
5. After all money is collected, Aerial's will donate the proceeds to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Sugartree Ministries. We are so pleased to be able to use out talents to help two wonderful organizations.

Fall Schedule & Registration

We are currently working on the Fall Schedule. We hope to have it completed and distributed by late July or the first week of August. It will be distributed to current athletes first. Many summer classes are full and I anticipate our enrollment in the Fall to be even greater. Please register early to ensure you get into your first choice.

ACRO NEWS – Acro Team Headed to Palm Springs, California!

I am thrilled to announce that all 14 members of the 2007 Acro Gymnastics Team qualified to compete at the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Nationals to be held July 22-26 in Palm Springs, California. Unlike other sports in which teams can compete at a variety of "National" competitions, for Acro, this is the only National Championships. Our athletes have done very well this year locally and within Region 5 (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan & Kentucky). They all have the potential to do extremely well at Nationals.

The 2007 Acro Team Members are: Shannon Duclos, 20 year old from New Vienna; Jessica Dunn, 10 year old from East Clinton (injured); Emily Earley, 8 year old from Hillsboro; Lindsay Ellen, 8 year old from Clinton-Massie; Allyna Hagen, 11 year old from Fairfield; Holly Hilliard, 16 year old from Hillsboro; Jaimie Howard, 17 year old from Fairfield; Tori Huber, 13 year old from Fayetteville; Emma Johnson, 19 year old from Fairfield/SSCC; Ashli Maynard, 11 year old from Hillsboro; Jayme Maynard, 8 year old from Hillsboro; Brooke Rose, 9 year old from Clinton-Massie; Sammi Shepherd, 5 year old from Fairfield; Taylor Wilkin, 16 year old from Lynchburg; Alisha Wissel, 19 year old from Lebanon.

Upcoming Acro Dates:

July 9-14 Performance at Clinton County Fair??

July 22-26 – Acro Nationals in California

July 31 & August 2 – No ACRO TEAM practice

Tuesday, August 7 – 7 PM Parents Meeting for those interested in the 2007-2008 Acro Gymnastics Team

August 7 & 9 – 2:30-5:00 Practice for Leesburg show

August 10 – Show at Leesburg Festival

August 14, 16, 21 – 2:30-5:00 Acro Clinic for all athletes interested in the 2007-2008 Acro Team

August 23 & 30 – 6:30-7:30 Acro Clinic for all athletes interested in the 2007-2008 Acro Team

Annual Registration Fee

All athletes are required to pay a \$25 annual registration fee. This fee is due the first month enrolled and then annually thereafter. The fee is nonrefundable and includes a t-shirt. I prefer not to post the past due, instead if the registration fee is more than 1 month past due, you will receive an invoice with applicable late fees. Due this month are the following and any other new athlete that enrolls after this was printed (many of you may have already paid – thank you!):

Due in July

Alexis Coffey, Madi Crowe, Regan McCall, Olivia Muia, Hannah Smith, Kaylee Smith, Taylor Wilkin

Class Fees

All class/team fees are due the first week of the month. If fees are late, a \$5 per week late fee will be applied. Also, a reminder that ***all returned checks must pay a \$25 returned check fee and accounts that are more than 90 days past due may go to a collections agency.*** (In the past week alone, I have received over \$500 in returned checks – that is a huge portion of our budget.) Please do your part to see that your child is paid on time.

July 1-7 – No late fee!

July 8-14 - \$5 late fee

July 15-21 - \$10 late fee

July 22-28 - \$15 late fee

July 29-Aug.4- \$20 late fee

Devotion & Prayer Requests

During the last class of the month, athletes will listen to a short Christian devotion. The staff member will then ask for prayer requests and pray with the athletes. If you do not want your child to participate, please let the instructor know in advance. Prayer requests for this month are (please keep in mind that we do our best to get names & spellings correct):

Raelynn Mason – Aunt Sarah

Karlee Rice – Papaw & dog

Hailey Clayborn – Aunt & baby girl

Makayla Ernst-Harper – Sister & Father

Allie Kees – Grandmother

Kinsey Smith – Uncle

Sarah Slusher – Cousin w/ lung cancer

Joshlin Lawson – Aerial's staff for all that they do

Jenna Lawson – guinea pig

Heather – Aunt ill

Alisha Goodall – Grandma & Grandpa

Kennedy Eades – Grandma

Emma Scott – Baby brother Elias

Claire Muia – Grandma is 89

Courtney Fisher – Grandma & Grandpa

Jade Harrell – Mother

Athletes at Aerial's

Pets

Acro Gymnastics Team

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13*