



October 2009 Newsletter

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Dear Athletes & Parents,

I'm excited to give you updates on the two fundraising events that I mentioned in the September Newsletter:

- **Saturday, September 12 from 2-3 PM** – As part of *National Gymnastics Day*, Aerial's hosted a *Cartwheel-A-Thon*. The event was open to any athlete that attends Aerial's and is able to perform a good cartwheel. The money earned from the Cartwheel-A-Thon was split as follows: 60% to the athlete to help with class/team expenses; 30% to the Aerial's scholarship fund to help families that may not be able to afford classes or need partial assistance due to job loss, etc.; 10% to St. Jude Research Hospital. This year, we did not have a lot participate; however we were still able to raise some money for two good causes. **Kiley Allen, Ashley Tissot, Payton Layne and Jillian Layne combined raised \$77.68 for the Aerial's Scholarship Fund and \$25.90 for St. Jude Hospital.**
- **Saturday, October 3** – Aerial's hosted the 6th Annual Golf & Cornhole Tournament. This was a very successful tournament with over 40 area businesses sponsoring the tournament. After all expenses, **the athletes raised \$3351!** The proceeds from the tournament will be split as follows: 70% to Aerial's Team Members for competition expenses (\$2345.70); 15% to new equipment for all athletes to use (\$502.65); 15% into the Aerial's scholarship fund (\$502.65).

The Aerial's Scholarship Fund was created 3 years ago to assist those families going through "hard times." If you are having difficulty paying for your child's fees then this program is for you. Or do you know of a family that would like to enroll in gymnastics but doesn't think they can afford it – then take them an application or give us their address and we can mail one. All applications are kept confidential and we'll never announce who applies or who receives the funds. To date, we've helped over 15 families. We currently have \$580.33 in the scholarship fund. To be considered for the Winter Quarter, please return your application by Thursday, November 12th. Thank you to all the families who have helped with fundraisers and also to those who've donated to the scholarship fund. We truly appreciate your generosity!

Have a great month – God Bless!

Birthdays – Happy Birthday Athletes! Don't forget to ask a staff member for your birthday sucker ☺

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| 1 Felicity Wright | 11 Ashley Kinner & Victoria Sivert | 26 Kelsey Cochran |
| 5 Gracey Eakins | 15 Brittany Keller & Caitlynn Moore | 27 Brittany Howard & Grant Mayer |
| 6 Harlie Bickett | 16 Sydney Johnston | 28 Kayla Anderson, Rilee Storts, & Alexis West |
| 8 Lyric Rickman | 20 Delaney Warnock | 29 Andrew Delph |
| 9 Ashli Maynard | 24 Avery Cranmer | 31 Shalie Hull |

Promotions: Formal evaluations (AKA "Sticker Week") will be completed November 16-21.

Special Dates this Quarter:

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| October 3 | Golf & Cornhole Tournament |
| October 7 | 3 rd and final payment due for Fall Quarter |
| October 10 | Back Handspring Clinic from 12-1:30 |
| October 24 | Erin's Wedding ☺ |
| November 2 | 1 st Day of Winter Registration |
| November 14 | Back Handspring Clinic from 1-2:30 |
| November 21 | Flip-N-Twist Clinic from 1-2:30 |
| November 25-29 | Closed for Thanksgiving |
| December 1 | 1 st Day of Winter Quarter |

Aerial's Acro Gymnastics Team Update:

September 18-20 – Angie & Jillian Layne, Melissa & Sammi Shepherd and Courtney Collins attended the USAG Region 5 Congress in Schaumburg, IL. As the Region 5 Acro Program Development Chair, Angie was asked to present an Acro Basics Course. The purpose was to provide educational materials to those gyms in the Region that are interested in starting an acro program. Sammi & Courtney demonstrated skills throughout the presentation. It was a successful event with over 17 gym owners and coaches attending the acro course. Go Acro!

Also, while at the Congress Angie attended sessions on conditioning (by 1996 Olympic Coach Mary Lee Tracey) and other courses on tumbling and business. Melissa attended courses on customer service, marketing and other related topics. The best teachers never stop learning! Watch for Angie to incorporate some of the new techniques and drills into the classes at Aerial's!

Aerial's EXTREME Cheerleading Team Update:

On Sunday, October 11th, the Aerial's EXTREME Cheerleading Team will travel to Fairfield, OH to compete in the Midwest Cheer Expo Hallo Cheer & Dance Championships! Visit www.midwestcheerexpo.com for a complete schedule. Good luck teams!

Aerial's Gym Space:

I am very sorry, but due to liability reasons, our insurance does not allow spectators to enter into the gym space. Spectators must remain in the lobby at all times. The only exception is the parent/child preschool classes – if a parent is going to help with the class then he/she must sign a release prior to being in the gym space. Also, any parent helping is asked to stay off of the beam, bars, vault & trampoline. **If you are not helping your preschooler and have not signed a release form for yourself, then you must wait in the lobby.** Thank you for your understanding. If at any time, you have questions about what your child should be working on, please see his/her instructor before or after class. Thank you!

Camps & Clinics:

Thank you to all who attended summer camps and clinics. A special thank you to East Clinton Pee Wee Cheerleaders and Fairfield Middle School Cheerleaders for choosing Aerial's for your summer camp – we had a GREAT time teaching you!

Back Handspring Clinics - \$18 per clinic

Wilmington: Sat., October 10 12-1:30 Sat., November 14 1-2:30

Flip N' Twist Clinic – \$18 per clinic

Wilmington: Sat., November 21 1-2:30

BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

It is beginning to look a lot like Winter – what will you do for your child's fall or winter birthday???? Past birthday parties at Aerial's have been so much FUN! If you've not yet booked your child's birthday party for this year, due so now to ensure your spot. Parties at Aerial's are unforgettable and EVERY child goes home with a gift! I had my son's party here last year and this year I asked him what he wanted to do for his birthday. I gave him many options and he asked to have it at the gym again. He invited his entire Kindergarten class and teacher. They had a blast – memories that are priceless and I got great video coverage to show at his high school graduation party! If you are interested in booking your party at our 4,000 sq ft gym then please see a staff member, and book your FABULOUS PARTY TODAY!!!!

Class Fees: All parents are required to sign a registration form at the start of each quarter that states that he/she has read the policies and procedures. No exceptions will be made for those parents who choose not to read the policies and procedures.

- **Tuition payments are due on or before the first practice of every month or quarter. A \$5 per week late fee will be applied after the 7th of each month.**
- By enrolling in the quarter, **athletes are committing to the 12-week session.** Although athletes have the option of paying in three monthly installments, **one is still required to pay for the entire quarter.** If an athlete decides to stop coming to class in the middle of the quarter or after one month, he/she will be billed for the remainder of the quarter.
- If paying in three monthly payments: the first payment is due at the time of registration, the 2nd payment on or before September 7th and the 3rd payment on or before October 7th. A \$5 per week late fee will be applied to those payments made after the 7th of each month.

Monthly Prayer Requests / Devotion:

The last class of the month will include the following: a short devotion, a time for athletes to share prayer requests (to be included in the next month's newsletter), and a short prayer. We highly encourage all athletes to participate. If you do not want your child to participate, then please let a staff member know. **Prayer Requests for October - please know that I try to get names & spellings correct**

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| God Mommies | Family | Everybody that doesn't know God | Chelsi's teacher died | Pets |
| Caleb Van Pelt | Ali – math teacher's husband died & great aunt died | | Sydney J – Brother | |
| Lauren H – Dad's surgery | Hannah – Mom, Dad & Brother | Brogan – family | Lani – cousin | Sydney – Grandma Baker |
| Felicity – Mom & Dad | Ava – Maggie | Lane – Great Grandma | Calvin – fishing | Alyssa Pollitt – grandma's knee replacement |
| Raelynne Mason – family | Frankie Schreier – foreign exchange in France | Kids' Grades | Faith Harris – grandma | |
| Ashlyn Conner – Upcoming Cheer Competition | Cyan DeBoard – Grandma | Michaela – Sharon, Dad & Grandma | Makenzie – Brittany | |
| Alexis – Grandma's broken back | | | | |

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

Happy Anniversary to the following Athletes:

(This is NOT a past due notice, but just a reminder to those whose anniversary month is October:

All athletes are required to pay a \$25 annual registration fee. The annual registration fee is due the first month enrolled and then annually thereafter. Athletes will receive a t-shirt once the registration fee is paid, not before. This is not a past due notice. Those who are past due will be sent an invoice in the mail. Please see a staff member if you have questions, or are unsure as to when your fee is due.

THANK YOU TO MANY OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID ☺

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| Alexander, Ashley | Byrd, Molly | Margot, Meredith |
| Alexander, Maeghan | Cochran, Jen | Nedved, Ali |
| Allen, Kiley | Dance, Brittany | Powell, Aubrey |
| Barnett, Halie | Ide, Katlynn | Rooks, Autumn |
| Blount, Casey | Keller, Brittany | Schulz, Raelee |
| Brock, Sarah | Kinner, Ashley | Smaltz, Carlee |