



2022-2023 Elite & Prep Team full gym calendar!

We are working tirelessly to ensure a phenomenal season for our athletes, and we are so excited for this season!! Below you will find a list of all the gym closures, events, and competitions.

All competitions/showcases and the 2 practices prior to those events are mandatory.

The dates and events are for all teams unless specifically noted. For reference on your program type please see below.

PREP TEAMS: Baby Bolts, Flurries, Black ICE, and Cyclones

ELITE TEAMS: Storm, Freeze, Lightning

July 14th and 15th. ELITE Team Skills camp (ELITE TEAMS)

This full 2 day event is held at Happy Valley Park 13770 Southeast Ridgecrest Rd, Happy Valley, OR 97086. All athletes are dropped off at the park and will work on skills, bonding, and having fun! They will need to pack a lunch and a refillable water bottle and sunscreen. Drop off 10:00am and pick up 5:00pm for both days! Please join us on Day 2 at 5:00 to watch the kiddos perform what they learned at camp!!! We will also have some fun challenges for the whole family to participate in (daddy daughter stunt off, jump off, and dance off). Challenges and performances are estimated to end at 5:30.

July 14th No practice for Prep Teams

July 24th Shark Week Open Gym (ALL TEAMS)

SHARK WEEK is an annual, week-long programming block on Discovery. The show originally aired on July 17, 1988, and it's the longest-running cable television event in history and has enjoyed a surge in popularity over the past few years. We will celebrate shark week with a huge open gym on July 24th from 2-3:00. During the shark open gym party we will be holding a contest for the best Shark themed outfit and trunk!! We would also encourage parents to decorate and do a tailgate-style event in the parking lot with snacks and drinks for the kids.

August 15th-18th ELITE TEAM CHOREOGRAPHY (ELITE TEAMS)

Elite Team Choreography days/times are listed below. Your athlete will come at the same time every day from the 15th through the 18th. Please note there will be NO regular practices on the 15th-18th for our Elite Teams.

Aug 15th through August 18th

Storm 8:30am - 12:30pm

Freeze 12:00pm – 4:00 pm

Lightning 3:30pm - 7:30pm

August 14th-20th Prep Team Summer Break! No practices for the prep teams!

September 5th: No practices! Enjoy the holiday!


September 16th -18th Thunder Games (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)

This is a bonding event for Storm, Freeze, and Lightning. Kiddos will be dropped off on Friday evening at Camp Collins 3001 SE Oxbow Pkwy, Gresham, OR 97080. They will stay the weekend in cabins with their coaches and staff and picked up on Sunday.

DROP OFF: September 16th at 6:00pm

PICK UP: September 18th at 9:30am

October 5th & 6th PINK Practices


In support of breast cancer awareness, we will be doing a pink themed practice!!  The kids can deck out in pink and will not be required to wear their normal practice attire this day! (Please no body paint, glittery makeup is okay).

October 14th PREP TEAM BONDING

Prep team bonding will be held in 2 sessions.

5:30pm-6:30pm Session 1: Baby Bolts, and Flurries

6:45pm-8:00pm Session 2: Black Ice, and Cyclones


This will be held at Thunder Elite and more details are to come 

October 28th Trunk or Treat (ALL TEAMS)

This is one of our absolute favorite events of the season!! This event is for both PREP and ALL-STAR athletes!! Trunk or treating is a fun activity for our cheerleaders to bond and celebrate the holiday. Parents decorate their cars and dress in fun costumes and our wonderful cheerleaders will trick or treat around the parking lot to all the different trunks. This is a super fun event that the staff and parents all participate in. The gym will be closed during this time as well as during the setup, but the restrooms will be available. The fun begins at 7:30 pm! Trunk Set up is open at 5:30. Your athletes will stay with you during your own setup time and won't be able to start Trunk or Treating until 7:30. The staff will vote on the winners of our trunk contest!

The top 3 cards will be awarded:

1st place – \$100 off tuition 2nd place – \$75 off tuition 3rd place - \$50 off tuition

The staff will all vote as they trick or treat to all the trunks! Athletes can dress up in any fun costume!!  We are looking for volunteers who will dress in fun costumes and who will help create an exciting memorable night for our teams. Each trunk is asked to provide enough candy for about 130 kids.

October 31st Halloween: No practice! Have Fun and stay safe!!

November 11th Thunder Struck ANNUAL PROSHOP SALE:

We offer our largest pro-shop sale for fan gear and Christmas gifts! The sale starts at 6:00pm and will go until 7:30pm. Families tend to get here early so make sure to get there early!

November 12th Thunder Struck (ALL TEAMS)

All teams will perform at the gym in front of their family and friends to get prepared for the upcoming competition season. We fill the whole gym with family and friends to really pump up our teams before their first competitions! **Reminder: The 2 practices before every gym event are mandatory.** This is an awesome event. **TIMES ARE TBA.**

November 23rd and November 24th CLOSED for Thanksgiving.

December 3rd -4th The American Northwest (ALL TEAMS)

ALL TEAMS COMPETITION. Prep Teams will compete Saturday ONLY Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232. **Reminder: The 2 practices before every gym event are mandatory**

December 11th Christmas Party 4:00-6:00pm (ALL TEAMS)

Athlete only Christmas party! Events at the party: Individual and team pictures with Santa and the Minion! The pictures will be available to download off the website and print out at home! Don't forget to wear your best Christmas PJ's for our highly competitive Christmas PJ Competition! Each child will go home with their own custom Thunder Elite stocking! We will also be raffling off our amazing, themed baskets.

Raffle tickets will be 4 tickets for \$1.00.

December 20th-26th Gym Break:

We will be closed for all practices from December 20th through December 26th. Normal Practices will resume on December 27th.

January 14th – 15th Aloha - Portland – Showdown (ALL TEAMS)

ALL TEAMS COMPETITION. Times will be TBA. Prep Teams will compete Saturday ONLY Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232. **Reminder: The 2 practices before every gym event are mandatory**

February 4th-5th ASC - Clash of the Titans - Tacoma – Showdown (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)

All-Star ELITE teams will compete. Tacoma Convention Center 1500 Commerce St. Tacoma, WA, 98402. Times are TBA. **Reminder: The 2 practices before every gym event are mandatory.**

Popular hotels for this event are:

Courtyard Marriott 1515 Commerce St
Marriott Downtown 1538 Commerce St
Hotel Murano 1320 Broadway Plaza

February 20th LIGHTNING ONLY NCA PRACTICE 10:00am-3:00pm

February 24th- February 27th Lightning ONLY! NCA All-Star National Championship

Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas, TX. All travel will be provided through Thunder Elite, No athlete may travel on their own. Trip information will be available on October 1st; trip money is due October 15th. **Reminder: The 2 practices before every gym event are mandatory**

March 3rd, 4th, 5th Pac west - Portland - Grand Championship (ALL TEAMS)

All teams Competition. Prep Teams will compete one day only! Last year it was Friday, but that is TBA. All-Star Teams will compete Saturday and Sunday! Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232 **Reminder: The 2 practices before every gym event are mandatory.**

March 8th and March 9th: Last prep practices!

Athletes will prepare for the Spring showcase (their last performance).

March 11th Spring Showcase (ALL TEAMS)

ALL TEAMS will perform at the gym in front of their family and friends. For any friends or family who were unable to attend local events this is a perfect time to come see how amazing the teams are!! This is the last time our teams will perform locally for all-star, and our final performance for our prep teams! The fun family event is a must attend!! **TIMES ARE TBA.**

March 18th-19th. USA All-Star Super Nationals (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)

All-Star ELITE teams will compete. Anaheim Convention Center 800 W Katella Ave Anaheim, CA 92802. Times are TBA. **Reminder: The 2 practices before every gym event are mandatory. We will be practicing on the 16th for Lightning and Freeze.**

Booking through our housing partner is required for all athletes, coaches and spectators attending this event. Information on how to do this will be send out via email so make sure to watch for that in the future.

March 27th-31st Spring Break: Gym CLOSED.

Elite Team Practices Resume on April 3rd. Classes and optional camps will be held during this time to continue training!

April 14th All-Star Awards (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)

This is a fun time for all the kids! We get dressed up, enjoy dinner, and all the kids get their yearbooks! No one misses this event because it is so much fun!

April 27th-30th SUMMIT in Orlando, FL. (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)

Summit is an end of the season event for the ELITE teams. Teams must win a bid to attend this event. Please plan on attending. Plan financially and reserve these dates ahead of time! ☺

When we receive the bids more information will be sent out.