



2023-2024 Elite & Prep Team Full Gym Calendar

Welcome to the exciting season ahead for our Elite and Prep teams! We've prepared a comprehensive calendar of events, gym closures, competitions, and showcases to ensure a phenomenal experience for our athletes. Please take note of the important details below!

- July 27th and 28th: **ELITE Team Skills Camp**
 - Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on both days
 - Location: North Clackamas Park, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr. Milwaukie
 - Description: Elite Teams' skills camp to kick off the season. Specific event details have been emailed to participants.

Note: No practice for Prep Teams on July 27th.

- August 14th-17th: **ELITE TEAM CHOREOGRAPHY**
 - Location: Thunder Elite
 - Choreography Schedule (Elite Teams)
 - August 14th, 15th, & 16th
 - Freeze 8:00 am – 1:30 pm
 - Lightning 2:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 - August 17th
 - Freeze 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - Lightning 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
 - Description: Elite Teams' choreography days. No regular practices on these dates. Athletes will wear their normal practice attire along with white shoes.

- August 14th-17th:**Prep Team Summer Break:**
 - Description: No practices for Prep Teams from August 14th to 17th.
- September 4th: **No Practices**
 - Description: Enjoy the holiday! No practices for any teams.
- September 8th **Flurries Choreography**
 - Location: Thunder Elite
 - Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Flurries)
 - Description: Flurries choreography session to complete their routine.
- September 9th **Black Ice and Cyclones Choreography**
 - Location: Thunder Elite
 - Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (Other Prep Teams)
 - Description: Black Ice and Cyclones choreography session to complete their routine.

Please note Baby Bolts will do all their choreography during practice times.

- September 15th - 17th: **Thunder Games (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)**
 - Location: Camp Collins, 3001 SE Oxbow Pkwy, Gresham, OR 97080
 - Time: Drop off September 15th at 6:00pm Pick up: September 17th at 9:30am
 - Description: Bonding event for Freeze and Lightning. Athletes stay the weekend with coaches and staff. More information will be available as it gets closer.
- October 4th & 5th: **PINK Practices**
 - Description: 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 9th - 12th: **No Practices**
 - Description: The gym will be closed from the 9th through the 12th. There will be no practices at this time.
- October 20th: **Prep Team Bonding**
 - Location: Thunder Elite Gym
 - Description: Prep Teams' bonding activities at the gym.
 - Session 1
 - Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
 - Teams: Baby Bolts and Flurries
 - Session 2
 - Time 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 - Teams: Black Ice and Cyclones

- **October 29th: Trunk or Treat (ALL TEAMS)**
 - Time: Event starts at 6:30 pm (Setup at 5:30 pm)
 - Location: Thunder Elite Parking Lot
 - Description: This is one of our absolute favorite events of the season!! This event is for both PREP and ELITE 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. The staff will vote on the winners of our trunk contest! The top 3 cards will be awarded: 1st – \$100 off tuition 2nd– \$75 off tuition 3rd - \$50 off tuition

- **October 31st: Halloween - No Practice**
 - Description: Enjoy the holiday! No practices for any teams.

- **November 18th: Thunder Struck (ALL TEAMS)**
 - Location: Thunder Elite
 - Description: 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! This is an awesome event. The Thunderstruck proshop will be open starting at 10:00am! We offer our largest pro-shop sale for fan gear and Christmas gifts! Families tend to get here early so make sure to get there early!
 - Session 1
 - Teams: Baby Bolts and Black Ice
 - Arrival Time: 11:00 am
 - Performance time: 11:30 am
 - Session 2
 - Teams: Flurries and Cyclones
 - Arrival Time: 12:00 pm
 - Performance time: 12:30 pm
 - Session 3
 - Teams Freeze and Lightning
 - Arrival time: 1:00pm
 - Performance time: 1:30pm

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- **November 22nd and November 23rd: Gym Closed for Thanksgiving**
 - Description: Enjoy the holiday! No practices for any teams.

- **December 2nd and 3rd: The American Northwest Competition(ALL TEAMS)**
 - Location: Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232
 - Description: All Teams competition. Prep Teams compete on Saturday ONLY.
 - Times: TBA

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- December 17th: Christmas Party (ALL TEAMS)
 - Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 - Location: Thunder Elite
 - Description: 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 18th - 26th: Gym Break
 - Description: Enjoy the holiday break! No practices for any teams. Normal practices resume on December 27th.
- January 13th - 14th: Aloha Competition (ALL TEAMS)
 - Location: Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232
 - Description: All Teams competition. Prep Teams compete on Saturday ONLY.
 - Times: TBA

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- January 27th - 28th: ATC - Bellevue - Grand Nationals (ELITE TEAMS)
 - Location: Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th St Bellevue, WA 98004
 - Description: All-Star Elite Teams competition. Times are TBA. *Booking through our housing partner is required for all athletes, coaches and spectators attending this event. Information on how to do this will be sent out via email so make sure to watch for that in the future.*

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- January 31st: BURPEE A THON (ELITE TEAMS)
 - Location: Thunder Elite
 - Description: The funds raised from this and their raffle baskets from Christmas will go toward team Nationals/Summit gear. Everyone MUST participate in this fundraiser! Your team will spend 15 minutes of practice time to perform as many burpees as possible. You/your athlete will collect donations and/or pledges to raise money for your team. Pledge forms are being sent home this week. Please collect pledges between now and the burpee-a-thon!
- February 10th - 11th: ASC King of the Jungle (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)
 - Location: Tacoma Convention Center 1500 Commerce St. Tacoma, WA, 98402.

- Description: All-Star Elite Teams competition. You will need to book a hotel for this event.
 - Popular hotels for this event are:
 - Courtyard Marriott 1515 Commerce St
 - Marriott Downtown 1538 Commerce St
 - Hotel Murano 1320 Broadway Plaza
- February 6th - 15th: **LIGHTNING EXTRA PRACTICES**
 - Location: Thunder Elite
 - Description: Lightning will have routine upgrades practices from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm (Monday to Thursday). Freeze will practice as normal.
- March 1st-March 4th: **Lightning ONLY! NCA All-Star Nationals**
 - Location: Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Dallas, TX
 - Description: 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.

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- March 8th - 10th: **PacWest - Grand Nationals (ALL TEAMS)**
 - Location: Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232
 - Description: All Teams competition. Prep Teams compete on Saturday ONLY.
 - Times: TBA

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- March 13th and March 14th: **Last Prep Practices**
 - Description Athletes will prepare for the Spring showcase (their last performance).
- March 16th: **Spring Showcase (ALL TEAMS)**
 - Location: Thunder Elite Gym
 - Description: 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!!
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Please note: The gym will not be closing for spring break. This is too close to our upcoming competition for the regional summit

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- April 13th - 14th: **West Regional Summit (Elite Teams)**
 - Location: Phoenix Convention Center 100 N 3rd St Phoenix, AZ, 85004
 - Description: Times are TBA. 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. Reminder: The 2 practices before every gym event are mandatory. We will be practicing on the 11th 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 sent out via email so make sure to watch for that in the future.

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- May 3rd - 5th: **SUMMIT in Orlando, FL (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)**
 - Location: ESPN World Wide Sports
 - Description: 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. Please note we will all be practicing on May 1st and we will be holding our Summit Send off!

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- May 9th: **All-Star Awards (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)**
 - Location: Gray Gables Estates 3009 SE Chestnut St Portland, OR 97267
 - Description: 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! The event will be held at the Gray Gables Estates. Parents and cheerleaders are welcome to attend. Tickets for the cheerleaders are included in their package. Parent tickets will be available for purchase when the event gets closer.

We can't wait to make this season a memorable one! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Let's make it an amazing year for our athletes!