

The Coconut Connection

Week of July 9th 2023

NEW! Mahalo Nui Loa

- Thank you so much to everyone that helped represent 'Ohana Athletics in the Brookfield INdependence Day Parade!
- Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Zamora, Mr. & Mrs. Ballard, Ms. Fischer, Mr. Heidemann, Mrs. Schuh, and Mrs. Brandsma for their help in decorating (and taking down) the beautiful float, and to Mr. Heidemann for driving his truck in the parade!

NEW! Storm the Bastille Community Service Event!

- We are excited for our first Community Service event of the season! We will be cheering on the runners at Storm the Bastille on Thursday July 13th!
- Meet in front of Performance Running Outfitters on the corner of Buffalo and Milwaukee Street in the Third Ward. Bring bells, whistles, and posters!

NEW! Xtreme Spirit Competition Fees

- Invoices for our Xtreme Spirit competitions will be sent via Square by July 12th and must be paid by July 28th in order to qualify for the 50% early bird registration discount offered by Xtreme Spirit.
- Crossover athletes will receive an additional 50% discount on their 2nd routine registration.
- To expedite payment to Xtreme Spirit, the payment method for this invoice will be debit/credit card only.
- We cannot extend the early bird registration fee discount to payments made after July 28th as it is a firm deadline by Xtreme Spirit!

- Please note - Varsity competition registration fees will be sent at a later date - registration is not yet open on the Varsity portal.

NEW! Competition Schedule

- Xtreme Spirit and Varsity have amended a few of their competition dates - please be sure to check our online master calendar to ensure you have the correct dates on your personal calendars!
- <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=YWxvaGFAb2hhbmEyNjluY29t>

NEW! USASF Membership

- All 2023-24 athletes will need to sign up for a USASF membership. This is new to most families and will be a yearly requirement of all athletes.
- The membership window is now open and our gym profile is approved and ready for athlete assignments. The membership term runs from June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024.
- Go to www.usasf.net and click the "Join Now" button in the top right corner. Please note that you will need your athlete's birth certificate when you sign up for their membership.
- You must complete the membership process no later than October 1st! Note that signing up late does not extend the membership term. Regardless of when you sign up, your membership will expire on May 31, 2024.
- Athletes 18+ and older - please be aware that there is an additional step required that includes a comprehensive background check. You'll need your driver's license in addition to your birth certificate when you sign up.

NEW! Wipeout & S.P.F. Stunt Camp

- Our Level 2 and Level 4 stunt camp is confirmed for July 26, 2023 from 3 – 9pm at Tonawanda Elementary School. Stay tuned for dinner potluck sign-up information! This event is for Wipeout and S.P.F. only at this time.
- Invoices will be sent via Square and to expedite payment to the choreographer, payment method for this invoice will be debit/credit card only.
- Please note the payment is per athlete regardless if they are able to attend the stunt camp or not!
- Choreography dates for all teams are still tentative for mid-end August. We hope to have these dates confirmed ASAP! Our choreographer has been in high demand and has been traveling extensively with Varsity this summer.

NEW! Online Master Calendar

- Several families have contacted us recently regarding access to our online master calendar. The link is in our Parent Portal and is also show here:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=YWxvaGFAb2hhbmEyNjluY29t>
- [Click here](#) for information on how to subscribe to our master online calendar so it merges seamlessly into your personal Google calendars.

State Fair Corn Roast Fundraiser

- Our popular State Fair Corn Roast fundraiser is back! We have partnered with the New Berlin Lions Club to help our families raise money for their cheer fees.
- Workers must be at least 13 years of age. The Lions Club provides transportation from the New Berlin Ale House to and from State Fair Park, and also includes park admission.

- Each worker receives a share of the total donation made by the New Berlin Lion's Club to 'Ohana Athletics. Funds are disbursed approximately 6-8 weeks after the completion of State Fair.
- When you sign up for a shift, you are agreeing to work the full shift. Leaving early will be documented and result in less than a full share for that shift's work.
- Sign up for a shift here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0445abad22a2f85-state1#/>

Practicewear & Uniform Orders - Please submit measurements by July 15th!

- Please complete this [Google form](#) to submit your athlete's sizes for their practice wear (and uniform if needed).
- You will also need to refer to the [official GlitterStarz Sizing Chart](#) to select your athlete's size. It is important to note this is not a traditional sizing chart. Your order will be based upon the size you enter into the Google form. *Measurements are used to determine what size the clothing is - the sets are not made to your athlete's specific measurements.*
- Our practicewear set and uniforms are custom dye-sublimated, therefore they are non-refundable, non-exchangeable. If in doubt as to your athlete's size, it is a good rule of thumb to order up so you can have alterations made if needed.

Practice Reminders

- Practice STARTS at 5pm. Please have your athletes arrive a few minutes early to change into their cheer shoes and be on the mats ready to go at 5pm.
- Our practice dress code is hair in a high centered ponytail that sits atop the athlete's head with all hair pulled away from the face. If an athlete has short hair, they need to do a "half-up half-down" style pulling their hair away from their face and into a high ponytail.

- All jewelry must be removed – this includes all piercings and anything around the neck, wrists, and ankles.
- Athletes must be in appropriate dress code when they hit the mats. It is important that these dress code requirements are followed. We have begun stunt progressions and our philosophy is that if we cannot count on our athletes (and families) to follow the simple things (being prepared for practice by having their hair in a high ponytail, jewelry removed, etc) then we cannot count on them to follow the hard things (such as having another human being in their hands for stunting). These requirements are to keep your athlete and their teammates safe!
- Thank you for your help!

More New Items in our Online Pro Shop!

- Even more new items have been added to our [Online Pro Shop!](#)
- Backpacks are in stock and are ready for quick pick-up!
- Items coming soon are cropped windbreaker quarter-zip jackets, full button black satin bomber jacket, bucket hats, and due to popular demand – baseball jerseys for all athletes!
- If you have any items you'd like to see added to our Pro Shop, please email aloha@ohana262.com
- The rhinestone car decal can be purchased online [here](#).

Lost & Found

- Any item left behind is placed into our Lost & Found.
- Items are in a teal laundry basket to the left of the wooden crates in the gym lobby.
- Be sure to check Lost & Found regularly – all items will be donated to Goodwill every six weeks, with our first Goodwill drop off on August 1st!

Call to Action Items

Attendance Reporting

- Please remember to report all athlete absences via our Attendance Reporting form. We had numerous absences last week that were not entered into the attendance reporting form.
- It is [linked here](#) for your quick reference.