

OCTOBER 2009 Circus



Quote of the Month:

Every moment is of infinite value.

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Registration & Payments

For families new to the Great Y Circus, here is a brief explanation of how we register and pay for classes. You will need to visit the front desk of the YMCA **before the first of each month** to sign up and pay for classes. **You need to pay for your class fees before the 10th of each month or your account will incur a non-refundable \$10 late fee.**

Class registration is first come, first served, and registration opens two weeks prior to the start of a new session for current participants, and one week prior to the new session for new participants. For example, if your child's been enrolled in Mini Acro for the month of September, you would be eligible to register the week **prior** to open registration for October classes.. New participants are allowed to sign up during the last week of each month. **We encourage you to take advantage of this pre-registration week so that you are able to keep your place in popular circus classes.**

The **only** way you can register for more than one month at a time is to pay your class fees in advance, or to set up an EFT (*electronic funds transfer*) draft for your class fee payments. If you set up a draft, you will automatically be registered for each month **from now until April**, which is the end of the regular circus class season.

Signing up for an automatic draft is quick and easy to do. You can schedule your payment to be drafted either on the **10th** or the **25th** day of the month. (Note: If you choose to draft on the 25th, your payment will be withdrawn the *previous* month, not the same month, since late fees are assessed on the 10th.) Please fill out a yellow Circus registration form with the draft information on the back, and turn it in to the Front Desk.

If you want to drop or change a class, just pick up a **Circus Class Change Form** from the front desk at any time. Please allow **one week** to process these changes, so make sure you turn it in **one week before** your payment is scheduled to draft, so we have time to make the adjustments before your payment is withdrawn.

If you have any questions about draft payments, class registrations, or class changes forms, please contact Jamila Rogers @ 798-9622 x205.

Please remember, there is financial assistance available from the YMCA and CCAC for those needing additional financial support. Simply pick up an application at the front desk, fill it out, and turn it in to Robin Stein, Associate Executive Director. All of the information you provide is kept confidential. Questions? Please call Robin @ 798-9622 x206.

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Circus Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wed. Oct. 14th at 6pm in the AOA Center (YMCA).

2009 Circus Award Winners

We would like to offer our congratulations to the recipients of the 2009 Great All American Youth Circus Awards! Each year, the circus Head Trainers and Assistant Trainers nominate participants enrolled in the Great All American Youth Circus classes at the Redlands Family YMCA for Circus Awards. Awards are a way to recognize the achievements made by participants in the program and the contributions of the many volunteers who help to support the unique Redlands community tradition that the Great All American Youth Circus has become.

Nominees must have consistently demonstrated a positive attitude, shown determination, willingness to learn and improve, and were available and helpful at set up and tear down of class throughout the year. Each child's conduct in classes is the most important factor in receiving a nomination; participants are evaluated regularly as they prepare for the annual performances in May.

First Year Awards were presented to: Merel Hogeveg, Caitlyn Kidder, Miriam Cohn, Hannah Brenchey, and Shari Kay Preston.

Elementary School Awards were given to: Amanda Foster, Yana Fakhouri, Hannah Mecate, Reagan Kirkpatrick, Alysya Posjena, and Rachel Shaffer.

The recipients of the **Middle School Awards** were: Shelly Luther, Kaitie Savage, Olivia Catalano, and Kinsey Evans.

Senior High Awards were bestowed upon: Natalie Maloney, Brian Ingalls, Tyler Jacobson, JeanneMarie VanZeyl, Ian Wallick Colunga, and Jaclyn Migaiolo.

The recipients of the **Adult Awards** were: Matt Johnson, Ben Collins, Ashley Dietz, Blaine Geviss, Catherine Reyes, and Jeni Rickard.

Most Improved Awards were given to participants

who have shown dramatic personal improvement from last year in overall skill, willingness to attempt new skills, and attitude. The 2009 Most Improved Award recipients were: Kaitlin Darnell, Nick Raoux, and Emmi Wallick Colunga.

The **Family Award** recognizes a family that is involved in and dedicated to supporting all aspects of the circus program throughout the year: performing, training, and volunteering. The **2009 Family Award** was presented to David & Maria Galvez, and their entire "clan"!

The **Bob Bologna Memorial Parent Volunteer Award** recognizes a parent volunteer who has shown unselfish devotion to, and support of the Y Circus program throughout the year. The 2009 winner was George Ramiro.

The **Showmanship Award** represents a performer who demonstrates grace, enthusiasm and overall style at all times and under any circumstances while on stage. The **2009 Showmanship Award** recipients were Elyse Rankin-Gee and Katelyn Scholte.

The **Brandenberger Award** is the ultimate award presented in the Circus program. It is given to a performer who has been in the Great All-American Youth Circus program for at least four years, who has continually shown dedication and support of the program, who demonstrates an outstanding ability to act as a performer, as well as work with other performers, trainers and volunteers by striving to uphold the values & goals set forth by Roy Coble. The **2009 Brandenberger Award** was presented to Tanner Greenhalgh.

Congratulations, again, to all of you for a job well done during the 2008 Circus Season!



Conditioning Evaluations Oct. 19-22

When kids hear the word “evaluations” they panic. The old belief was that the evaluation periods in circus were used to hand pick kids. Nothing could be farther from the truth! Circus classes hold periodic evaluations to track each participant’s progress in the class. Progress evaluation results are available for parents and participants to review, to stay informed of your own or your child’s standing in class.

The two formal evaluation periods (Oct. & Dec.) are meant to reinforce our safety standards. **Conditioning (or strength) Evaluation and Skills Evaluation** take place at two different times during the season. The participants are evaluated during these periods to ensure they are able to perform all of the skills required, as well as to measure their strength and endurance in order to progress and perform safely.

Conditioning Evaluation will take place during the week of October 19th. Some classes are large and will take two or more days to complete testing. The results should be available the following week for parents and participants to review. **If a student is unable to perform all of the necessary strength exercises or skills, they may need to enroll in another class that is more appropriate for their ability level.** In most cases, it *is* possible to test back into a class after a student is placed on probation, but the student must test back in by performing all of the evaluation skills required at the time of re-entry, as designated by the Head Trainer for that class.

Parents ~ you are encouraged to talk with the Head Trainer(s) of your child’s classes if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

CCAC News and Events

We are hosting our first 2009 **Circus Parents meeting** with the YMCA on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00pm. This meeting will take place in the AOA Center. New and returning parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to find out all about this year’s Circus program; including the volunteer opportunities provided by CCAC. We’re always looking for parents to assist us in fund raising events, helping us sell Circus merchandise, helping us with costumes, serving as Act parents, etc. etc.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet CCAC officers and members at this parents’ meeting, as well as, have time to ask any questions you might have. Both Lisa Godin, President of CCAC and Robin Stein, Associate Executive Director will run this particular meeting. Please “save the date”, and plan on attending this fun and informative meeting. You’ll also be able to “mix & mingle” with other Circus parents. We look forward to seeing you there!

Circus “road shows” are coming up! This is a great way to share our program with others in our community, and it provides our talented kids the chance to perform in front of a very appreciate audience of all ages!

We’ll be performing on Saturday, November 14th at ChildHelp USA. We plan on an early afternoon Show, so we’ll be loading up equipment and performers by 9am on that morning. If you’re interested in helping with this Show, or having your child(ren) perform, please get in touch with Tanner Greenhalgh @ 798-9622 x205.

We’ll also be performing in this year’s Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5th at 6pm. We decorate the Circus trailer and truck, as well as, rig some of our aerial equipment onto the trailer for this event. Participants can also walk, ride their unicycle, or tumble as we go down the parade route. Those who help decorate get “first dibs” on riding on the float! Contact Tanner for more information.



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strong families,
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Redlands Family YMCA Special Events

Parents' Night Out ~ October 9th 5:30-9:30pm "A night of Jack-o-Lanterns and spider cider. Bring your kids to the YMCA for a night of fun activities while you go out for the evening. Ages 3-up. Please register at the Front Desk before October 9th for this event.

Costumes, Pumpkins, and Candy ~ Oh, my! ~ Thursday, October 29th 3:00-8:30pm for full facility members only! Please bring your kids (infant to 10yrs) to Kids Club for a special night of Halloween activities including arts & crafts, games and goody bags. Please wear your costumes.

Put Play in Your Day Sports ~ This is a great time for the entire family to get involved in "play related" sports that will remind you of "recess"! It's only \$15/month for the entire family to participate in activities that take place in the Coble Gym, backyard meadow, or on the Hockey Rink. Bring it on! Get your family "in gear" and join in on a month of fun-filled moves that will get you ~ or keep you ~ physically fit! Sign up at the Front Desk.

Please don't forget about our Adventure Day Camp and Teen Programs available when kids are out of school! Call Veronica at 798-9622 x 210 for more information. Thanks for your support in our programs.

**Circus Trainers Meeting is scheduled for Sunday,
October 11th at 5:00pm in the AOA Center.**