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**Youth Performance Ensemble
CircusLab Audition Packet
2023-2024 Season**

Thank you for your interest in AcroSports' Youth Performance Troupe- CircusLab! This document will provide you with a general overview of the program and the upcoming audition for our 2023-2024 season.

The Program:

CircusLab is AcroSports' Youth Performance Troupe for ages 8-18 years. Participation in CircusLab is an opportunity for aspiring performers to receive professional circus training, as well as real-life performance experience with the guidance and direction of coaches who lead by example and encourage troupe members to become leaders themselves.

CircusLab is designed for the intermediate to advanced level student who is interested and ready to commit to implementing the circus medium in performance. Through the study of acrobatics, hand balancing, aerial arts, character development, clowning, parkour, improvisation, and object manipulation, students will develop stage presence, confidence, and performance skills. This will allow Troupe members to delve deeper into their pursuit of the circus arts by creating original acts to be performed at various AcroSports produced shows and events.

In addition to choosing a circus discipline as their primary focus, members of CircusLab will develop a wide range of skills, both physical and non-physical, that will develop each



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young performer to their highest potential, whether in the circus or anywhere else in life. Participation is by audition and requires a commitment to attend all classes, rehearsals and performances throughout the year.

Audition Information:

- Friday, August 18, 2023 @ AcroSports 639 Frederick Street
- Check-in: 4:45pm
- Auditions: 5pm - 7pm
- Attire: athletic clothing, hair secured, no jewelry or metal accessories

Auditioners will need to complete the online form by August 17th and submit a headshot to MeeZee@acrosports.org (or bring to the audition).

1. [Audition Form](#)
2. Headshot (*school photo is fine*)

Auditioners will be given a performance assignment at the audition to be completed by the end of the allotted time; they do not need to bring a prepared act. In addition to the performance assignment, those auditioning will be asked to run through various skills including but not limited to: acrobatics, handstands, flexibility, strength, clowning, improvisation, juggling, and object manipulation.

Auditioners will also be asked to state their name, age, and answer various questions in front of an audience with a clear, projected voice. The audition will be an opportunity to demonstrate any special skills and/or perform an act if there is previous training in a circus discipline. Having a prepared act does not necessarily increase the chances of earning a spot in the CircusLab Troupe.



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The CircusLab Commitment:

The 2023-24 Troupe will run approximately August 29, 2023 through mid August 2024. CircusLab meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5pm - 7:15pm. An additional enrollment in a specialty discipline class (*Level 3 / 4 Gymnastics, Int/Adv Parkour, etc.*) is required for all members of the Troupe. This additional enrollment is not included in the monthly CircusLab tuition. As a member of the CircusLab Troupe, however, students are automatically awarded a 30% discount on their second class enrollment, and 40% on any additional classes. Students of CircusLab will receive advanced priority registration into their selected additional classes every session.

Rehearsals, guest specialty workshops, and performances are all included in this 12 month program.

Being a part of CircusLab is a commitment for both the aspiring performer and their guardians. The program is designed to guide each student toward a potential career as a professional circus performer. While a child may choose to follow a different path down the road, we seek to provide each member of the CircusLab with focused training, clear goals, with a safe and positive atmosphere to learn and progress. At AcroSports we believe that through the Circus Arts, students gain success by learning to:

- Dream big
- Train hard
- Believe in yourself
- Support each other
- Have fun.

While a part of CircusLab, we expect all members of the Troupe to take their training and development seriously. Punctual attendance, positive attitude, enthusiasm,



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willingness to learn, and the motivation to work hard are the foundation of the program and are of vital importance to the performer's success in CircusLab. We hope to inspire all students to reach for the stars and work hard to achieve their dreams, whatever they may be.

In addition to scheduled classes, rehearsals, and performances, Troupe members will have the opportunity to take specialty workshops from special guest coaches from around the world. Workshops in Clowning, Juggling, Partner Acrobatics, Dance, and Make Up just to name a few. While training in CircusLab, AcroSports aims to provide performers with the most complete "Show Business" experience possible, culminating in successful shows, goal achievement, and building the confidence of a champion.

Another motivating factor and point of interest is the opportunity to perform WITH AcroSports coaches. Yes that's right! In the spirit of the magic of classic circus shows, CircusLab performers train to perform alongside their coaches as well as other professional artists and aspiring performers (*youth and adult*).

Performers will get multiple opportunities over the course of the program to perform all over San Francisco and possibly beyond. Some of these opportunities include: the Youth Arts Showcase (Dec 16th, 2023), our In House Variety Cabaret (Sept 16, 2023), the 30th Anniversary Gala (Dec 2nd, 2023), CircusLab Street Team shows (TBD), and in the AcroSports Circus Troupe, City Circus for full staged productions (May 2024).

Tuition Payment:

Total Payment for the 12 month CircusLab Troupe is \$4,380 tuition + \$500 Troupe fee*. The \$4,380 tuition will be broken down into 12 monthly auto-payments, charged to your account on the first of every month.



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Additional specialty classes can be registered for each session (*Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer*) and paid separately with applied 30% (*1st additional class*) or 40% (*all other additional classes*) discounts.

*Troupe Fee includes a CircusLab t-shirt, specialty workshops with guest artists, costumes, props, and production costs. This fee will be included in your first monthly payment and is non refundable/creditable.

Some group activities such as field trips, parties, and special events may not be included in the tuition.

Monthly Dues:

\$365/month (*charged on the 1st of each month*).

*The \$500 Troupe Fee will be included in the first month's charge.

CircusLab is a 12 month commitment and withdrawal is not anticipated. We do not offer refunds for withdrawal mid month, but we can cancel your upcoming monthly charge if notified 7 days in advance (*excluding your non-refundable Troupe Fee*).

AcroSports provides financial assistance to qualifying families to help offset tuition fees. Assistance can range from 20-40% off the total tuition depending on household income qualifications and our annual budget. You can find more information on the Tuition Assistance Program [here](#).