 **2026-2027 CircusLab Information Packet**
Youth Performance Ensemble | Ages 8-17
AcroSports, San Francisco

 **WELCOME**

Thank you for your interest in joining **CircusLab**, AcroSports' Youth Performance Ensemble! This packet outlines what to expect from the program, what's required to audition, and how to prepare for the upcoming season. Please read through carefully and reach out with any questions.

 **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

CircusLab is a 10 month training program for youth ages 8-17 who are passionate about circus and are ready to take their performance skills to the next level. Through a blend of physical disciplines and creative exploration, CircusLab members gain valuable stage experience, confidence, and community.

Participants will:

- Train in acrobatics, aerial arts, parkour, clowning, object manipulation, character work, and more
 - Create original acts and perform in multiple shows throughout the year
 - Train under expert coaches and guest artists
 - Perform alongside AcroSports coaches and professional artists in true circus tradition
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 **SCHEDULE & COMMITMENT**

Program Dates:

September 1st, 2026 - June 4th, 2027

Weekly Troupe Training:

Tuesdays & Fridays, 4:30-7:30 PM

Attendance at all scheduled practices, rehearsals, and performances is mandatory

Performance opportunities may include:

- Youth Arts Showcase - TBD December 2026
 - World Circus Day- TBD April 2027
 - Spring Performance - TBD May 2026
 - Community Gigs - Dates TBD
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TUITION & FEES

Monthly Tuition:

\$475 (auto-billed on the 1st of each month, Sept-June)

One-Time Troupe Dues:

\$500 (billed Sept 15, 2025 - covers gear, costumes, workshops, & production costs)

This fee is non-refundable.

Optional Add-On Classes:

Students are encouraged to enroll in an additional specialty class (*not included in tuition*). The following discounts apply:

- 40% off 1st additional class
- 50% off any additional classes
- Advanced Priority registration is granted for all additional classes

Financial Assistance:

Financial assistance ranging from 25-50% off tuition is available to qualifying families. Determination is made based on household income and AcroSports' annual budget. More details can be found on the Tuition Assistance page of our website.

Additional Group Activities:

Some group social activities such as field trips, parties, and special events may not be included in the tuition/Troupe Dues

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Auditions are open to **intermediate to advanced students** who:

- Have experience in circus, gymnastics, parkour, dance, or related disciplines
 - Demonstrate a positive attitude and strong work ethic
 - Show commitment and consistency
 - Are excited to train, create, and perform with a team
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AUDITION DETAILS

Audition Date:

Tuesday, August 25th at AcroSports

Time:

4:30-6:30 PM

Location:

AcroSports Main Gym
639 Frederick Street, San Francisco 94117

Who Should Attend:

Youth ages 8-17 with prior experience in circus or related movement disciplines

 **IMPORTANT POLICIES**

- **Commitment:** CircusLab is a 10-month program. While withdrawals are not encouraged, future payments may be canceled if we are notified 7 days before the next billing cycle (*non-refundable Troupe Dues fee excluded*).
 - **Attendance:** Consistent attendance is essential. Absences may impact performance opportunities.
 - **Participation:** All students are expected to contribute positively, work hard, and support their troupe mates
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 **LET'S MAKE MAGIC****In CircusLab, we believe in:**

✨ **Dreaming big:** Because every incredible act starts with an idea and a spark. Here, you're not just learning tricks, you're imagining the impossible and making it real.

💪 **Training hard:** Circus takes courage, focus, and perseverance. We fall, we try again, we sweat and we rise stronger, every single time.

☀️ **Believing in yourself:** Whether you're climbing a rope, standing on someone's shoulders, or stepping into the spotlight for the first time, your voice, your strength, and your story matter.

👏 **Supporting each other:** We are a team, a troupe, a circus family. We cheer the loudest, catch each other when we fall, and celebrate every small win together.

 **Having FUN!** Joy is our secret ingredient. From the first cartwheel to the final bow, we laugh, we play, and we love the journey as much as the show.

We can't wait to see what you bring to the ring!

 **QUESTIONS?**

For audition inquiries or more information about CircusLab, contact:

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