DDGC NEWS!

Important Dates

July 1 Gym Closed

July 2 First Day of Summer Classes and Camps

July 13 Duncan Days Parade

July 14 Invitational Photo Session

July 15 Fall Classes Visible on Calendar

End of July Priority Fall Registration

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July 2024 Edition

Hello DDGC! Thank you for another amazing season together. We hope your summer has kicked off to a great start and we are looking forward to enjoying our summer programs with you!

SUMMER CAMPS

Join us for our many camp opportunities to enjoy some gymnastics fun throughout the summer months! With a variety themes as well as full-day and half-day camp options, there is sure to be an option for every gymnast! New members that register for at least 4 summer camps and reach out to info@ddgc.ca can qualify for priority registration for the Fall Season. Don't delay! Registration letters will go out in the first half of July by email.

THEMES

Week 1 (July 2-5): Beach Party / Summertime

Week 2 (July 8-12): Wild Wild West

Week 3 (July 15-19): We Love Animals

Week 4 (July 22-26): Dinosaurs

Week 5 (July 29-August 2): Superheroes

Week 6 (August 6-9): Space Adventures

Week 7 (August 12-16): Circus Palooza

Week 8 (August 19-23): Around the World

Week 9 (August 26-30): Back to School

AGES

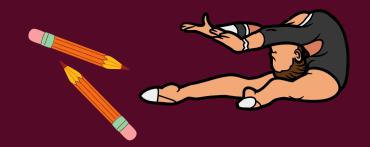
Active Start Camps: 3-4 years old

Morning/Afternoon Camps: 5-12 years old

Full day Camps: 6 - 13 years old

Don't delay! Registration is available **NOW** and throughout the summer!





BLENDED HOMESCHOOLING WITH THE GROVE

We are excited to offer at least one morning homeschooling class this Fall, in addition to our afternoon homeschooling classes, so that gymnasts can attend gymnastics at DDGC for their physical education, and then go to the Grove for educational resources and in person assistance with a certified teacher.

How is this different from the other homeschooling classes?

When it comes to registering for the DDGC class, there is no change. You will still register through your account as you did before. The part that is different is that after you register for your homeschooling class with DDGC, you then need to register with The Grove separately. The afternoon homeschooling classes might conflict with when the Grove offers their classes, so pick the morning class if you plan to go to the Grove in the afternoon.

Do I need to register with both The Grove and DDGC to take advantage of the blended learning opportunity?

Yes, you must register with both organizations because we are separate entities.

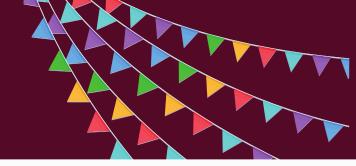
Do I HAVE to register with the Grove if I want to sign my child up for homeschooling gymnastics?

Not at all, the afternoon homeschooling classes will still be available as alternate times. The Grove is one of many homeschooling options in the Cowichan Valley.

One more thing about homeschooling: Registration letters

Those in homeschooling classes over the past year will receive a homeschooling registration letter by email in the beginning of July. Since homeschoolers have their own type of programming, they will not receive a priority registration email for Active Start or DynaGym classes. If you were not in any previous ddgc homeschooling classes this year and want to receive a homeschooling registration letter, please reach out to info@ddgc.ca after July 10th and before July 31st. If your gymnast was in a homeschooling class in the Spring Season and you also want to sign up for a DynaGym class, reach out to us on July 10th and we can take a look to see if you can qualify for priority registration!

DUNCAN DAYS PARADE



Mark your calendars; Duncan Days Parade is happening **Saturday July 13th!** Parade begins at **10:30am**. Our theme is "Colourful" with a gardendecorated float. **Remember to bring a water bottle!!**

Athlete Arrival Time: 9:45am - 10:00am Location: Community Centre Parking Lot

Please wear a DDGC clothing item; i.e. competition suit, t-shirt, ORCA, Aloha Gymfest or Garden City leotard. If you do not have any DDGC branded clothing, please wear something bright or colourful to match our float's "colourful garden" theme.

Please <u>SIGN UP HERE</u> if you are interested in participating in the parade.

FALL REGISTRATION



Registration for our Fall 2024 Programs will open at the end of July for those eligible for Priority Registration and on August 3rd at 1:00pm for the public. Please note that "Save-My-Spot!" has been renamed to "Priority Registration".

Registration letters will be sent out in the first half of July. Those who attended classes in the Spring or Summer will qualify for priority registration and will receive an exclusive code to register. Drop in is not included. Those who sign up for at least 4 summer camps may be eligible for priority registration, you must reach out to infoeddgc.ca to qualify!

What is Priority Registration?

Everyone must register for classes through their account. Priority registration opens at an earlier date giving you a better chance to get into the class you're interested in registering for. These classes are very popular and spaces are not guaranteed but priority registration increases your chances of receiving a spot a lot!

Last year, classes filled within the hour that registration opened to the public, so save the date! **Public Registration**: **August 3, 1:00 PM**

Annual insurance and membership fees are mandatory for each participant and are not eligible for refund or credit in the event of withdrawing from a program. (That includes same day registrations and withdrawals!) The annual insurance and membership fee covers your participant for all classes and camps between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025. Insurance cycles over in the Fall every year. *Even if you paid for insurance in the summer, you must still pay the full amount for the new year starting in the Fall.(See next page for details about Summer Insurance Fees.)

REPORT CARDS & CLASS PLACEMENTS

All report cards that were not received in the last class of our spring session are expected to be ready for pick up in the office by mid-July.

Our Summer Season does not utilize report cards. We will use the report cards from our Spring Season to determine level placements for the Fall.

WEEKLY UPDATES

Stay up to date about important announcements, upcoming dates, events, and registration info for upcoming seasons by joining our Weekly Update email list!

If you are registering for the first time this summer, please register for the same level in the Fall.

If you are brand new and unsure of where to start, please reach out to us at <u>infoeddgc.ca</u> and we will be happy to help!

SUMMER INSURANCE OPTIONS

Insurance and membership is mandatory and runs strictly from September to August each year. Up until now, each participant paid the full insurance fees and summer prorations were not an option. Gymnastics BC has recently updated this policy allowing us to now offer Casual Insurance for those starting gymnastics in the summer.

What happened last year?

Those who registered for the first time in the summer paid full insurance rates for one to two months, and then full insurance rates again when Fall registration began.

What happens now?

Those who register for the first time this year for camps can qualify for casual insurance (half the price of annual rates) and then pay the full annual insurance rates when registering for the Fall season.

How does it work?

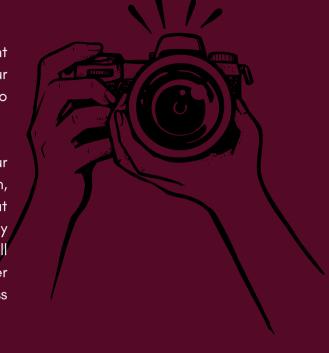
If you were charged Annual insurance and membership rates when registering for a summer camp, select "E-transfer" as your payment method and send us an email to <u>info@ddgc.ca</u> the same day that you register to qualify! Once we send our weekly report to our broker, we can no longer make changes, if you email us the same day, we can adjust the rates before you make a payment and before <u>we submit the details.</u>

Please reach out to infoeddgc.ca if you would like assistance.

DDGC INVITATIONAL TEAM SPECIALTY PHOTOS

We are excited to invite Samantha from Calieight Photography to host a photo-taking session for our invitational athletes on **July 14th (Sunday)** from **10:30am** to **6:30pm!**

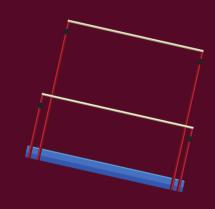
If you would like to have specialty photos taken of your gymnast(s) who are currently on the invitational team, please complete <u>THIS FORM</u> and forward to Sam at <u>samantha@calieightfitness.com</u> to book a timeslot directly with her. All sessions (including booking and payments) will be arranged by Sam so we encourage you to contact her directly if you have any questions. This is a timeless keepsake to enjoy for years to come. Spots are limited!



THANK YOU

ON SIDE RESTORATION.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to On Side Restoration for our foam pit cleanup and all of the volunteers who came out to assist. Our gym is ready for another season of gymnastics training!





WE THE DATE

We are holding an artistic gymnastics olympic watch party on July 30th and August 1st from 9am - 1pm (approx.)

More detais to come!

JULY CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DATES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	CLOSED	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER CLASSES & CAMPS	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	DUNCAN DAYS PARADE
INVITATIONAL PHOTO SESSION	FALL CLASSES VISIBLE ON CALENDAR	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS OLYMPIC WATCH PARTY	31	ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS OLYMPIC WATCH PARTY	2	3 PUBLIC REGISTRATION OPENS FOR FALL PROGRAMS a 1:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST:

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