

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Hello Gymnastics Families!!

We're off to a great start to the 2019 JO / XCEL season! Our JO Level 3 team took 1st place and Levels 4 & 5 teams both took 3rd place at our first meet in September. We have the results here: <http://www.clubchampionboosters.org/meet-results.html>

In the coming weeks, there are three Booster Club fundraisers to be aware of.

1) Wild West Showdown Program Sales:

The Club Champion Boosters will be selling event programs for the upcoming meet. If you'd like to volunteer to help during any of the sessions on October 19th and 20th, please contact the Boosters at cindy.chen.yung@gmail.com.

2) Family Portrait Photography Sessions:

Michael Anthony Hermogeno, one of our team parents, has generously offered to donate a portion of each family portrait session booked throughout the year, back to the Booster Club.

Michael is offering a special session price for Club Champion families of \$125, which includes the sitting fee and a combination of poses such as family group, parents, kids with mom, kids with dad, and kids together & solo.

Photos will be 8 x 12 inch (300dpi resolution) and will be delivered online via Dropbox. Sets are 5 top select photos of each pose, shots selected by Michael after the session. Retouch not included. Retouching available upon request.

Parents can contact Michael via email at michaelanthony@8x10proofs.com for additional details.

3) HOOK Burger Fundraiser on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 6-9pm

More details to follow...

Travel Meet Tips

Your Club Champion Board of Directors thought it would be useful to provide some helpful information for those of you who are new to the "travel meet" experience.

First off, check your daughter's team leotard/warm-ups for sizing issues and/or damage before the new leotard purchasing deadline. Resolve any problems now, as it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, once the season starts.

The competitions generally span two to four days depending on the number of athletes, and the venue layout. The date and time our girls compete is usually not finalized until two weeks prior, so if you are planning a hotel stay, it's prudent to book early for the entire span of the meet, then cancel the days you don't need once the actual competition date is confirmed. For most hotels, there is no penalty for cancelling the additional stays if it is done 72 hours in advance of the reservation start date. Many of the host gyms partner with local hotels and negotiate lower rates for competing athletes.

That information is usually listed on the meet website, along with spectator entry fees, directions to the venue, and useful tidbits regarding the local area.

When booking your room, don't automatically assume the partner hotels have the best rate. If you book early, it is sometimes possible to get an even lower rate at nearby hotels via rewards programs or AAA memberships.

Finally, make sure your daughter's team leotard, backpack, and grips are packed prior to every meet! Those are the priority items and will result in a long drive back to Club Champion if you forget them!

For new families, below are helpful links for grip purchase and hair preparation.

Links for Grips

Per Coach Mary, have the athletes check in with their bar coach about grips. Sometimes the girls don't need them yet, and they just purchase them just because. It takes about 3 months to break in grips.

<https://www.gymsupply.com/reisportwomensbuckle.aspx>

Grips for athletes with slightly smaller hands:

<https://www.gymsupply.com/justrightdoublebucklebygibson.aspx>

Competition Bun Tutorial

A short video created by Sarah, featuring Coach Mary as the model:

<https://youtu.be/02bzNVz7OHs>

Get to know your new Booster Board!

- **Cindy Yung, President** (cindy.cheng.yung@gmail.com) has been on the Board for four years as JO Group Rep, Secretary, Director of Communications and VP. Hannah started in CAT at age 5 and is currently in JO Group 4 competing Levels 5 & 6 this season.

- **Jerry Whitfield, Vice President** (willwrite4food@earthlink.net) has been on the Board for several years and is the creator/administrator of the Club Champion Boosters website. His daughter Leah has been at Club Champion since 2010 and is currently training to compete at Level 9 in the upcoming season.
- **Helen Wu, Secretary** (helenwu1101@yahoo.com) Helen just recently joined the board in August 2019. She has two daughters in JO. Olivia started in CAT when she was 2 and is currently competing JO Level 3. Katie started in CAT when she was 4 and is currently competing JO Level 4.
- **Erica Delgado, Treasurer** (edelgado@lennoxacademy.org) has been on the board since 2018. Her daughter, Elle, has been with Club Champion since 2013. She is currently a Level 10 gymnast and a freshman at Marshall Fundamental School.
- **Clarins Matta, Director of Fundraising & Special Events** (clarins.matta@gmail.com) This is Clarins' first year on the board. Her daughter, Jaelah, has been with Club Champion since 2015. She is currently in JO Level 3, Group 1.

As is always the case, the Board is here to help if you have any questions, concerns or fundraising ideas! Our next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30pm in the ballet room. All members are welcome to attend!



Next Happy Hour:

Friday, November 15th at Foothill Restaurant from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Last call for Happy Hour food/drinks at 6pm!

Address: 2835 E Foothill Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107

Have a great competition season!

Sincerely,
Your Booster Club Board