



THUNDER ELITE 2025-2026 PREP AND ELITE TEAM CALENDAR

Welcome to the exciting season ahead for our Elite and Prep teams! We've prepared a comprehensive calendar of events, gym closures, competitions, and showcases to ensure a phenomenal experience for our athletes. Please take note of the important details below!

- **May 19th: Tryouts Begin!**

- Elite Teams

- Description: Sign up for an Elite Team by completing your registration packet before tryouts on May 19th. Packets can be submitted digitally or printed and turned in in person. Tryout practices will start May 19th. Practices will be held every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6:30-8:30 pm.

- Prep Teams

- Description: Sign up for a Prep Team by completing your registration packet before tryouts on May 19th. Packets can be submitted digitally or printed and turned in in person. Tryout practices will start May 19th. and will be held twice a week, depending on your athlete's age group. Practices will continue twice a week based on age groups until teams are divided on May 30th.
 - Birth Years 2016-2019: Mondays & Wednesdays 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
 - Birth Years 2010-2015: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

- **May 26th: No Practices**

- Description: Enjoy the holiday! No practices for any teams.

- **May 30th: Team Announcements**

- Team announcements will be shared on our Facebook and our Instagram pages!
 - Information will include practice days and times, coach contact information and first practice details!

- **June 25th-July 5th: No Practices**

- Description: Enjoy the summer break! No practices for any teams. Practices resume on July 7th.

- **July 17th and 18th: ELITE Team Skills Camp**

- Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on both days
- Location: North Clackamas Park, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr. Milwaukie
- Description: Elite Teams' skills camp to kick off the season. Specific event details have been emailed to participants.

Note: No practice for Prep Teams on July 17th.

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- **July 27th: Thunder Elite Tailgate**
 - Description: All Thunder teams will get together for a fun Thunder tailgate! Bring your favorite summertime treat and get to know all the fantastic Thunder families!
 - Location: Thunder Elite
 - Time: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm
- **August 11th-15th: ELITE TEAM CHOREOGRAPHY**
 - Location: Thunder Elite
 - Choreo days and times are TBA.
 - Description: Elite Teams' choreography days. No regular practices on these dates. Athletes will wear their regular practice attire along with white shoes.
 - Important Reminder: Practices the week of Choreography are MANDATORY
- **August 11th-15th: Prep Team Summer Break:**
 - Description: No practices for Prep Teams from August 11th to 15th.
- **August 23rd: Prep Dance Choreography**
 - Description: Prep team choreography session to complete their routine by learning their dance choreography.
 - Please note Baby Bolts will do all their choreography during practice times.
 - Flurries 9:00 am - 10:30 am
 - Black Ice 10:00 am - 11:30 am
 - Cyclones 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- **September 1st: No Practices**
 - Description: Enjoy the holiday! No practices for any teams.
- **September 7th: Prep Team Bonding**
 - Location: Thunder Elite Gym
 - Description: Prep Teams' bonding activities at the gym.
 - Session 1
 - Time: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 - Teams: Baby Bolts and Flurries
 - Session 2
 - Time 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 - Teams: Black Ice and Cyclones

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- **September 12th - 14th: Thunder Games (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)**

- Location: Camp Collins, 3001 SE Oxbow Pkwy, Gresham, OR 97080
 - Time: Drop off September 12th at 6:00 pm
 - Pick up: September 14th at 9:30 am
- Description: Bonding event for Elite Teams. Athletes stay the weekend with coaches and staff. More information will be available as it gets closer.

- **October 1st & 2nd: PINK Practices**

- Description: In support of breast cancer awareness, we will be doing a pink-themed practice! The kids can deck out in pink and will not be required to wear their normal practice attire this day! (Please, no body paint, but glittery makeup is okay).

- **October 26th: Trunk or Treat (ALL TEAMS)**

- Time: The event starts at 6:30 pm (Setup at 5:30 pm)
- Location: Thunder Elite Parking Lot
- Description: This is one of our absolute favorite events of the season!! This event is for both PREP and ELITE athletes!! Trunk or treating is a fun activity for our cheerleaders to bond and celebrate the holiday. Parents decorate their cars and dress in fun costumes, and our wonderful cheerleaders will trick or treat around the parking lot to all the different trunks. The staff will vote on the winners of our trunk contest! Thunder Elite Trunk or Treat bags will be provided.
 - The top 3 cards will be awarded
 - 1st – \$100 off tuition 2nd– \$75 off tuition 3rd - \$50 off tuition

- **November 15th: Thunder Struck (ALL TEAMS)**

- Location: Thunder Elite
- Description: All teams will perform at the gym in front of their family and friends to get prepared for the upcoming competition season. We fill the whole gym with family and friends to really pump up our teams before their first competitions! This is an awesome event. The Thunderstruck pro shop will be open starting at 10:00 am! We offer our largest pro-shop sale for fan gear and Christmas gifts! Families tend to get here early, so make sure to get there early!
- Performance Times TBA

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- **November 26th and November 27th: Gym Closed for Thanksgiving**

- Description: Enjoy the holiday! No practices for any teams.

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- **December 6th and 7th: The American Northwest Competition(ALL TEAMS)**
 - Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232
 - Description: All Teams competition. Prep Teams compete on Saturday ONLY.
 - Times: TBA

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- **December 21st: Christmas Party (ALL TEAMS)**
 - Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at Thunder Elite
 - Description: Athlete-only Christmas party! Events at the party: Individual and team pictures with Santa and the Minion! The pictures will be available to download off the website and print out at home! Don't forget to wear your best Christmas PJs for our highly competitive Christmas PJ Competition! Each child will go home with their own custom Thunder Elite ornament! (Party price and ornament is included in the tuition fees.)
 - We will also be raffling off our amazing, themed baskets. Raffle tickets will be 4 tickets for \$1.00.
- **December 22nd - 26th: Gym Break**
 - Description: Enjoy the holiday break! No practices for any teams. Regular practices resume on December 29th
- **December 31st: Closed**
 - Description: Enjoy the holiday! No practices for any teams.

- **January 10th - 11th: Aloha Competition (ALL TEAMS)**
 - Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232
 - Description: All Teams competition. Prep Teams compete on Saturday ONLY.
 - **Make sure to bust out your Hawaiian/Aloha Gear for this fun themed event!!!**
THUNDER ALWAYS GOES HARD AT THIS EVENT, SO PREPARE NOW!!
 - Times: TBA

Important Reminder: Practices the week of an event or competition are MANDATORY.

- **January 24th - 25th: ATC - Seattle - Grand Nationals (ELITE TEAMS)**
 - Seattle Convention Center 705 Pike Street Seattle, WA 98101-2310
 - Description: All-Star Elite Teams competition. Times are TBA. *Booking through our housing partner is required for all athletes, coaches and spectators attending this event. Information on how to do this will be sent out via email so make sure to watch for that in the future.*

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- **January TBA: BURPEE A THON (ELITE TEAMS)**

- Description: The funds raised from this and their raffle baskets from Christmas will go toward team Nationals/Summit gear. Everyone **MUST** participate in this fundraiser! Your team will spend 15 minutes of practice time to perform as many burpees as possible. You/your athlete will collect donations and/or pledges to raise money for your team. Pledge forms are being sent home this week. Please collect pledges between now and the burpee-a-thon!

- **February 27th - March 1st: PacWest - Grand Nationals (ALL TEAMS)**

- Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232
- Description: All Teams competition.
- Prep Teams compete on Friday night **ONLY**.
- Times: TBA

Important Reminder: Practices the week of an event or competition are MANDATORY.

- **March 4th and March 5th: Last Prep Practices**

- Description Athletes will prepare for the Spring showcase (their last performance).

- **March 7th: Spring Showcase (Prep Only)**

- Location: Thunder Elite Gym
- Description: Prep Teams will perform at the gym in front of their family and friends. For any friends or family who could not attend local events, this is a perfect time to see how amazing the teams are!! This is the last time our teams will perform locally for all-star and our final performance for our prep teams! The fun family event is a must-attend!!
- Times are all TBA

- **March 14th-15th: USA Super Nationals (Elite Teams)**

- Location: Anaheim Convention Center 800 West Katella Avenue Anaheim, California 92802
- Description: All-Star Elite Teams competition. Times are TBA. *All athletes, coaches, and spectators attending this event must book through our housing partner. Information on how to do this will be sent out via email so make sure to watch for that in the future.*

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Please note: The gym WILL NOT be closed for spring break. This is too close to our upcoming competitions

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- **March 28th-29th: One Up Championships (ELITE TEAMS)**

- Location: Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th St, Bellevue, WA 98004
- Description: All-Star Elite Teams competition. Times are TBA. *All athletes, coaches, and spectators attending this event must book through our housing partner. Information on how to do this will be sent out via email so make sure to watch for that in the future.*

Important Reminder: Practices the week of an event or competition are MANDATORY.

- **April 11th-12th: West Regional Summit (Elite Teams)**

- Location: Phoenix Convention Center 100 N 3rd St Phoenix, AZ, 85004
- Description: Times are TBA. Teams must win a bid to attend this event. Please plan on attending. Plan financially and reserve these dates ahead of time! 😊 When we receive the bids more information will be sent out. Reminder: The 2 practices before every gym event are mandatory. Booking through our housing partner is required for all athletes, coaches and spectators attending this event. Information on how to do this will be sent out via email so make sure to watch for that in the future.

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- **May 1st - 4th: SUMMIT in Orlando, FL (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)**

- Location: ESPN World Wide Sports
- Description: Summit is an end-of-the-season event for the ELITE teams. Teams must win a bid to attend this event. Please plan on attending. Plan financially and reserve these dates ahead of time! 😊 When we receive the bids, more information will be sent out.

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- **May 7th: All-Star Awards (ELITE TEAMS ONLY)**

- Location: Gray Gables Estates 3009 SE Chestnut St Portland, OR 97267
- Description: This is a fun time for all the kids! We get dressed up, enjoy dinner, and all the kids get their yearbooks! No one misses this event because it is so much fun! The event will be held at the Gray Gables Estates. Parents and cheerleaders are welcome to attend. Tickets for the cheerleaders are included in their package. Parent tickets will be available for purchase when the event gets closer.

We can't wait to make this season a memorable one! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Let's make it a fantastic year for our athletes!

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