

WENATCHEE YOUTH CIRCUS

Travel Season Information

Travel Age

Performers under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or established guardian/adult.

If you have any questions about this policy, please talk to a member of the Executive Board.

Drivers and passengers

Performers catching a ride to the show are asked to provide the Driver with funds to cover fuel. Expected amount for each travel venue is listed on Calsnet calender.

Cook Shack and Ring Curb Meetings

Bell ringing – the means food – or sometimes a meeting. Follow the bell sound. All performers and adults expected to attend.

Mealtime

WASH YOUR HANDS! No food before your hands are washed. Use the sink on the side of Cook Shack to wash up or a restroom facility, if available.

Must have shirt and shoes on before going through Cook Shack food line.

NO eating in COSTUMES!

Kids always in line before adults. Performers eat first.

Second helpings are welcome after everyone has gone through the line.

Mandatory to come when bell is rung – adults included. Even if you are not going to eat. Sometimes important issues are discussed at the mealtime because everyone is there. So if the bell rings, please come.

NEVER USE THE DRINKING WATER JUGS for anything other than to get a drink. No hand washing or playing in the water.

If the jug of water or Gatorade is empty, please refill. If you don't know how, ask someone in Cook Shack or someone who has done it before. Teamwork!

When garbage sack is full, pull it out the bag, tie it off, and replace can with a clean bag. Don't pile garbage to overflowing. Teamwork!

NO KIDS IN COOK SHACK

If the Cook Shack door is closed or rope is across the door – Cook Shack is closed.

We always need volunteers to help serve and clean up. All adults are welcome to volunteer and their help is much appreciated.

EVERYONE is expected to clean-up their own eating area (garbage).

Write your name on Red cup and return empty & upside down to holder when not using.

It is suggested you bring a refillable water bottle with your name on it.

NO FOOD IN TENTS!

Circus as a “JOB”

We, as a Circus family, are getting paid to perform. This means that all of us have a job! We need to be respectful to our paying guests and give them our best performance.

This also means being respectful to our fellow performers and the adult volunteers traveling with us. If you need help, ask for it. If you see something that needs to be done, help out. If you are asked to help, do it! Teamwork!

As a Circus team, everyone is a performer and a member of Blue Crew. Set-up and tear-down is part of the performance and everyone is expected to help out. We work hard! But, we enjoy each other’s company and take time to have some fun, too!

Adult volunteers and parents – There is plenty to do during set-up, down time, performances, and tear-down. Some examples include:

- Setting up and tearing down Boys and Girls tents
- Setting up tables and chairs around Cook Shack.
- Wiping down chairs and tables after meals and during tear-down.
- Working with a performer to help set-up their assigned equipment.
- Helping with meals: preparation, serving, and cleaning up dishes.
- Costume repair and altering.
- Braiding hair – 1 hour before show.
- Make-up – 1 hour before show helping with clown make-up.
- Helping (teaching) younger performers with small jobs such a garbage pick-up, carrying stakes at set-up/tear-down, wiping down chairs/tables, etc.
- Concession Stand – Set-up, tear-down, and working during the performances

Hydration

De-hydration can become a serious issue during travel especially for performers. Please start extra hydration 1 to 2 days before travel. During the performance schedule, performers are expected to refrain from drinking coffee, pop, or other sugary beverages. Water and Gatorade are available at Cook Shack. Bring a water bottle to fill up or use your Red Cup.

Purpling

Girls are Red. Boys are Blue. No Purpling, please! ‘Nuff said.

Tents

The purpose of Boys and Girls tents is to provide:

- 1) An area to get a good night’s sleep before performances
- 2) Changing rooms for costumes
- 3) A place to store travel gear and personal belongings

Be kind and respectful to your fellow tent mates and their belongings.

The tents and wagons are not a play area.

Older performers have an opportunity to set good examples and provide positive leadership to younger performers.

All personal clothing articles are to be put away in your travel bag. No loose clothing all over the tents or the Lot.

Suggestion: bring a garbage sack for any dirty laundry and a small baggie for toiletries.

Night time – It would be great to have a tent mom and a tent dad. Please let a member of the Executive Board know if you are interested in volunteering for a show or two. This person would be in charge of helping kids remember to keep their belongings together and getting everyone settled for the night.

Curfew is set by the trainers each night and is strictly enforced. When curfew is called that means that your teeth are brushed and final trip to the bathroom is done before curfew.

At Tear-down, everyone is expected to have your sleeping bag/cot/pad ready to go in the wagon. Personal belongings should be stowed in your travel bag.

Lost and Found

This is a big problem. There is not enough room nor is it practical to store clothing items left after each show. Please make sure to put your clothes and towels (dirty and clean) away in your travel bag each day or right after you change clothes. Underwear and socks will be thrown away if not claimed at tear-down. Other clothing items may be claimed by others if no one knows to whom they belong. Please check around your tent and the Lot when you pack up to make sure you have everything!

Dogs

All dogs brought on trips must be leashed and kept at owner's tent or RV.

No free roaming dogs.

Poop patrol for your dog, please.

No dogs allowed at Cook Shack area or on the performance Lot.

Smoking

No smoking on the performance Lot or around Cook Shack.

Smoking only allowed in your own vehicle or tent/RV area that is separate from the non-smoker tents and RVs.

Cell Phones

NO cell phones on the Lot during set-up, performance, practice, or tear-down.

Keep your phone in your bag in the tent.

Money

Money – don't bring a bunch of money on trips to avoid loss.

If you do bring money, it is suggested that you have an adult be in charge of it for you.

Medications

All medications must be kept under lock and key at Cook Shack or with a parent with medical instructions to disburse. WYC is not responsible for disbursing medications. If your child has medications that need taken and you will not be traveling with them, please personally arrange for another parent to help your child with their medications.

Complaints

Direct complaints to an Executive Board member. Remember – Be nice. Be respectful. The best way to work out issues is with each other.

Spitting

Absolutely, no spitting! Anywhere!

Stealing

If you are caught stealing, you will be sent home for the summer.

Non-performers

“Townies” or friends are not allowed on equipment or within the perimeter of the Lot after or between shows. This is a safety and liability issue.

Equipment

Attention to detail is important. Learn what rigging is supposed to look like at set-up and practice. Keep an eye out for loosening knots, stakes pulling, etc. Safety – All eyes on everything. Pre-check – Performers should be pre-checking their equipment before use.

Attendance

Communication is important! If a performer is not available for a performance, please communicate with the trainer who is scheduled for that travel venue (listed on Calsnet).

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