**Guest Performer Information Packet**

#### ****Who should apply:****

If you are a trained performing student, or a student wanting to learn, between ages of 12 and 18, have a desire to spend a session with our Circus and learn the physical disciplines, have strong teamwork skills, want to learn excellent stage presence, and are interested in gaining more insight and knowledge about performing, traveling, and traditional circus arts, we encourage you to apply! If applicants have a specific talent, we ask that you submit a video with your application form. Parents of the performer are also welcome to travel.

**Session Dates will be:**

**July \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**August \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**August \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

#### ****Tuition fee:****

#### Please note that there is a tuition fee of $500 for each 2-week session. This cost covers membership dues, costumes, training, and meals provided from our cook shack during the performing times. Performers will need to purchase their own footwear (black leather gym shoes for females and black wrestling shoes for males) and skin color no seam fishnet stockings for the females. Airfare and or travel arrangements from your home to ours is at the expense of the visiting performer.

**Host Family fee:**

The Host Family fee is $150 per week per person, payable at the time the tuition is paid. This cost includes housing, meals while housed at the host family, and transportation costs for the tour period during the session to our Wenatchee Youth Circus venues.

Our WYC Blue Crew t-shirts, tank tops, sweats and hoodies are available. It is encouraged that you purchase at least a t-shirt as this is the attire used for our crew out on the lot spotting or helping during performance time if you are not in costume. Cost for a t-shirt is $10.

#### ****How to sign up:****

1. Review and complete the Wenatchee Youth Circus “Guest Performer” application and paperwork that you will find online at <www.wenatcheeyouthcircus.com>.
2. Submit with video by the **deadline of May 15, 2018**

I understand and agree with all of the above.

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Performer Date

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Parent or Guardian Date

Welcome to The Wenatchee Youth Circus!

We are excited about your interest in enrolling in a summer session(s)with the Wenatchee Youth Circus.  We look forward to meeting you and your family.

Please provide our trainers with a video in order for our trainers to be prepared with your skill level.  This video can be a link to an online video or you can put it on a flash drive and mail it to us. If you have not perfected an act, no worries! We just need to know in the beginning where your interests are, what your expectations are, and how to include you in our summer season.  
  
First off, I would like you to go to our website at [www.wenatcheeyouthcircus.com](http://www.wenatcheeyouthcircus.com) and download the Member and Performer Packets.  It is important that we have all forms completed.  Those documents should be mailed to us along with your Tuition and Host Family fees.  We will add the performer and the family to our contacts so you have all travel information as it is happening.  Our secretaries, Jennifer Talbot and Angie Ploch, will alert you via text message, via email, and via “circus” FB posts of any pertinent information needed as the season progresses.  This allows the performer and parents off-site to always know the "what, when, where" of it all - even before you arrive.  
  
We schedule our Session Dates during our busiest venue time, giving Guest Performers the most opportunity for performing. The Wenatchee Youth Circus’ home base is in the center of the state - Wenatchee.  We travel back and forth performing in locations throughout the state, sometimes into Idaho or Oregon.  If you look at the map for Washington State, we have circus families that live in Renton, Edmonds, Ellensburg, Lynnwood, and Vancouver.  Host families might be in any of the locations of our current members. Location for the host family can be anywhere one of our families reside and we can work with you to arrange flights easiest for the host family for pick-up.

Host Family information:

There will be assigned to each Guest Performer a Host Family. We place visiting performers with trustworthy families that have former experience. This is to be the "go to and in charge" family.  We expect compliance and cooperation with the host family lifestyle. So there are no mixed messages, no confusion, one family has the rules and the authority when we are not on a venue location to “give permission” as they would their own kids during the down time at their home.  This family will be in charge of the performer and any concerns will be directly between the Wenatchee Youth Circus staff, the host family and the parent of the performer. When we are on locations, there are lead “in charge” staff. Your host family may not be on the road with us. But the host family will always be available by phone. We will put you in touch directly with the host family so you can visit ahead of time and develop a relationship by phone or FB or emails. The performer will be treated as part of their family.

Flights:

The best flight in and out is probably Wenatchee or Seattle, depending on host family location. Please look at our practice calendar (there is a link at the [www.wenatcheeyouthcircus.com](http://www.wenatcheeyouthcircus.com) website under “Tour Schedule”).  That calendar shows our venues and includes travel dates. Logistically, it will work best for an airport pick up time to be during "off work" and “off venue” times, as we all have full time jobs and this is our summer volunteer work. All of our kids and families are very accepting and I know as a performer, you will have an awesome summer.

Diet and Nutrition:

We feed the performers and families 3 full meals a day plus snacks on the road.  The performer may bring a little spending money for personal things such as McDonalds stops along the way or any personal needs.  The Host Family will NOT fund these extras. The host family will provide the first lunch for the performer to take with them on the first trip out, as that is one meal we ask parents to provide since our kitchen is not set up and ready to go until dinner time.  As far as meals during off time, families will just put another plate at the table for the performer – special diet restrictions are not the responsibility of the Host Family.  If you do have any special diet restrictions, the information must be submitted in your paperwork and special foods are at the expense of the Guest Performer.

It is especially important for performers to have good nutrition in order to maintain the physical stamina required for set-up/tear-down, practice, and performance. Our cook and volunteers make sure to provide ample meals and snacks to keep everyone well-fueled and well hydrated during circus trips. Please make sure you are eating sufficient calories and a balanced diet with enough protein. Our cook shack does their best to furnish healthy meals. While there are often many options at mealtime that may work for a special diet, we are not equipped to promise gluten free, nut free, vegetarian or vegan, dairy free or any other “free” menu requirement. Performers and families with unique dietary requirements or restrictions that are not met by the standard “Cook Shack” menu will need to take responsibility for their own nutritional needs. We will have space available in our freezers, refrigerators, cupboards to store any “special needs” foods you self purchase. Cross contamination could happen if you are prepping foods or storing foods in our cook shack. We cannot be responsible for cross contamination. Any concerns can be addressed with trainers and executive board members.

Submit with payment and completed Member and Performer Packet Paperwork:

2 Week Sessions:

**July \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $500 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Host Family $300 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Host Family $300 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Wenatchee Youth Circus Blue Crew Order (payment due with Tuition & Host Family Fee)**

**Blue Crew T-shirt $ 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - size \_\_\_\_**

**Blue Crew Tank top $ 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- size \_\_\_\_**

**Blue Crew Hoodie $ 25 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- size \_\_\_\_**

**Blue Crew Sweats $ 25 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- size \_\_\_\_**

**Blue Crew Bag L $40**

**Blue Crew Bag M $35**

**Additional Blue Crew Items available, please contact Jennifer Talbot**

**Name to be printed on Blue Crew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**