Dear Rising Stars Families,

I will be out of the country from October 21-November 6. I am going to China to perform. While I am away, please contact Amy or Jives (Head Coaches) with any questions regarding training. For other questions, please contact Maia. If Maia can’t help you, she will direct your question to someone who can. Their emails are:

Jives – jives@circuscenter.org

Amy – amy@circuscenter.org

Maia – maia@circuscenter.org

We have a lot going on in the next few weeks! Please read the information below carefully to make sure you are up to speed.

Best,

Felicity

**PARENT OBSERVATION DAY and EARLY DISMISSAL on OCTOBER 18**

Please remember we have Parent Observation Day on October 18. I hope you can come and see the amazing work your children are doing! Parents are welcome to observe in the training rooms from 5:00-6:00. We will need to have an early dismissal that day due to space conflicts with the Cabaret that weekend. Please plan to pick up your children at 6:00. If you can’t be there by 6:00, we will have a coach wait with them.

**FAMILY PICNIC**

The annual Youth Pre-Pro Family Picnic will be at **Lindley Meadow** on **Sunday, October 21** from **1-4 pm**. Lindley Meadow is in Golden Gate Park on JFK near 30th Ave. Please bring a dish to share, lawn games and your wonderful families! It’s a lot of fun! Sadly, I will not be there because I am leaving for China that day. Kim and Gabe, parents to Zev in Super Novas, will be hosting.

**PERFORMANCE NUTRITION WORKSHOP**

We are very excited to be offering a workshop on Performance Nutrition by Shannon Morse, a circus artist and nutritionist. The Workshop will be on **Tuesday, October 23 from 5:00-6:15 pm** (during training). Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. You are very much in control of your child’s eating habits; plus, you can learn from it for yourself too!

**CIRCUS SMIRKUS**

We encourage students who are serious about circus to apply for Circus Smirkus. Circus Smirkus has a touring tent show, summer camps, and workshops throughout the summer. I encourage you to look at their offerings and consider applying. Applications and audition videos are due on **November 1**. For more information**:** <https://www.smirkus.org/smirkus-camp/camp-sessions/>

**WINTER SHOWCASE**

The Winter Showcase will be here before we know it! We need to know who will be performing in this. We would love to have all of you be a part of it! The Rising Stars will present a group ground act for the show. This is always one of the highlights of this show!

If your child is going to be a part of the Rising Stars act in the Winter Showcase, these are the mandatory rehearsal and performance days:

*Winter Showcase Rehearsals:*

* Tuesday, November 27 from 4-6:20
* Thursday, November 29 from 4-6:20
* Tuesday, December 4 from 4-6:20
* Thursday, December 6 from 4-6:20

*Winter Showcase Performances:*

* Saturday, December 8 – Call at 6:00, Show at 7:30
* Sunday, December 9 – Call at 12:00, Show at 2:00

Please fill out this [survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7Hwy7LHbXMg9zY4D98k8a_kLFN_DzY5b8OjNsHI8HDkxg4g/viewform?usp=sf_link) to let us know if your child will commit to being a part of the Rising Stars Act in the Winter Showcase.

**RECAP of UPCOMING DATES – October and November**

* *Parent Observation Day and 6:00 Dismissal:* Thursday, October 18 from 4-6:00 pm
* *Youth Program Family Potluck Picnic at Lindley Meadow:* Sunday, October 21, 1:00-4:00 pm
* *Performance Nutrition Workshop:* Tuesday, October 23, 5:00-6:15 pm
* *Circus Smirkus Applications Due:* Thursday, November 1
* *Thanksgiving – No Class:* Thursday, November 22