



## APOLLO GYMNASTICS FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2010

Save the date and plan to be a part of an exciting fun-filled day of events. Sunday, October 24th, Apollo Gymnastics and Apollo Gymnastics Parents Association will collaborate to hold the first Apollo Gymnastics Fall Festival -- an open house and fundraiser event from 12 noon to 7 pm! The public will be invited to the Apollo Gymnastics Fall Festival. Flyers and other various advertisements will be sent to neighboring schools and businesses to distribute. Inside the gym Apollo Gymnastics will host an open house and hold

a flip-a-thon for any child enrolled at Apollo to take part in. Funds raised from the flip-a-thon will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Meanwhile, outside of the gym the AGPA will host a variety of fun events to include a moon bounce, face painting, car wash, slushee stand, concessions /bake sale, lottery ticket sales, etc. AGPA will invite various companies/medical practices/ services to come share their information with the public. Ending Fall Festival's fun-filled day of events, from 5 - 7 pm,

everyone will be invited inside to participate in a Pep Rally to get the team motivated for the start of the 2010/11 gymnastics competitive season.

The AGPA Vice President is in immediate **need of 3 or 4 people to help organize this event** - the more volunteers to participate the easier it will be to pull off a successful event! **Volunteers will also be needed to help work events** the day of the Fall Festival. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets at a later time. If you can

help please e-mail **Sharon Mullen** at [sharonmullen@live.com](mailto:sharonmullen@live.com).

If you have or own a personal or home-based business and would like to participate at the Fall Festival, please e-mail Sharon Mullen directly and let her know how your business could participate.

Stay tuned for future updates to be communicated as preparations get under way.

## NEW SPIRIT WEAR REFLECTS GYM'S SUNRAY GOLD

Beam your Apollo spirit through the sunray gold! It's that time of the year again, for the AGPA Spirit Wear Sale. This year's new team Spirit Wear colors are BLACK and GOLD! It is customary for our team families to proudly wear their

Spirit Wear at home and away meets or any team event. Remember Spirit Wear is not just for the parents, it's for siblings, grandparents, for your entire gymnast's fan club, including the gymnast themselves. (They make great

Christmas presents.) Show your Apollo Team Spirit and represent!

Order forms are available on the AGPA web site. As always we have available polo shirts, jackets, and most importantly the gymnast team bags. **New parents - Keep in mind that the team bags are mandatory, as they part of the team uniform.** These are personalized with the Apollo logo and the gymnast's name. Therefore other gym bags are not acceptable.

Also new this year is a different style jacket and baseball caps. Samples of all the items will available upstairs at the gym (by the used Leo rack) for you to view.

For an additional fee all items can

be personalized. Personalization ideas are ... "Parent of Julie Smith", "Johnny Smith's Fan Club", or simply the gymnast's name.

Please see order forms for apparel details, prices, and other info. Payments MUST be included with order to be processed. Make checks payable to **AGPA**. Place your completed orders in gymnast Kyte Crigger's team mail folder. **Order form deadline is OCT. 9th.** Items will arrive 2 to 4 weeks in time for the first meet.

Please contact **Rika Crigger** 703-851-7013 or [foghat@erols.com](mailto:foghat@erols.com) or **Janette Del Cid** 703-9696557 or [jajedelcid@aol.com](mailto:jajedelcid@aol.com) with questions.





# ASSESSMENTS *PLAIN & SIMPLE*

Your AGPA Board is in the process of finalizing our budget for the 2010/2011 competitive year. The largest components of our budget are meet expenses and the related assessments billed to



cover these expenses. An email will go out as soon as the budget has been approved. This email will inform you of your assessment amount for the year. Our assessments cover meet entry fees for your gymnast to most meets and all coaches' expenses for every meet. (You will be billed separately for any sectionals beyond the 1st that will be attended, relates to level 4 & 5 only, and you will be

billed separately if your gymnast qualifies for their national meet) Following this email will be an invoice showing the assessment installment less any flex plan credits applied to your account. You will receive this invoice via email and a paper copy will be placed in your family folder at the gym. These 1st installment will be due by September 30. Checks should be made out to AGPA and placed in the lockbox located upstairs at the gym above the family folders.

*Some things to remember about your assessment:* Our budget is based on the best possible information we have at this time. We do our very best with the information we have now and hope we will not need to make any changes, however, because our rosters are still fluctuating and our meet schedules are still being

determined, our assessment amounts are subject to change. We will review our budget as soon as the final schedule is released. Membership will be notified if any necessary changes need to be made to our assessment amounts. During the year if there is any significant change in the number of gymnasts at any level or to the meet schedule, adjustments may again be necessary.

Your total assessment is broken up into 4 installments. The 1st 2 installments are 30% each of the total, and the 3rd & 4th installments are 20% each of the total. Your assessment amount can be reduced by fundraising credits through our flex plan system. These credits will be reflected on your invoice.

Your AGPA assessment is completely **separate** from any

amounts paid to Apollo Gym for tuition. They cannot be paid together, nor can AGPA accept any sort of electronic payment for your assessment amount. It must be paid with a check, money order or cash. If your assessment is not paid by the due date you will be charged a \$50 late fee. In addition, per Apollo Management policy, if you are not current with your assessment payments, AGPA will not be able to submit payment for entry fees to upcoming meets, which could affect your gymnast's ability to compete. Please contact the AGPA treasurer immediately if you know your payment will be late to avoid any problems. If you have any questions regarding assessments, now or after you receive your invoice, please contact your **AGPA treasurer** at **AGPAtreasurer@apollogymnasticspa.org**



## MANAGEMENT *MINUTE*

*From Apollo Management Team*

Parents need to make sure they have read all documents they received from Apollo and AGPA.

If it's "NOT" okay for their child/children to charge tape or miscellaneous items please send an email to the office letting us know.

I would like to remind Team Parents that they are welcomed to use a party room if staying during practice. Between the hours of 4-7 pm, Mon-Fri the seating upstairs is for recreation parents to view their child's class. On Saturdays for

morning practices no Team Parents from 9:30-3pm and afternoon practice 1:30-4pm. Exceptions are made for long distance parents. This may change at a later date.

There is to be no gesturing or talking over the balcony to the children during team practice. This is very distracting to the coaches and other children who are training. It is extremely dangerous to the child who is not focused because they are drawn to the upstairs parents who are disrupting the class.

There are camera's upstairs and we are monitoring this situation. If it becomes an issue the parents involved will not be allowed to sit upstairs.

Reminder! Team Parents are to be respectful to each other and to recreation parents at all times. This summer was not good upstairs. Lots of complaints. We would like to hear good things from parents! Remember you are representing yourselves as Apollo's Parent Association!

## NEW LOOK, NEW EDITOR

Apollo's SUN SPOT has a new look and a new editor! Jen Showalter is the new designer and editor for our newsletter. She is President and Owner of her own design firm, 360 DESIGN. Her daughter, Sydney is on the Level 3 Team. If you have any submissions for upcoming newsletters, please email them by the 8th of the month to Jen at **360design@comcast.net**.



**Jen Showalter**  
703.209.8980



# AGPA NEWS

## Board Openings

### Fund Raising Chairperson

Please contact an AGPA Board member if interested.

## Committee Sign Ups

Committee roles and descriptions are in the process of being finalized. Committee sign up sheets will be posted in the gym soon for team parents to sign up as a part of their obligation in membership with the AGPA. Note: This is a separate obligation from the gym's requirement to work all home meets.

## Next Board Mtg

The next board meeting is scheduled for **October 14th at 7:00 pm**. All AGPA members are encouraged and invited to attend. Please e-mail RSVP to attend to AGPA Secretary at [agpasec@apollogymnasticspa.org](mailto:agpasec@apollogymnasticspa.org).

## FUNd Raising

### How We've Faired So Far....

**Joe Corbi's Fundraiser** was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated! We almost doubled our Profit from the previous year, bringing in over \$1,700 to support our gymnasts!!

### What We Can Still Do....

**September Market Day** orders are due by September 17th with pickup at Rosa Parks on September 23rd from 7-8 pm. School identifier is Rosa Parks. Be sure to include AGPA as part of your last name for fundraising credit. Payments are debit or credit card online or cash or check at the sale payable to Market Day.

**October Market Day** orders are due in by October 15th with pickup October 21st 7-8pm (both pickups are at Rosa Parks again this year).

### White House Ornaments

It's time to Pre - Sell those White House Ornaments! Last Year this Fundraiser brought in over \$2,700!! Let's see if we can double this one as well!!! Remember, every dollar counts! Everything we bring in goes to offset the costs involved in sending our gymnasts and the coaches to the meets! All White House Ornament orders and

money are due in no later than September 28th. We will only be preordering the ornaments. No extras will be ordered without payment. Drop all payments (payable to the AGPA) and orders in Christopher Dana's mailbox or the AGPA lock box upstairs.

### Scrip Cards

And don't forget those SCRIP cards – the easiest way to fundraise! Buy the cards for locations you visit regularly, it is money you already spend, you might as well have some of it come back to AGPA!! Did you know that the Profit last year from SCRIP card sales was over \$4,700 – WOW! October scrip orders and payments must be received by Saturday, October 9th. Payment must be received one week prior to the orders being placed. The orders will be placed on October 15th with delivery 3-4 business days after that.

### Yankee Candles

Yankee Candle sales starts October 28th with all payments and orders due in by November 13th. Again all orders and payments need to be dropped in the AGPA lock box upstairs or Christopher Dana's mailbox. (Payable to the AGPA).

## THE BIG YAHOO

This edition is dedicated to DEBI WINSTEAD for all her hard work and effort in producing past Newsletters. We wish her well in pursuing her second career, but are pleased that we'll still see her around the gym. GO DEBI!

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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THE APOLLO  
**GYM**  
CALENDAR

# SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2010



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|
| 12  | 13  | 14  | 15        | 16  | 17<br>MARKET DAY<br>FUNDRAISING<br>ORDERS DUE                           | 18  |
| 19  | 20<br>SIGN UP FOR A<br>COMMITTEE -<br>SIGN UPS POSTED | 21  | 22        | 23<br>PICK UP MARKET<br>DAY FUNDRAISING<br>ORDERS AT<br>ROSA PARKS ELEM | 24  | 25  |
| 26  | 27<br>SIGN UP FOR<br>COMMITTEE<br>DEADLINE            | 28<br>WHITE HOUSE<br>ORNAMENTS<br>FUNDRAISING<br>ORDERS DUE | 29        | 30<br>1ST ASSESSMENT<br>PAYMENT DUE                                     | OCTOBER 1<br>OCTOBER<br>TUITION<br>DUE                                  | 2   |
| 3   | 4   | 5   | 6         | 7   | 8   | 9<br>SCRIPT<br>FUNDRAISING<br>ORDERS DUE<br><br>SPIRIT WEAR<br>ORDERS DUE |
| 10  | 11  | 12  | 13        | 14<br>AGPA BOARD<br>MEETING 7:00 PM                                     | 15<br>PICK UP MARKET<br>DAY FUNDRAISING<br>ORDERS AT<br>ROSA PARKS ELEM | 16  |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20        | 21  | 22  | 23  |
| 24<br>APOLLO<br>GYMNASTICS<br>FALL FESTIVAL &<br>PEP RALLY<br>12 NOON - 7PM | 25  | 26  | 27        | 28<br>YANKEE CANDLE<br>FUNDRAISING<br>ORDERS DUE                        | 29  | 30  |
| 31<br>HALLOWEEN   | NOTES _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____                |   |           |   |   |   |