

2023-2024 Season

REGISTRATION PACKET

Dear Parent:

Thank you for your interest in Rising Stars! As we prepare for our 20th season, we are anticipating another exciting and successful year. We want you to know that we are dedicated to giving each student the ultimate experience for each class that they decide to pursue. We have worked very hard to make our organization a positive family atmosphere.

We have prepared the following information to help each family understand the commitment level expected from every family involved in our program. **Please take the time to read through this entire packet very carefully.** For you veteran families, take note of some changes in policies, prices and procedures. Please take the time to discuss the contents of this packet with your child before you register as you are entering a binding contract.

Our mission is to offer quality technical training at an affordable price. We focus on teaching teamwork and integrity in all of our structured/safe classes. Rising Stars members learn how to encourage one another while building self-esteem and having fun. Once again, thank you for your interest in Rising Stars. We hope you find this packet informative and we are always happy to answer any questions you may have about our program.

Sincerely,

Rising Stars Staff

\$40 REGISTRATION & INSURANCE FEE

DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

Rising Stars website is www.risingstarscheeranddance.com.

Now that you are a member you are free to use the self-service section of the website. It is imperative that you check your e-mail and the web calendar at least once a week to ensure that you and your child know what is going on and when.

Always remember, communication with the office staff and/or director will make for a successful year.
QUESTIONS - e-mail: rising.stars@comcast.net or call: 856-506-8728

PRACTICES AND ATTENDANCE POLICY - All practices are mandatory and additional practices may be called throughout the year depending on performance schedules. Each child is allowed 3 unexcused absences before suspension or dismissal is considered. Unexcused practices are defined as practices without a doctor's note or school note. Other sports or activities that conflict with Rising Stars practices are NOT excused. PRACTICES THE WEEK OF AN EVENT ARE ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY (no exceptions)! Keep in mind your child will be reprimanded for lateness as each instructor deems appropriate (which includes, conditioning, running, pushups or being sat out). Students who have missed warm ups will not be allowed to participate in class for safety reasons. Please remember it takes the entire group to practice dances, routines, tumbling passes, stunts, etc. It is your child's obligation to themselves and their teammates to improve their skills and attend all practices. If you are unsure about your conflicts or absences please contact the director directly.

***(Please review our hand book & attendance policy under the forms section of our website. It applies to ALL members)**

TUITION - FINANCIAL INFORMATION - We are committed to offering the most affordable, yet highest quality program possible. ALL fees MUST be paid in full for your child to participate. ****Tuition is due on the FIRST DAY of each month. **A \$15 late fee is automatically applied to your account on the 15th of the month (paying on the 15th is late) and your child will be sat out of class.** Accounts must be paid in full in order for your child to participate in class/competitions/performance. Payment is due before services are rendered!

Monthly tuition is as follows: FALL

Classes 30 minute in length - \$45.00/month
Classes 45 minute in length - \$50.00/month
Classes 60 minutes or longer in length - \$55.00/month
Multi Child Discount - \$5 off each additional child.
All Access Pass – Take as many classes as you want for \$125/month
All Access Multi Child Discount - \$10 off each additional pass
All Access Family Pass - Unlimited classes for \$265/month

Monthly tuition is as follows: SUMMER

Classes 45 minute in length - \$75.00/ 6 Week Session
Classes 60 minutes or longer - \$85.00/ 6 Week Session
Multi Child Discount - \$5 off each additional child.
All Access Pass – Take as many classes as you want for \$150/6 Week Session
All Access Multi Child Discount - \$10 off each additional pass
All Access Family Pass - Unlimited classes for \$265/6 Week Session

Parents attend all half year parent classes for FREE when child is enrolled in 2 or more classes!!!

All fees are made payable to Rising Stars in the form of cash or check. For your convenience you can also pay through our web-site with a credit card. **** There is a \$30.00 fee on all returned checks. **** Please be sure to put your son/daughter's name in the memo line of your check (this is extremely important as some children have different last names as their parents.) If you/your child chooses to leave our organization for whatever reason, **NO MONEY IS REFUNDABLE!**

COSTUMES – ALL full year dance classes that participate in the recital are required to purchase a costume at the rate of \$75 per class. This payment is divided into two payments of \$37.50 for each costume. The deposit for all costumes is billed on October 1st and the Balance is billed on February 1st. Costume orders will be cancelled if your account is not paid in full by March 1st. Rising Stars reserves the right to withhold any costume until balances are paid in full. Customer must allow 24 hours after payment for distribution.

FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORS - You may use the proceeds of the OPTIONAL fall/spring fundraisers to help defray the cost of tuition and uniforms/costumes. All optional fundraising money will be directly deposited into your child's account. Also, all students participating in the recital or receiving an award are **required to sell \$30 worth of boosters and ads for the program booklet.** This amount is due on March 1st and covers the cost of all recital fees, trophies and awards that each child will receive. You can also earn \$25 for your account when you refer a friend (with first months paid tuition).

DRESS CODE AND EQUIPMENT – Each class is required to follow a specific dress code. This can be found under the "forms" section of our web-site. The dress code ensures that a teacher will be able to see the students body alignment and positioning. It also teaches students discipline & helps with overall focus and energy. The dress code also creates unity among the dancers instead of causing a few dancers to stand out, much like a school uniform policy. You are welcome to purchase your shoes and attire anywhere you wish so long as it is exactly what is listed on the dress code for that class. For your convenience we do sell the items required in our pro-shop.

COMMITMENT AND RESPECT - Last, but not least, is the commitment that Cheerleading/Dance/Martial Arts/Tumbling entails. The Rising Stars program requires dedication, time, support, sportsmanship and respect for you, teammates, coaches and the organization. All of our instructors are 110% dedicated to your child and we expect that same dedication from you and your child. **DISRESPECT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** It is imperative that each child and parent be dedicated to their classes and to Rising Stars. It is a big commitment on both the part of the athlete and their families to be a member of any performance program.

Parents are **NOT** allowed inside the practice room unless asked to do so by an instructor. If parents wish to view practice, they must do so from the parents waiting area. Causing a disturbance to the students or parents is not acceptable. We also ask that parents do not pull instructors away from the class to discuss issues, instead please contact the director via email to set up a time to meet the instructor to discuss any issues you may be having. **Any gossiping or bad mouthing about our organization, instructors or students with any parent or student will not be tolerated, and they will be asked to leave our organization without warning. This also applies to rude or disrespectful attitudes toward our members/employees/volunteers of rising Stars.**

Our instructors reserve the right to dismiss a student from the class if we feel he/she or the parents are not fulfilling this commitment. (Examples: not attending practice, lateness, bad attitudes or anything that would harm the health and welfare of the rest of the group.)

COMMUNICATION - It is the parents' responsibility to stay informed and we are not responsible for "lack of communication" issues. We offer several ways to keep parents informed and up to date including: e-mail, twitter, Instagram white boards, website calendars, and newsletters. It is very important that you check at least one of these regularly.

***PLEASE NOTE - MOST OF THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND THE ORGANIZATION IS DONE THROUGH EMAIL, THEREFORE PARENTS EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE ESSENTIAL AND MUST BE KEPT UP TO DATE BY A PARENT.**

Rising Stars 2023-2024 Calendar

Please note dates below that the studio will be closed for winter & spring breaks. You will be paying monthly installments for 34 weeks of classes held over 9 months (September – May). This is an average of 3.7 classes per month. In case of inclement weather, please check the web-site, social media and/or your e-mail after 3pm. Make up classes will be scheduled for those days that are cancelled. If you have any questions please check the web-site calendar **first** and then contact us via e-mail.

9/6 – Fall Classes Begin

9/25-9/29- Bring a Friend Week - Students are invited to bring a friend to cheer, dance & martial arts classes.

10/1 - **Costume Deposit Due - \$37.50 per Costume (Non-Refundable)**

10/9 – Columbus Day - We are OPEN

10/23-10/27 - Trick or Treat Week - Students may wear non-restrictive costumes to class.

11/1 – Final Day to Order Custom Warm Up if wanted.

11/22-11/24- **CLOSED** - Thanksgiving

11/24 - Millville Christmas Parade – All members invited to participate. Sign up in office.

11/27-12/15 - Don't forget to send a Holiday Candy Gram to your Favorite Rising Star!

12/18-12/22 – Pajama Jam Week - Students may wear pajamas to class.

12/25-1/5 - **CLOSED** -Winter Break

1/8 - Classes Resume

1/15 – MLK Jr. Day - We are OPEN.

2/1 – **Costume Deposit Due - \$37.50 per Costume (Non-Refundable)**

2/1-2/13- Don't forget to send a Valentine Candy Gram to your Favorite Rising Star!

2/19 –Presidents Day - We are OPEN.

3/1- **MANDATORY Program Ad/Boosters \$30/family**

3/14 - Final Day for Recital Program Ad/Booster Submissions

3/28- **Last Day to Order Recital T-shirt**

3/29-4/4 – **CLOSED** - Spring Break

5/1- Final Tuition Payment Due

5/? – Costumes distributed the week before pictures. Account Balance must be paid in full.

5/? – Dance Picture Day TBA

5/20-5/24 – Spirit Week – Final Week of Classes

5/24- **Last Day to Order Recital DVD**

5/24– **Last Day to Purchase Discount Recital Tickets**

June Dress Rehearsal & Recital Dates TBA

Rising Stars will be holding classes on all Monday holidays except Memorial Day which is figured into the 34 week schedule.

Please note that class fees are **NOT** be pro-rated if a student is out. Tuition must be paid to hold students spot in the class. *All dates listed are tentative and subject to change. Please check the online calendar regularly to stay up to date.

Registration/Release Form 2023 – 2024

Date of Application: ____/____/____

Student's Name: _____ Age: ____ Sex: ____ DOB: _____ Grade _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ School attending: _____

How did you hear about us?: (Referrals name must be listed for credit) _____

Mother's/Guardian Name: _____ Father's/Guardian Name: _____

** Parents email (REQUIRED) _____

Home Telephone: () _____ Cell Phone Numbers: () _____ () _____

Alternate Contact (In case of an emergency) : _____ Phone: () _____

Primary Insurance Company's Name: _____ Policy # _____

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Student Information - previous gymnastics/cheer/dance experience: _____

List any dislocations, breaks, etc. (please be specific on location): _____

List any allergies, diseases, disabilities, or chronic illness: _____

Any medications taken regularly: _____

Please read the following carefully and sign below. NOTE: Parent/Guardian must sign if student is under 18 years old.

Fill in blanks; submit forms for current season only, bearing original signatures (photocopies or facsimiles not acceptable)

Agreement:

In consideration of my membership in RSCD, LLC, classes, events, competitions, and activities, I agree to be bound by each of the following:

- 1. Eligibility:** I agree to comply with the rules of Rising Stars.
- 2. Readiness to Participate:** I will only participate in those Rising Stars classes, events, competitions, and activities for which I believe I am physically and psychologically prepared. Prior to participation, I will have practiced my exercises and will perform only those exercises that I have accomplished to the degree of confidence necessary to assure I can perform them by myself and without injury.
- 3. Medical Attention:** I hereby give my consent to RSCD, LLC, and/or the host organizations to provide through a medical staff of its choice, customary medical/athletic training attention and transportation and emergency medical services as warranted in the course of my participation.

Release and waiver of liability

Assumption of full responsibility for all risks of bodily injury, death or property damage and indemnity agreement

Since Tumbling/Cheerleading/Dance/Martial Arts/Fitness has the potential to be dangerous, we require all participants to assume all risks by signing this document.

The participant who signs this document agrees:

I fully understand and voluntarily accept that:

- a) There are risks and dangers associated with participation in the above activity which could result in bodily injury, partial and/or total disability and death.
- b) I have no physical or mental condition which would interfere with my ability to participate in any such event or activity, or that would endanger my health or safety.
- c) The social and economic losses and/or damages, which could result from those risks and dangers described above, could be severe.
- d) These risks and dangers may be caused by the action, inaction, negligence or carelessness on the part of the RSCD, LLC, or any of its officers, agents, servants or employees.
- e) There may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.

IN CONSIDERATION OF permitting (_____) to enroll in and participate in Tumbling/ Cheerleading/ Dance/Martial Arts/Fitness, in the City of Millville, County of Cumberland, and State of New Jersey, **beginning on the ____ day of ____, 20____**, the Undersigned agrees, for himself/herself, and his/her family, his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and voluntarily releases, discharges and promises not to sue RSCD, LLC., or any of its officers, agents, servants or employees for any and all claim for personal injury, property damages or wrongful death occurring to himself/herself arising out of engaging (or receiving instruction) in said activity or any activities incidental thereto wherever or however it may occur and for whatever period the activities or instructions may continue and whether it is caused by the negligence or carelessness, or otherwise, of the persons or entities mentioned above.

The undersigned further agrees, for himself/herself, his/her family, his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that in the event any claims for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death shall be prosecuted against RSCD, LLC or any of its officers, agents, servants or employees, he/she shall indemnify, save and hold harmless the same.

RSCD, LLC, or any of its officers, agents, servants or employees for any and all claims by whomever or wherever made for personal injuries, property damages or wrongful death whether caused by the negligence, carelessness, or otherwise, of the persons or entities conducting or sponsoring the event. I further agree and promise to hold harmless and indemnify RSCD, LLC, or any of its officers, agents, servants, employees or volunteers from all defense costs, including attorney's fees, or from any other costs incurred in connection with claims for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death which I made negligently or intentionally caused to other third parties in the course of participating in this activity.

If any portion of this agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance thereof shall continue in full leg force and effect.

It is the intention of the participant by this document to relieve RSCD, LLC, or any of its officers, agents, servants, employees or volunteers from any responsibility from personal injury, property damage or wrongful death whether caused by the negligence, carelessness, or otherwise, of the persons or entities mentioned above.

I UNDERSTAND I AM ASSUMING ALL RISKS INHERENT IN TUMBLING/CHEERLEADING/DANCE/MARTIAL ARTS/FITNESS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, AND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I AM GIVING UP MY RIGHT TO SUE RSCD, LLC, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF SAID PERSONS OR ENTITIES.

I VOLUNTARILY SIGN MY NAME EVIDENCING MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS and further agree that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from this agreement have been made.

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT. I UNDERSTAND IT IS A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. _____ (Parent/Guardians initials)
TUMBLING/CHEERLEADING/DANCE/MARTIAL ARTS/FITNESS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE DANGEROUS!

For any athlete who is not yet 18 years old: As legal parent or guardian of this athlete, I hereby verify by my signature below, that I fully understand and accept each of the above conditions for permitting my child to participate in classes, recitals, events, competitions, and activities conducted by RSCD, LLC. I have read the entire sign up packet in full and understand all financial obligations and will follow all rules set forth by Rising Stars.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Printed Name of Student: _____

Signature of Student: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Rising Stars takes photos/ videos of our students throughout the year. These pictures may be posted on our web-site, social media, advertisements, and/or posted in the studio. Please note below if you would prefer that your child NOT be included in these things.
