Boiseko Gazteak Registration 2017-18 September 7 - September 19, 2017

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE TO CURRENT EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERS ONLY!

Ongi Etorri! Welcome to all returning dancers as well as our new dancers and families joining us for the first time. Please be sure to take the opportunity to get acquainted with new families and re-acquainted with one another over the next few weeks.

Euzkaldunak Dues:

The Boiseko parent group is Euzkaldunak, or The Basque Center. In order for your child to dance with Boiseko Gazteak you must be current on your Euzkaldunak membership dues. If you are not current, you can renew at registration on September 19, at the Basque Center at 7:00 PM. Dues are \$50 for new members and \$40 for renewal of your membership. (Note: it must be a parent/guardian that is a member of Euzkaldunak, not a grandparent.)

Please note that Euzkaldunak's annual registration is in January. If dues are not paid by January 31, 2018, your dancer will not be allowed to continue to dance.

Online Registration:

Please fill out the online registration form and email it directly to <u>bkoregistration@basquecenter.com</u>. You must be current on your Euzkaldunak dues in order to register online. If you are not currently a member or your membership has lapsed, you will need to bring your registration down to the Basque Center by September 26 at 7:00 PM to register and pay your Euzkaldunak dues.

Volunteering: (Exempt Volunteers = teachers and musicians)

Each family is required to volunteer for at least two (2) events. You may volunteer for Boiseko and/or Euzkaldunak. Please make sure you sign up for at least 2 events on SignMeUp (formerly VolunteerSpot). (This does not include volunteering for The Basque Museum or The Fronton Association.) A \$50 check is required with registration. **Please mail your check payable to Boiseko Gazteak to:**

Melissa Wolfe

1004 E. Wrightwood Dr.

Meridian, ID 83642

This check is only cashed if you do not fulfill your volunteer commitment. FULFILLING YOUR COMMITMENT IS DEFINED AS ACTUALLY SHOWING UP AND WORKING YOUR ASSIGNED SHIFT - NOT JUST SAYING YOU'LL VOLUNTEER!

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A \$50 CHECK AND REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 26.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- All volunteer opportunities and details are posted on SignMeUp.
- The Boiseko SignMeUp link can be found on the registration form.
- Choose 2 volunteer opportunities for your family.

New and Used Costumes:

New and used costumes can be purchased at the Basque Center on September 19 at 7:00 PM. Registrations may also be turned in at this time. A list of all the dance groups' costume pieces is also available online.

New Costumes:

If your dancer needs a new costume, please make sure they are at the Basque Center on September 19. They must be measured by the seamstress. Please call Heather Totoricaguena (208.860.9392) with any questions.

Used Costumes For Sale:

If you need to purchase a piece or have a costume altered, please make sure to bring it to the Basque Center on September 19 for re-measurement. Your dancer WILL need to be present.

If you are a parent wanting to sell a costume, please make sure that all pieces are clearly marked with your name, phone number, size of costume or dance shoes, and a price for each item. Bring your items to registration on September 19. You can pick up your money at the first practice on September 26. If you will not be attending registration, but have a costume to sell, please contact Heather Totoricaguena (208.860.9392) ASAP to make arrangements to sell your costume.

Dancers:

DANCERS MUST BE 4 BY OCTOBER 1, 2017, IN ORDER TO DANCE WITH BOISEKO GAZTEAK. We do not allow dancers to move up a group level before they are the correct age, however, we do allow them to stay longer with their current group if necessary. Please make sure to talk to your dancer's teacher with any questions. Dance groups are as follows:

Txikituak (txiki) - **must be 4 by Oct. 1** (4-5 year olds) Azkarrak - **must be 6 by Oct. 1** (6-7 year olds) Txulitoak (txulito) - **must be 8 by Oct. 1** (8-10 year olds) Nagusiak - **must be 11 by Oct. 1** (11-14 year olds)

Practice:

Our first practice will begin on September 26 at 7:00 PM **sharp** and ends at 8:00 PM **sharp**! Please make sure to drop off and pick up your dancer(s) on time. Dancers need to be ready with dance shoes, water, and restroom breaks taken care of BEFORE practice.

Practice places will be as follows: **Txikituak** (txiki) - (4-5 year olds) - Basque Center Main Floor **Azkarrak** - (6-7 year olds) - Basque Center Basement **Txulitoak** (txulito) - (8-10 year olds) - Fronton Basement **Nagusiak** - (11-14 year olds) - Basque Museum Classroom

Remember your dancer's group name as we will refer to them by those names throughout the year.

As always, safety is our number one concern; little ones will not able to leave the Basque Center Main Floor (Txikituak) or Basque Center Basement (Azkarrak) without a parent, guardian, or older sibling! Please make sure you communicate with your teacher's regarding who will be picking up your dancer!

NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED TO WATCH THE DANCERS DURING PRACTICE!

The only exception to this is the Txikituak group. If you want to stay and watch or your child needs to have you nearby, please be prepared to help out with "crowd control" or keeping them on-task during practice. Do not forget, you can always find a good restaurant, bar, or market to pass the time, catch up with friends, or meet new ones over a glass of wine or pintxo. **ALSO**, if you have family member or members that would like to watch a practice, please contact your dancer's teacher ahead of time to make arrangements.

Performances:

Boiseko has three main performances during the dancing season. Our Winter Show will be on Sunday, December 3 in the Borah High Old Gym. We will break for the holiday season and begin our spring season practices on Tuesday, January 19, with our Spring Show taking place on Sunday, March 11, 2017. We will have one additional practice for San Inazio on Tuesday, July 24, and our last performance will during the San Inazio festival on Saturday, July 28. More information will follow as the season progresses.

Weekly emails:

We will send out weekly emails to update you on upcoming events, information, and reminders. That information will also be posted on the Boiseko website at https://www.basquecenter.com/community/boiseko-gazteak/.

Boiseko Gazteak Board Members:

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact any of the Boiseko Gazteak Board Members listed below:

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