

Boiseko Gazteak Registration 2023-2024

September 5 - September 19, 2023

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 21 or you can contact Patty Gabica Haas (secretary@basquecenter.com). Dues are \$60 for new members and \$50 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, 2024, your dancer will not be allowed to continue to dance.

Online Registration:

Please fill out the online registration form found here:

<https://www.basquecenter.com/community/boiseko-gazteak/boiseko-gazteak-registration/>. 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 during registration 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 SignUpGenius. (This does not include volunteering for The Basque Museum, the Fronton Association or any Euzkaldunak event not specifically listed. (For example, helping to make morzillas or working at the beer booth does not count.) A \$200 check is required with registration.

Please mail your check payable to Boiseko Gazteak:

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 \$200 CHECK AND REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 19.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- All volunteer opportunities and details are posted on SignUpGenius:
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948ACAD28AA8-boiseko4>
- Choose two volunteer opportunities for your family.
- Since some shifts are operated by Euzkaldunak Coordinators, we ask that you sign up on our SignUpGenius page AND on Euzkaldunak's page. The link to Euzkaldunak's page will be found in the volunteer shift description.
- When volunteering, please make sure to check in with the event coordinator prior to your shift (this often includes signing in.)

Event Coordinators (ALL DATES TENTATIVE):

- Costume selling & distribution (*Sept. 19*) – Heather Totoricaguena
- Morzilla Dinner (*Nov. 4*) – Johnny Aldape
- Bazaar (*Nov. 4*) – Euzkaldunak Board
- Winter Show performance (*Dec. 3*) – Melissa Wolfe
- Children's Christmas Party (*Dec. 3*) – Mike Franzoia/Patty Gabica
- Shepherders Ball (*Dec. 16*) – Euzkaldunak Board
- Spring Show performance (*March 10, 2024*) – Melissa Wolfe
- Euzkaldunak food booth (*July 2024*) – Euzkaldunak Board
- Boiseko Registration 2022 (*Sept. 2024*) – Melissa Wolfe

New and Used Costumes:

New and used costumes can be purchased at the Basque Center on during registration. 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 during registration. They must be measured by the seamstress. Some costumes will require 1-2 fittings. Please call Heather Totoricaguena (208.860.9392) with any questions.

The final day to order new costumes is September 30. A 50% deposit is required for all NEW costumes and pieces ordered at registration. CHECKS ONLY

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 during registration 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. You can pick up your money at the first practice (*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, 2023, 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)

*On occasion, we have allowed children who have not yet turned 4 to practice and perform with the Txikis. This is done on a case-by-case basis. A couple of things to keep in mind: one parent must be present and help teach/corral the kids at each Txiki practice throughout the season. This volunteer assignment does not count towards the two volunteer shifts per family you must complete during the season. In addition, your child will stay in Txikis for three years, and move up to Azkarrak with the other dancers their age after turning six years old.

Practice:

Our first practice will begin 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 masks, dance shoes, water, and restroom breaks taken care of BEFORE practice.

Practice places will be as follows:

Txikituak (txiki) - (4-5 year olds) - Basque Museum Classroom

Azkarrak - (6-7 year olds) - Basque Center Basement

Txulitoak (txulito) - (8-10 year olds) - Fronton Basement

Nagusiak - (11-14 year olds) - Basque Center Main Hall

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

Mandatory Parents' Meeting: *Date TBD at 7:05PM in the Basque Center Card Room (upstairs from the bar)*

Please plan to attend a brief meeting to go over the schedule of events, costuming, the expectations of volunteering, and to be able to ask any questions of the Boiseko Board.

As always, safety is our number one concern; little ones will not be 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 teachers 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 (ALL DATES TENTATIVE):

Boiseko has three main performances during the dancing season. Our Winter Show will be on Sunday, December 3 on the Basque Block (weather permitting). We will break for the holiday season and begin our spring season practices on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 with our Spring Show taking place on Sunday, March 10. We will have one additional practice for San Inazio 2024 on Tuesday, July 23, and our last performance will happen during the festival on Saturday, July 27 on the Basque Block. 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.

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:

Johnny Aldape – Chairman

Phone: 208.761.2121 or email: johnaldape@gmail.com

Heather Totoricaguena – Costumes

Phone: 208.860.9392 or email: htotoricaguena@gmail.com

Nikki Totorica – Music and Musicians

Phone: 208.867.2175 or email: nikkitotorica@gmail.com

Melissa Wolfe – Volunteer Coordinator

Phone 208.890.9371 or email: mwolfe@cosholaw.com

Angela Paz – Registration Coordinator

Email: bdancer83@yahoo.com

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