

## 2023/2024 Encorps Programs

	EXPLORERS	EVOLUTION	ELITE	ECHO	EXPRESSION
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>Focuses on basics on all equipment, movement and single tosses. Promotes healthy competition, encourages friendships and fun. To perform in competition across the Province of Alberta.</p>	<p>Members are challenged on their basic skills with equipment and movement. Tosses become higher and tricks are taught. Members embody their role and sustain their character. Program promotes healthy competition through sportsmanship. Leadership skills are also encouraged and taught. To perform in competition across the Province of Alberta with the possibility of travel to the United States.</p>	<p>Members take their skills to the limit and explore mood, visual musicality and consistency. To perform in competition across the Province of Alberta with the possibility to travel.</p>	<p>This program is for those who who still have a passion for spinning and performing but want to be part of a more comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. To perform in competition across the Province of Alberta with the possibility to travel.</p>	<p>The focus on this program is simply to have fun in a non-competitive atmosphere. Members encourage each other to try something new and challenge each other to step out of their comfort zones, all while learning a new skill. Members could be those who want to gain experience to enter Echo, or are looking for an outlet to perform in a casual atmosphere.</p>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>Suggested age to start: 6 years of age or older (younger members may be accepted at the descretion of the Lead instructor and Program Coordinator) The Lead of Explorers and Evolution along with the Program Coordinator may discuss early entry based on a performers skills and maturity level. For beginners/intermediate performers.</p>	<p>Suggested age of 12 by end of December, or be in grade 7. Members should have at least one year of direct guard experience. The following experience will be considered by audition - dance, baton, or marching and those with under 1 year directly related guard experience. For Intermediate performers.</p>	<p>Suggested age of 17 by end of December. Members should have direct guard experience in a competitive program. The following experience will be considered by audition – dance, baton or marching. For advanced performers.</p>	<p>Suggested age 26+. Members should have direct guard experience in a competitive guard program. For advanced performers.</p>	<p>Suggested age of 21 or older (younger members aged 18-20, may be accepted at the descretion of the Lead instructor and Program Coordinator). Experience not required.</p>

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<b>Additional Criteria</b>	Children should be able to work independent of parent; can pay attention in a group setting and follow directions.	New Member Auditions/Returning Member Evaluations will be scheduled for August. Specific skills that will be required: Movement (rolls on floor, sashay, jazz runs, plies) Flag (left and right: drop spins, butterfly, cones, J-toss, money hand toss) Rifle (left and right: spins, flourish, single and double toss) Sabres (left and right: spins, single blade, single/double hilt) *videos will be made available to review skills	New Member Auditions/Returning Member Evaluations will be scheduled for August. Specific skills that will be required: Movement (into and out of the floor with ease) Flag (ponytail toss, horizontal, turn under equipment) Weapon (Toss 5, turn under equipment). Must have great movement coordination with all equipment.	Should be willing to act as mentors to Explorers, Evolution and Elite members.	Should be comfortable with trying new things, performing in front of hundreds of people and have an open mind and attitude. Members must be "teachable" - willing to take direction.
<b>Things to Consider</b>	Rehearsals: Sundays 12:15pm-2:45pm North Glenmore Park Performances are on weekends in Calgary, Edmonton and Magrath, generally starting end of January.	Rehearsals: Sundays 6pm-8:30pm Location: TBA Perform in Alberta with the possibility to travel to one competition out of Province/Country.	Rehearsals: Sundays 9:30am-12:00pm North Glenmore Park Perform in Alberta with the possibility to travel to one competition out of Province/Country.	Rehearsals: Sundays 3pm-5:30pm North Glenmore Park Perform in Alberta with the possibility to travel to one competition out of Province/Country.	Rehearsals: Sundays 5:45pm-8:15pm North Glenmore Park Performances are on weekends in Calgary, Edmonton and Magrath.
<b>Deadlines</b>	Register by August 1	Register by August 1	Register by August 1	Register by August 1	Register by August 1
<b>Progression</b>	Members may progress up to the next level once they have met the requirements outlined in the Progression Rubric. Members requesting to move up will be advised by email after auditions/evaluations. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.	Members may progress up to the next level once they have met the requirements outlined in the Progression Rubric. Members requesting to move up will be advised by email after auditions/evaluations. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.	Members may progress up to the next level once they have reached the age of 26. Younger members may be considered depending on personal circumstances.		