

Spotlight Festival

*Karen Ogden
Memorial Tournament*

MARCH 9, 2024

ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23RD, 2024

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL
1000 GARDEN AVENUE
WESTLAKE, LA 70669

**CONTEST DIRECTORS:
LORI PERKINS & KRISTI O'QUAIN**

SANCTIONED BY:
UNITED STATES TWIRLING ASSOCIATION



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INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

USTA # _____ Contestant Name: _____

*If you are not a USTA member, you must pay \$5.00 for "Non-Member Contestant" fee to compete.

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Age (08-31-2024): _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Phone: _____ List all instructors – Primary 1st: _____

FOUNDATION EVENTS - \$12.00 per event

***Denotes Non-Sanctioned Events**

- Modeling* ___ Rating* ___ Open
- Basic Strut ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- Military Strut ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- Parade March ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- Presentation ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS - \$15.00 per event

***Denotes Non-Sanctioned Events**

- Solo ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- Artistic Twirl ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- USTA Strut ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- 2 Baton ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- 3 Baton ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- Duet ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- Artistic Pairs ___ Rating* ___ Novice ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced
- X-Strut* ___ Rating* ___ Open*

TITLE EVENTS

***Denotes Non-Sanctioned Events**

- Lady Luck* (Southern Spice Qualifier) - \$25.00 ___ 0-7 Yr ___ 8-10 Yr ___ 11-12 Yr ___ 13-14 yr ___ 15-17 Yr ___ 18+ Yr
- Best Foot Forward* (All levels) - \$25.00 ___ 0-13 Yr ___ 14+ Yr
- Spotlight Prodigy* (Novice) - \$25.00 ___ 0-13 Yr ___ 14+ Yr
- Spotlight Standout* (Beg.) - \$25.00 ___ 0-7 Yr ___ 8-10 Yr ___ 11-12 Yr ___ 13-14 yr ___ 15-17 Yr ___ 18+ Yr
- Spotlight Star* (Int.) - \$30.00 ___ 0-7 Yr ___ 8-10 Yr ___ 11-12 Yr ___ 13-14 yr ___ 15-17 Yr ___ 18+ Yr
- Spotlight Phenom* (Adv.) - \$30.00 ___ 0-7 Yr ___ 8-10 Yr ___ 11-12 Yr ___ 13-14 yr ___ 15-17 Yr ___ 18+ Yr

Elementary/Middle School/High School/UIL/College Classic* - \$25 ___

Name of School: _____

EVALUATIVE EVENTS

- Compulsories - \$15.00 ___ C ___ B ___ BI ___ BII ___ A ___ AA ___ AAA ___ Elite
- Movement/Technique - \$15.00 ___ C ___ B ___ BI ___ BII ___ A ___ AA ___ AAA ___ Elite
- Freestyle - \$25.00 ___ A ___ AA ___ AAA ___ Elite
- Freestyle Pairs - \$25.00 ___ A ___ AA ___ AAA ___ Elite

Partner Name: _____ Usta Id# _____

___ Short Program - \$20.00

___ Collegiate - \$25.00

Name Of University: _____

TOTAL DUE:

Event Subtotal	_____
Non Member Fee (\$5.00)	_____
Surcharge	___ \$8.00 ___
Total Due	_____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Entry Deadline: February 23rd, 2024

Online entry:
<https://form.jotform.com/240224660145144>

Paypal: [PayPalme/USTAtxstatetwirling](#)

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GROUP ENTRY

ONE GROUP PER ENTRY

Team Name: _____

Team Director's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ (confirmation to be sent via email ONLY)

Phone: _____ List all instructors – Primary 1st: _____

Entry MUST include a list of all members age, date of birth, and USTA ID#

Division Teams:

Tiny Tot – 0-7 (no member over the age of 7)
 Primary – average age 9.99
 Juvenile – average age 10.0-13.99
 Junior – average age 14.0-17.99
 Senior – average age 18.0+

Team Size:

Small: 4-8 members
 Large: 9 or more members

Corps & Group Size:

10 or more twirling members

GROUP DISCIPLINES

(Note: Each group entry requires a separate form.)

Group Name: _____ Total Avg. Age (08/31/2024) _____ # of Athletes: _____ # of Alternates: _____

Title(s) of Musical Selection(s): _____

Competitive: \$12.00 per member

Rating: \$10.00 per member

__ TRIO	PRIM. __ JUV. __ JR. __ SR. __	BEG __ INT. __ ADV __	RATING* __		
__ TINY TOT DANCE TWIRL	NOVICE __ A __ AA __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ PRIMARY DANCE TWIRL	NOVICE __ A __ AA __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ JUVENILE DANCE TWIRL	NOVICE __ A __ AA __ AAA __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ JUNIOR DANCE TWIRL	NOVICE __ A __ AA __ AAA __ ELITE __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ SENIOR DANCE TWIRL	NOVICE __ A __ AA __ AAA __ ELITE __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ PRIMARY TWIRL TEAM	NOVICE __ A __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ JUVENILE TWIRL TEAM	NOVICE __ A __ AA __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ JUNIOR TWIRL TEAM	NOVICE __ A __ AA __ AAA __ ELITE __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ SENIOR TWIRL TEAM	NOVICE __ A __ AA __ AAA __ ELITE __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ SHOW TEAM	PRIM. __ JUV. __ JR. __ SR. __		RATING* __	__ SMALL __ LARGE	
__ ENTERTAINMENT CORPS	PRIM./JUV. __ JR./SR. __		RATING* __		
__ PARADE CORPS			RATING* __		
__ ARTISTIC GROUP			RATING* __		

*Denotes USTA Non-Sanctioned Events. You must be a member of the USTA to compete in any sanctioned event. If you are not a USTA member, please go to www.ustawirling.com and fill out your membership online or pay a fee of \$5.00 per Non-member contestant.

TOTAL DUE:	
Event Subtotal	\$ _____
Non-member contestant fee ((\$5.00 – pay only if NOT a USTA member))	\$ _____
Facility Fee ((\$15 one time fee per organization))	\$ _____
Surcharge (per team)	\$ <u>5.00</u> _____
Total Due	\$ _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Entry Deadline: February 23 rd , 2024
Email entry accepted with PayPal payment:
Online entry: https://form.jotform.com/240278405731151
Paypal: PayPalme/USTAtxstatetwirling

TITLE EVENTS

- Best Foot Forward (0-13 yr, 14+ yr.)
Open to all levels: Interview, Artistic Twirl. Judges will be looking for proper training and beautiful choreography regardless of ability level, and a true love for dance and baton twirling that reflects the spirit of our name sake, Karen Ogden. The winner receives a special traveling trophy and cash scholarship and is expected to promote true sportsmanship throughout the year as an ambassador in our sport.
- Spotlight Prodigy (0-7 yr, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17 & 18+ yr.)
Novice only. These athletes are new to twirling, working on basic twirling skills, and are NOT completing more than a one spin. They will compete in modeling, basic strut, and presentation.
- Spotlight Standout (0-7 yr, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17 & 18+ yr.)
Beginner: These athletes have at least one year of twirling experience, can complete basic single or double rolls, and are not completing more than a two spin and single element tricks (toss illusion, toss cartwheel, etc). They will compete in Solo, Strut, and 2-Baton..
- Spotlight Star (0-7 yr, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17 & 18+ yr.)
Intermediate: These athletes have more than one year of twirling experience, can complete combination rolls and are attempting a variety of catches on 2 spins, trying 3 spins, and adding body/catches/spins to high tricks. They will compete in Solo, Strut, and 2-Baton.
- Spotlight Phenom (0-7 yr, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17 & 18+ yr.)
Advanced: These athletes are seasoned competitors. They compete in State events. They will compete in Interview, Solo, Strut, and 2-Baton.
- *Athletes may not enter more than one level.*
- The overall winner in each group will be determined using place points: 1st place=1 point, 2nd place=2 point, etc. For example, an athlete placing 1st in Solo (1 point), 4th in Modeling (4 points), and 2nd in 2-Baton (2 points) would have a total of 1+4+2=7 points. The athlete with the fewest place points in each age division will be the winner. A tie in place points will be broken by combing total scores in all disciplines.
- Music will be the USTA advanced Solo music. Points will not be deducted for finishing early.
- *The Title Events are separate from the “regular” individual competition.

SOUTHERN SPICE QUALIFIER

- Complete with your solo to earn a spot in the combined state finals!
- Top three in each age group (0-7 yr, 8-10 yr, 11-12 yr, 13-14 yr, 15-17 yr, 18+ yr) will advance to our tournament finals.
- We will have 3 champions from each tournament based on the age break down:
 - Juvenile Champion - will advance to the Louisiana/Texas Southern Spice Champion event
 - Junior Champion - will advance to the Louisiana/Texas Southern Spice Champion event
 - Senior Champion - will advance to the Louisiana/Texas Southern Spice Champion event
- Please note that once you have been awarded the champion at any of the participating contests this season, you may not enter this event again.
- Once you qualify you must sign an intent to compete form and an entry fee will be due in the amount of \$25.00 for competing at the Louisiana/Texas “Southern Spice” event.

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE CLASSIC

- Performed to your own music.
- Time limit – 2-2:30 minutes max.
- May use one or more batons.
- Age divisions are split into four groups–
 - Elementary School K-5
 - Middle School 6-8
 - High School 9-12
 - Collegiate – for anyone enrolled in undergraduate or graduate level courses

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Entering more than one level:
 - Effective September 1st, 2019, athletes may only enter “one level up” from their current level in a particular event. For example, a Beginner athlete may enter Intermediate, not Advanced since that would be TWO levels up.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- This is a USTA sanctioned contest with USTA rules, regulations, judges and music.
- Only baton events are sanctioned by the United States Twirling Association.
- Non-sanctioned events will be noted with an asterisk on the entry form.
- No refunds for any reason (other than cancellation of the entire event). Postponement due to weather is NOT a cancellation.
- Neither contest directors or contest facilities will be responsible for accidents, injuries or loss of property.
- Program will be emailed to coaches only to check for errors.
- Contestants will compete at the age they are as of August 31st of contest year.
- There is a non-member fee of \$5.00 for individuals. USTA memberships may be purchased at ustwirling.com
- Set system will be utilized. See program, note set, and lane for each event entered.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
- Rule changes made by USTA Board of Directors will automatically go into effect at proper time and take priority over those stated.
- Entering more than one level: Effective September 1, 2019, athletes may only enter one level up from their current level in a particular event. For example, a Beginner athlete may enter Intermediate, not Advanced, since that would be two levels up.
- Group/Freestyle comments will be provided via digital recording and emailed to coaches (or scoresheets).
- Music for groups/freestyles must be emailed to twirlp@yahoo.com prior to competition.
- Team/corp age division is determined by averaging age of members. You may enter older division if at least one member is in that division.
- Athlete may be a member of more than one team/corp, but team must be in separate categories. Athlete cannot compete against self.
- If team/corp member cannot perform on contest day and it changes category entered, team may perform for Evaluation only.
- SMOKING PROHIBITED anywhere on school property and at USTA competitions.
- A 1st place win is a “win” with more than one athlete in each category.
- Novice – contestant/group who has won less than 3 competitive first place awards in that event.
- Beginner – contestant/group who has won less than 5 competitive first place awards in that event.
- Intermediate – contestant/group who has won less than 10 competitive first place awards in that event.
- Advanced – contestant/group who has won 10 or more competitive first place awards in that event.
- USTA recognizes all other twirling organizations 1st place wins, except USTA Strut.
- The main goal of USTA is the development and promotion of *Good Sportsmanship*. Therefore, athlete/group may enter one level above current classification.
- Critique events – comments will be provided via digital recording and emailed (or scoresheets).
- Contest director has the right to combine/divide age groups as entries warrant.
- In the event of a discrepancy, the judge's master is final.
- Age groups and awards may vary slightly at the discretion of the Contest Director.
- \$30.00 NSF fee for returned checks.
- You may evaluate no more than 2 levels of Compulsories or Movement Technique at any event.
- The Westlake High School Color guard will charge an admission fee for spectators. Please support their concession stand as well for fundraising efforts.

Catherine Lewis Memorial Essay Scholarship



Catherine Golden Lewis was a life-long resident of Sulphur, LA. She was fascinated with baton twirling during her younger years and often laughed as she told the story of how she ended up a drummer instead of a twirler because of a silly waist wrap that flew across the gym floor at her one and only audition for high school majorette. By the time she made it back from retrieving her baton from that waist wrap at the beginning of her routine, unfortunately the music was over, and so were her dreams of becoming a majorette. However, she felt blessed to spend all of her adult life around our sport because of her daughter, Lori, who began lessons at 3 years old and is still involved today, and her granddaughter, Emily, whom she cherished and was truly her biggest fan. Catherine was extremely creative and made some beautiful costumes and pageant dresses over the years, and she supported every twirler with love and compassion at every opportunity.

She is dearly missed, but her legacy will live on through our essay competition which is designed to help all twirlers become better communicators and instill the values of sportsmanship and camaraderie that are most important in any activity. Thank you all for participating and please remember that your twirling teacher and supporters care far more about you than the reach of your twirling success.

Junior (0-14) Writing Prompt - How would you describe baton twirling to your friends that may not have heard of our sport?

Senior (15 & over) Writing Prompt - How will baton twirling prepare you for your future as an adult?

Scholarship - \$150
Due April 7th
submit to staceelynngomez@gmail.com
200-500 words
Winner Awarded at State

CATHERINE LEWIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

- The Catherine Lewis Memorial Essay Competition will award \$150 scholarships to one junior athlete ages 0-14, and to one senior athlete ages 15 and over.
- Essays are due by April 7th to staceyllynnngomez@gmail.com
- Will be judged by a panel of 3, including Jeffrey Lewis, son of Catherine.
- Essays should be between 200-500 words and can be typed or handwritten.

Junior Writing Prompt (0-14 yrs) - How would you describe baton twirling to your friends that may not have heard of our sport?

Senior Writing Prompt (15+ yrs) - How will baton twirling prepare you for your future as an adult?

WAIVER/INDEMNITY OF LIABILITY: I agree to assume the risk of any injury that may happen to me (or my child) as a result of participation in a USTA sanction event. I further agree to indemnify and hold the United States Twirling Association, Texas Twirling Council, Westlake High School, Calcasieu School District and their agents, or employees harmless from any loss sustained as a result of injury to me (or my child) as a result of participation in USTA events. I have read the "Parents/Legal Guardians Responsibilities" in Section 1 of the current edition of the USTA Information, Procedures and Rules manual. As a condition for USTA's acceptance of my (or my child's) entry in a USTA event, I agree to abide by and perform each of the duties set forth in that Section. By participating in a USTA event, I give USTA permission to use photos and video of myself (or my children) taken in conjunction with a USTA event.

Signed (by Parent/Guardian if under 18) _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____