FAQ Neelah Debs

Q: What is the Neelah Deb responsibilties?

A: Debs will practice every Sunday starting August 2, 2020 through Oct. 25, 2020 with the exception of Sunday, September 6th. Summer vacations and school activities are excused. Practice times will be announced but are generally in the late afternoon and last for an hour to an hour and a half. Debs are also asked to help serve at the Pop Party and Queen's Tea which are held on separate Sunday afternoons in the month of October. Performances are Monday, Oct. 26 and Tuesday, Oct. 27th. During this time, you are representing Neewollah. You are asked to support one another and the queen candidates.

Q: How are Debs selected?

A: Neelah Debs are high school sophomores. An application must be filled and returned on or before the application deadline. Deadline will be posted on the Neewollah website and Facebook page. A selection committee reviews the applications and applies a rubric based on the information provided in the application. The rubric accounts for academic performance, student Neewollah experience, family Neewollah experience and student activity involvement and citizenship. More information regarding this can be found on the application.

Q: How many Debs are selected?

A: The number of Debs is determined by the Generalissimo each year and varies.

Q: Do I have to have dance experience?

A: No, a Deb does not have to have previous dance experience. That's why practices start in early August.

Q: What does it cost to be a Deb?

A: Neelah Debs are asked to furnish shoes and basic costume pieces such as tights. (Not to exceed \$75.00) Neewollah will purchase your costume. The costume will be property of Neewollah unless you want to purchase it as a souvenir.

Q: What should I list on my application in regards to Neewollah activities?

A: List anything and everything you've done to participate or help with Neewollah since you can remember. This might include running in the Fun Run as a child, running in the 5K and 10K, trying out or being in a Neewollah musical. The more you list the better but remember, it must be legitimate.

Q: Can a Deb also be in the Musical or part of the Musical orchestra?

A: Yes, you will be very busy on Sunday afternoons but you can participate in both. Please let the Musical Producers, Queen Directors and the Deb co-chairs know you are in both so we can accomodate you.

Q: Who can attend the practices?

A: The Debs, Escorts, Deb and Escort Chairs and the dance choreographer are the only individuals that can attend practices. The Generalissimo, Queen Directors and Co-Chairs or members from the Neewollah Board may also attend but it won't be on a regular basis.

Q: How will I be notified if I'm a Deb?

A: A letter will be mailed to all applicants' home address. The letter will contain a link and an announcement date and time. You can visit the link at the specified date and time to see if your name is listed.

Neewollah is fortunate to receive a lot of applicants for both Debs and Escorts. And while Neewollah would love to have room for everyone to participate, it's simply not feasible. If you are not selected, please don't let that ruin your summer. There are many opportunities every year and in the future to enjoy what Neewollah has to offer. We truly appreciate your interest.