

## SCCT 2023 SUMMER CAMPS: General Information and FAQs

Enrollment in SCCT Summer Camps is open to children ages 3-17. Registrants ages 3-5 must be fully potty-trained and independent in the restroom. Any questions or needs regarding SCCT Summer Camps can be addressed with **SCCT Education Associate, Anna Bowman** at **864.235.2885 ext 105** or by email at [anna@scchildrenstheatre.org](mailto:anna@scchildrenstheatre.org).

**LOCATION** SCCT Summer Camps take place at South Carolina Children's Theatre at 153 Augusta Street. The entrance for Summer Camps is around the back of the building. Look for the DROP OFF sign.

**REGISTRATION and NOTIFICATIONS** To register online, please visit [scchildrenstheatre.org](http://scchildrenstheatre.org) and click on the Summer Camps 2023 tab. Online payment must be made with a credit card. You may also register by phone on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. **Our camps tend to sell-out so don't delay in enrolling in the ones that you like.**

Following registration, you will receive a confirmation email as well as a reminder email the week before your camp starts. Please pay close attention to the details of your camp. Needs vary from camp to camp, based on theme or length.

**REFUNDS/CANCELLATION** If you cancel no later than 10 days before your first class, tuition less a \$30 Class Cancellation Fee will be refunded. If you cancel less than 10 days before class begins, no refund or credit will be issued. If summer plans change at the last minute, we will gladly switch you to another camp if space is available. However, fees for camps cannot be transferred to other semesters. SCCT reserves the right to cancel classes that have not met enrollment minimums before the first class. Classes, faculty, and schedule are subject to change.

**WAITING LISTS** We do keep a waiting list on all camps that fill and if enough people are on it, we will try to add another session of the camp or switch rooms to allow for a higher number of students.

**COVID PRECAUTIONS** Masks are OPTIONAL for everyone – students & teachers alike. We will fully support anyone's choice to wear a mask. Everyone washes hands upon arrival, and before and after snack breaks. The snack break for campers will take place outside weather permitting. We will continue to monitor the COVID situation in our area and reserve the right to make adjustments to safety protocols accordingly.

**SNACK** All 3hr camps will take a snack break. WE DO **NOT** HAVE VENDING MACHINES. We encourage you to send snack bags & water bottles LABELLED with your child's name. Please be aware that many children have very serious nut allergies and can be affected if they breathe near children eating nut-based food or touch the hand of a child who has touched nuts. Please avoid sending food that has nuts of any kind in it.

**LUNCH** Our Education Lobby is available for students who are taking a morning and an afternoon camp. Students are welcome to stay and have lunch (pack as typical for school) and read a book or watch a movie until their next camp starts. Please be aware that many children have very serious nut allergies and can be affected if they breathe near children eating nut-based food or touch the hand of a child who has touched nuts. Please avoid sending food that has nuts of any kind in it.

*(Please note! 3-6 yr old 9:30am-12:30pm campers MAY **NOT** stay through lunch to take the 2:30-5:30pm Creative Drama & Craft Play camp—there are no staff members available to oversee them from 1:30-2:30pm.)*

**SIBLINGS** – if siblings are in 2 different morning or afternoon camps, it is fine to drop them both off at the earlier camp start time. We can also chaperone morning campers until their sibling comes out of camp and escort them both out at the later pick-up time. However, afternoon siblings will have to be picked up independently, as we do not have chaperones available in the afternoon. Just drive up to pick up the first sibling, head to a parking space, then pull back in line to pick up the 2<sup>nd</sup> sibling.

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**DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES** Our Parking Lot is a Pay Lot except for SCCT Students WITH a dash card displayed—please request one at the Education Door on your first camp day.

**DROP OFF** When the DROP OFF sign is out, we are ready to receive your student. Students may be dropped off at the sidewalk/covered breezeway to walk up to the Education Door on their own or park in the lot and caregivers can escort students to the door. Please only drop off 5 minutes before camp starts.

**EARLY DROP OFF** Is available for morning camp students beginning at 8:30am for parents who **need** to get to work. Students will watch a movie in our Education Lobby until their camp starts. For EARLY DROP OFF, please park and escort your camper to the Education Door to check in.

**PICKUP** All campers will be walked out to the car pick up line at the end of their camp. Please line up for your camp pickup no earlier than 5 minutes before your camp end time—we have multiple camps releasing throughout the day and a fairly small area for cars to line up without blocking traffic on Augusta St. Simply park in our lot until it is time to line up. We do not allow students to walk to a parked car without a caregiver to escort them from the sidewalk.

**WHAT TO WEAR** Students should dress comfortably – skirts and dresses are not recommended—light layers are ideal. For young campers, please make sure they are in clothes that allow them to successfully undress/redress themselves as needed to go to the bathroom. Campers should wear shoes that remain securely on their feet—**NO FLIP-FLOPS OR CLOGS PLEASE!**

**ATTENDANCE** Students should plan to attend the entire week of camp. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please email the instructor. If you will miss the first day, please notify SCCT Registrar. Because each class builds on skills and activities from the previous day, absences affect preparation for the sharing on Friday and may affect a student's participation. There are no refunds or make-up classes for days your student is absent.

**SHARINGS** Our “sharings” are informal performances. Our goal is to engage the students in preparing for the low-pressure performance, without causing undue anxiety and not spending every minute of class time solely repeating rehearsals. The “sharings” will not be highly polished and will be very low tech as our primary goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable class experience, filled with group interaction and fun.

***We will record the end-of-week “sharing” for most camps and send parent’s the video link.** Due to limited space for audiences in our classrooms, we will record the end-of-week “sharing” for most classes and send parent’s the video link allowing each family to celebrate their child’s performance at a time convenient for everyone in the family and making it possible to easily share with distant family members. The student is also able to see their performance on screen! And you can opt to download the video directly from the link provided to keep forever.*

***Some camps are primarily activity-based the sharing video will contain a “year-book” sampling of various activities throughout the week, rather than a standard performance.** Instead of spending rehearsal time each day in preparation for a “performance,” which unavoidably feels repetitive to most students, the students in this camp get to change up their activities every day. Great option for summer! Drama skills are still used in exercises, just no required memorization of lines or movement.*

**CAREGIVER ATTENDANCE** Caregivers and siblings are allowed into the Education Lobby during camp times (though not allowed in the actual classrooms). Caregivers are welcome to escort their child into the building and meet the teacher at the check-in table, but if you elect to remain during your child’s camp, please make chairs in the Education Lobby available for our campers—it’s a busy place! Caregivers may also elect to wait at the end of the breezeway to receive their child at the end of camp, but please note, we do not allow students to walk to a parked car without a caregiver to escort them from the sidewalk across the traffic lanes.

**ACCOMODATIONS to SPECIAL NEEDS** There is a field on the online registration form to list allergies and any other special needs. You may also email specifics to your instructor (when you receive your reminder email which includes their email address a week before your camp starts) of any medical conditions, allergies (especially food allergies), learning/processing issues or special needs that were listed on your registration. Teachers can only accommodate students’ specific needs when they are made aware of them. This includes any reading difficulties, processing or stimulus issues, or behavioral anomalies. If given enough advance notice, class activities can be altered, additional staff can be added, or teachers can shift class conduct expectations to ensure that all students are engaged and comfortable. Open communication with families helps us create a successful environment for every student.