

## SCCT 2024 SUMMER CAMPS: General Information and FAQs

Enrollment in SCCT Summer Camps is open to children ages 3-17. Registrants 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 extension 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** Registration begins March 13, 2024. Prices listed for each class reflect a \$25 early enrollment discount until April 16. On April 17, online tuition listings will automatically reflect the full tuition amount. To register online, please visit [scchildrenstheatre.org](http://scchildrenstheatre.org) and click on the EDUCATION and then CLASSES tabs. Online payment must be made with a credit card. You may also register by phone (please realize Anna is sometimes teaching instead of at her desk so leave a detailed msg please). **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 summer cannot be transferred to later semesters. SCCT reserves the right to cancel camps 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 STOCKED 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.)*

**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 and cover their toes—**NO FLIP-FLOPS OR CLOGS PLEASE!**

**SIBLINGS** – siblings in 2 different morning or afternoon camps, can be dropped off at the earlier camp start time. We can also chaperone morning campers until their sibling comes out of their 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. Just drive up to pick up the first sibling, park, then pull back in line to pick up the 2<sup>nd</sup> sibling.

**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 if you plan to park and leave your car unattended.

**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 you can 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 and for a student to leave our property unaccompanied, we will need written permission in advance from parent/guardian.

**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. There are no refunds or make-up classes for days your student is absent.

**Activity Based Camp:** In our Activity-Based Camps, children dive into the world of theatre through high-energy activities and games. The focus here is on exploration and enjoyment rather than the pressure of perfecting performances. Through improvisation, character development, and exploring dramatic interpretations, kids develop a range of skills, including communication, creativity, empathy, and problem-solving. The camp fosters a supportive environment where children can express themselves freely and engage in purposeful physical expression. Teachers capture memorable moments on video throughout the week to create a keepsake for parents (via a Vimeo link after the camp concludes), but the primary goal is to keep children engaged and having fun.

**Performance Based Camp:** Our Performance-Based Camps offer children the opportunity to experience the thrill of preparing for a live performance. While still engaging in theatre games and activities, the focus is on honing skills for polished performances. Children build confidence, discipline, and focus through character development, staging scenes, and regular rehearsals. They learn the importance of commitment and hard work in achieving their goals. Although the emphasis is on preparing for a performance, the camp maintains a supportive atmosphere, allowing flexibility for young performers who may have challenging days. Parents receive recordings of the performance (via a Vimeo link after the camp concludes) to share with friends and family, capturing the culmination of their child's hard work and dedication.

**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, 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. And to leave the property unaccompanied, we will need written permission.

**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.