



# AMERICAN STAGE

## Summer Camp FAQs & Policies

### Why should I choose American Stage Summer Programs for my child?

**Professional Staff:** Our instructors are trained, working theatre professionals, many with BA or MFA degrees. All Teaching Artists complete background screenings and are passionate about theatre and education. We maintain a low teacher-to-student ratio (1:10, often 1:8) with at least two instructors per classroom to ensure individualized attention.

**Process-Oriented Learning:** Our programs emphasize skill-building and collaboration. Students gain practical theatre tools they can use beyond camp, including character creation, script analysis, storytelling through voice and movement, active listening, and ensemble work.

**Unique & Stress-Free Environment:** We encourage students to think creatively and explore their own unique artistic voices. Our goal is to nurture confidence and creativity in a positive, low-stress environment where every student feels supported.

### Does my child need previous theatre experience?

Not at all! All that's needed is enthusiasm and a desire to explore theatre. Our Teaching Artists provide personal coaching and guidance to every student. Beginners receive a strong foundation in theatre skills, while experienced students are challenged and encouraged to grow further.

### Inclusion Policy

Theatre helps us learn about ourselves and others. Inclusion is central to the American Stage Education mission. Our Teaching Artists are trained to work with students of diverse learning styles, abilities, and neurodiverse backgrounds.

Our priority is to create a safe, welcoming environment where students feel comfortable being themselves and building trust with peers. A student will only be removed if their behavior is physically or emotionally harmful to others.



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## How can I register my child for camp?

You may register [online](#), by phone at 727-823-7529, by email at [education@americanstage.org](mailto:education@americanstage.org), or in person by appointment. Payment is due at the time of registration, either in full or through an automatic payment plan. All registrations are subject to a registration fee.

## What are my payment options?

**Online Registration:** Credit or debit card required. Pay in full or enroll in a Deferred Payment Plan with the first installment due at registration.

**Cash or Check:** Available for in-person registration only. Payment in full required. Email [education@americanstage.org](mailto:education@americanstage.org) to schedule an appointment.

## Are financial assistance or special discounts available?

Yes! We offer:

- **Financial Aid** is available by completing the [online application](#). Applications must be submitted by the stated deadline; late submissions will not be reviewed.
- We also offer a **10% Military and Teacher Discount** with valid ID. This discount can only be applied by phone or in person and cannot be combined with other offers.
- Returning campers receive a special discount, which is shared via email.

## What happens after registration is complete?

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email from our Coursestorm platform. At least one week before camp begins, families will receive a **Welcome Packet** from our Education Team with first-day instructions, Teaching Artist information, and logistics details.

## Attendance Policy

Regular, punctual attendance is essential. Please arrive at least 5 minutes early so class can begin on time. If your child will be late or absent, please notify the Summer Camp Manager. Only students who are fully registered may attend camp. Guests are not permitted in classrooms.



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## **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellations must be made at least 7 days prior to the start of your child's camp session. A \$40 cancellation fee will apply, and the remaining tuition will be refunded. Cancellations received fewer than 7 days before the session begins, or after the session has started, are non-refundable.

## **Can I change my child's camp after enrolling?**

Yes. Camp changes are possible as long as you notify us at least 7 days before the camp start date and space is available. If the camps are the same length and price, there is no additional fee. If the new camp has a different price, you will be responsible for paying any remaining balance.

## **What should my camper wear?**

- Comfortable clothing suitable for movement
- Closed-toed shoes are required
- Shorts or leggings must be worn under skirts or dresses
- Long pants or athletic shorts are preferred

## **Does the camp include lunch?**

Lunch is not included. Please provide: A healthy daily snack and a bottle of water.

\* Please note that Peanuts and peanut products are not allowed due to allergy safety policies.

## **End-of-Session Sharings & Performances**

At the end of each session, Kids and Youth campers share their work with family and friends through original scenes and a song and/or dance performance. Teens in four-week performance camps present a one-hour Junior musical.

Final sharings take place at the end of each session, and parents receive costume requirements and additional details during the week.

**If you have any other questions, please contact us at [education@americanstage.org](mailto:education@americanstage.org)**