

FAQ Performing Arts Camps

How do I register? All the information regarding the camps and the registration forms can be found on our website at <http://www.confederationcentre.com/en/summer-camps.php>. You can either print & complete the registration form and email it back to me with payment or drop off the signed form and payment in the Arts Education Dropbox at the Richmond Street entrance of the Confederation Centre by the commissionaire' desk. Please write date when dropped off on the envelope or registration form.

I don't want spam-why do you need my email address? We use the email address as the most efficient way to communicate with parents as a group before the camp to provide reminders of what children need to bring (or not bring) with them on a daily basis, as well as to notify parents on locations and times of the final performance. This is also the address we will use to email the receipt for payment of registration which will come labelled from "Box Office". This email address will also be used for contact in regards to tax receipts so it is important that it is one that is checked regularly.

My child turns 7 in the autumn-why can't she join this summer? The general rule is 7 years and up, not because of talent or ability. In our experience, 7 year olds tend to have that little bit more independence than do 6 year olds, and while we understand that children mature and grow at different paces, when you have 20 children in a group for a short amount of time, a little lack of independence (like tying shoes) can have a massive impact on the schedule! Furthermore, the age guidelines are essential when it comes to reading skills. From our experience, the 6 year olds have a harder time reading and memorizing the scripts in a very short period of time which makes it more difficult for the child and the other campers, as well as the instructors.

What will my child do all day? The students participate in a variety of activities exploring dance, music (vocal) and dramatic skills. These are designed to build up skills and confidence as they also will have a script and rehearse and work towards performing a short play on the final afternoon. The maximum is 20 children per group, though we generally seem to sit around 15 children with 3 instructors. During the 5 day Performing Arts Camps campers do get to watch a matinee performance of *Anne* and have a backstage tour as well. The camps run from 9am- 4pm, and drop-off is in Memorial Hall at the Confederation Centre or pick up from Victoria Row if the weather is good.

What if I am late dropping off? Where will I find the campers? If the campers are not in Memorial Hall, they most likely can be found in our rehearsal space on the top floor of St Paul's Parish Hall (101 Prince Street). If you will be late dropping off your child (or need to collect for a dentist/doctor appointment), please do let us know by email or by phone. As much advance notice as possible would be greatly appreciated!

What if I need to drop off/pick up my child early or later due to my work schedule? The instructors arrive at 8:30am, and generally leave shortly after the end of camp-usually by 4:15pm. As long as you are comfortable with your child being on their own (and there are chairs & benches to sit and read) then that is fine with us to have them dropped off earlier/picked up later, as long as you are clear that they will be unsupervised during those times and the Confederation Centre of the Arts is not responsible for them during those times.

I work downtown-can my child leave of his own accord? If you would like your child to make their own way home or to your place of work at the end of the camp (or just on a certain day), that is not a problem. We ask that this be made clear, preferably in writing, to myself and the instructors.

Where are the end of camp performances held? The plays are generally performed in the amphitheatre (weather permitting) or in Memorial Hall if it is raining. Occasionally there might be a wedding booked and in that case, the performance will be held in the upstairs hall at St Paul's Parish Hall (101 Prince Street). Parents, friends and family are welcomed and encouraged to come and watch!

What changes to the schedule when they see a matinee performance? On the days when the campers attend a Wednesday matinee performance of *Anne of Green Gables- the Musical*TM, the campers will be finished later than normal at around 4:30pm. Pick up is still from Memorial Hall or on Victoria Row if the weather is fine.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

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