



Kingdom Performing Arts Academy

Summer Arts Camp

FAQs

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TEACHERS & OTHER PERSONNEL

Who are your teachers and staff? We recruit and work with performing arts professionals for whom instructing youth in the arts is a passion. Our Specialists are professional working artists/performers who are screened vigorously to ensure they are a great fit for our programs – they are high-energy, collaborative, and kid-centered.

Do your instructors and directors have to undergo background checks?

Yes, all of the staff members who have regular contact with young people undergo a criminal background check before they are hired as well as Mandated Reporter Training. Our staff is also CPR Certified.

PROGRAM & CURRICULUM

Are there auditions for your programs? At this time, we do not require auditions for our summer camps. In order to be successful in our programs, students should have the ability to focus; exhibit characteristics of patience, cooperation; and positive attitude. Our educational, ensemble-based approach to casting and rehearsing gives young performers of all experience and ability-levels the opportunity to be successful.

What specific skills will my child learn in the program?

Our programs are intended to be well-rounded – with skill-building in acting, music production, and creative movement – as well as some exposure to the technical theater like costumes, scenic, and props. Our artistic director ensures that students' learning in the program correlates with as much of the state and national curriculum in the Visual and Performing Arts as possible. Prior to the start of each program, parents receive a brief syllabus, which lists the specific learning objectives for the program or camp. We also will explain a bit more about the curriculum and answer your questions at our opening parent meeting on the first day of the program.

SUMMER CAMP

Where is camp held? KPA² Summer Arts Camp is held at Mayfair Academy of Fine Arts 8701 S. Bennett, Chicago, IL.

What does a typical summer camp day look like? Camps are structured to be a great blend of skill-building, rehearsing for the show, exploring theatre and other arts, and recreational/social activities. Although each day of the week is slightly different, a “typical” day might look like this:



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7-9a	AM ROUTINE				
9:00a	Morning Meeting/ Character Building/ Reflective Activity				
9:30a	Group Theater Games				
10:00a	Specialty Workshop	Specialty Workshop	Specialty Workshop	Specialty Workshop	SPECIAL EVENT FLOW
12:00p	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:30a	FREE-TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
1:00p	Specialty Workshop	Specialty Workshop	Specialty Workshop	Specialty Workshop	Showcase Prep/ SPECIAL EVENT FLOW
3:00p	Showcase Prep	Showcase Prep	Showcase Prep	Showcase Prep	
4:00p- 6:00p	PM Routine	PM Routine	PM Routine	PM Routine	

◆ Fridays are reserved for Special Events, “Dress Up” Day or Outings/Field Trips.

What kinds of recreational activities do you have planned during Summer Camp?

Every Friday is a special activity like a special talent show or a field trip the park for sprinkler or swimming pool. We also do “show & tell” for the other camps, and participate in all-camp dress up days. And of course, every day is filled with lots and lots of theatre games!

What about lunch and snack breaks?

A nutritional lunch is provided for our campers, however, campers may bring their own lunch and something healthy for snack time. Remember, it will be hot and we will be moving around a lot, so lots and lots of water or other hydrating fluids are recommended, too. Occasionally, we will surprise our campers with a special treat like popsicles or ice cream. Upon registration, we ask that you include detailed information about your child’s food allergies or restrictions.

What if my child gets hurt or sick during camp?

This is the reason it is so important to fill out your enrollment form completely and accurately – including two phone numbers and including all allergies and potential medical issues. Although our campers are well-supervised and safety is our top priority, theatre is a physical endeavor, and from time to time accidents do happen – bumps, bruises, cuts. Our staff have access to first aid kit for very minor issues. And if campers have anything that requires additional attention, we will immediately contact parents by phone. Our staff is **not** authorized to give campers aspirin or Tylenol or any other medication without written consent from parents.

Why is Summer Camp tuition so costly?

Our tuition is based on the number of instructional hours in the camp. When you break down the tuition cost, it comes to less than \$2.5-\$5/hour. We believe the quality of our programs speaks for itself, and that our tuition is more than competitive with other similar programs. Remember, we also offer financial aid when available (scholarships – on a first-come, first-served basis), and all programs have a payment plan option, with auto payments up to 3 equal payments. For more information on financial aid, please complete the Financial Aid application.



Do you offer Extended camp care?

Our Extended Camp Care program is offered before regular camp from 7:00am – 9:00am and after the regular camp day from 4:00pm-9:00am by reservation, for an additional cost. Extended Camp staff will provide activities in the theater arts, games, and snack time.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

One of the cornerstones of our program is a good relationship with the families – open, communicative, proactive, and collaborative. To this end, we have in place several intentional ways to interact with parents:

- A welcome meeting on the first day of the program, where we introduce our staff, discuss the curriculum and go over policies and procedures. At this meeting, we also encourage parents to meet each other in order to begin to develop carpooling, playdates, etc.
- A website that contains schedules, policies, procedures, forms, and contact information.
- KPA2 #Slack Channel. We'll be using our KPA² #Slack channel for camp communication, information and updates while your camper is at KPA². You'll get an invite once you have registered for camp. It's a great tool for organizing teams and we've elected to use it, instead of an app. It allows you to create channels for communication based around a specific interest or topic. We will also use it to communicate specific class information.
- For fully-produced programs, requests for help during Load-In, Tech Week, and Showcase Days– We will ask for help with set-building/painting, costume fittings, supervision during longer rehearsals and performances, and help with box office and backstage during shows. We also ask for parents to coordinate a final cast party for the students – an important highlight of the programs.
- At summer camp, help with supervision of Friday activities / outings – whenever additional staffing is needed.