

Circus Summer Camp FAQ

Q: What are the ages for campers?

A: Ages 6-15 (must have been born before 9/1/2011)

Q: What are your camp hours?

A: 9AM to 3PM (drop off begins at 8:55AM)

Q: Do you have pre-care and aftercare?

A: Yes

Q: How much does pre-care cost and what are the hours?

A: \$25 per week – hours are M-F 8AM – 8:55AM - No snacks provided

Q: How much does aftercare cost and what are the hours?

A: \$50 per week – hours are M-F 3:15PM-6PM - Snack provided, 35 mins of circus programming, movie time (SCHEDULE PROVIDED)

Q: Do you have pre-care and aftercare sibling discounts?

A: Yes – take \$5 off the session prices for siblings. For example a family with 2 children enrolled in pre-care would pay \$25 for one child and \$20 for the other child.

Q: Do you have per day pre-care and aftercare prices?

A: No, prices are set per session. Pre-enrollment required, no drop-ins. Space is limited. Enrollment on a first come first served basis.

Q: Where is your camp located?

A: The Sailor Circus Arena - 2075 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota FL. 34239

Q: Can I register online?

A: No - visit our website at circusarts.org/summercamp and download the forms. If you do not receive confirmation in 2 days, please call to confirm that we received your forms.

Q: What should my child wear to circus camp?

A: Circus girls: leotards or one piece bathing suits with leggings or shorts to go over leotards; hair ties (hair must be up if long), closed toed shoes and socks are preferred. For Circus boys: tee shirts, gym shorts, briefs (no boxer shorts), sliders or leggings for aerialist, closed toed shoes.

Q: What should my child bring to camp every day?

A: Healthy lunch, refillable water bottle with your Childs' name on it, a smile ☺

Q: What should my child NOT wear or bring to camp?

A:

1. We do not allow soda, gum or candy, cookies other junk food at camp. Please don't send it with your child.
2. ABSOLUTELY NO NUT PRODUCTS AT CAMP!!!!
3. NO pajamas, cargo shorts or jeans, flip flops, sandals or slippers
4. NO jewelry, or watches, or other valuables are allowed at camp
5. NO Electronics such as cell phones, lap tops, mini computers, I pods, MP3 players, money or checks, and portable game consoles.

Q: Do you provide lunch?

A: No, but we do provide refrigerated storage for your lunch containers from home

Q: Do you provide snacks?

A: Yes, healthy snacks are provided twice a day. Students with special dietary needs should provide their own snacks.

Q: Where should I drop off my child, do I have to come in?

A: Drop off and pick up parking are located in the EAST PARKING Lot of Sarasota High School. Drive past the big top heading east on Bahia Vista Street and make your second left into the gates. You must come in to sign your child in and out each day.

Q: What are the dates of the showcases? All showcases are from 4:30pm-6pm

A: Session 1 showcase: JUNE 16

Session 2 showcase: JUNE 23

Session 3 showcase: JUNE 30

Session 4 showcase: JULY 21

Session 5 showcase: JULY 28

Session 6 showcase: AUG 4

Session 7 showcase: AUG 11

Q: Are the showcases free to attend?

A: Beyond immediate family, we ask for a small donation of \$5 per person to support the outreach programs that operate in the arena though-out the year.

Q: What is a typical day like at circus camp?

A: A typical day begins with a warm up and group stretch, 1-2 warm up circus activities (like circus relay, low wire, unicycle, trampoline, hula hooping, or juggling) snack, showcase act rehearsal, lunch, theatre games (air conditioned time to cool off) arts and circus crafts, showcase act rehearsal, snack, check-out and group games, dismissal

Q: How are the students separated into groups?

A: The students are separated first by age into a HOME group where they will have 1 counselor and 2-3 junior counselors assisting them; and then by interest and ability into a SHOWCASE ACT group. Showcase acts groups will encompass all ages and have a lead trainer that maybe the same counselor as their home group counselor, or may not be.

Q: How does the camp place the students into their showcase act groups?

A: On the first day of camp we "round robin" and have the student try out each of the different acts that are offered for that session. The counselors evaluate each student at the end of the different events. The students are evaluated on their ability to take direction, natural talents, potential to learn, strength, prior circus or comparable experience, and general attitude. The students also provide us with their top 3 choices of acts at the end of the round robin experience. Based on the counselor recommendations and the student's interest, we cast the acts for the showcase.

Q: If my child does not make it into their top choice, will they still have a chance to practice that activity at camp?

A: Yes

Q: What is Water Day?

A: Water day is typically the first Wednesday of the session. We rent a giant waterslide and set it up so that the students have a chance to literally cool off during the week and give their bodies a break from the showcase training schedule. On water day we also fly the students on the aerial straps and flying trapeze.

Q: What should I pack on Water Day?

A: A swim suit, towel, change of clothes. Please apply sunscreen prior to camp or send campers with spray sunscreen.

Q: What if it rains on Water day?

A: If water day is slated for rain, we typically set up the waterslide inside the arena, or have a camp wide circus relay Olympics.

Q: Are there scheduled field trips?

A: NO.

Q: Do you offer scholarships?

A: We do offer need based scholarships. Please download the application from our website at www.circusarts.org/summercamp and submit the required documents prior to the deadline to be considered. Any questions please call 941.556.5480