

DDP Performing Arts Academy Summer Musical Theatre Camp FAQs For In-Person Camp

What are the dates and time?

This year we have 3 weeks of options. Week 2 of camp is July 5-10; Week 5 is July 26-31; Week 6 is Aug. 2-7; All In-Person Weeks run Monday through Saturday, with no camp on Wednesdays due to a matinee in the theatre. Camp time is 9:00AM-3:00PM daily. Please be prompt for drop-offs and pickups - we have full days planned. Please do not arrive earlier than 8:45AM as no staff will be in the building yet.

Where do I go?

As part of our Covid safety plan, all students can be dropped off at the front door where staff will meet them and bring them inside. We ask that parents do not come in the building. If we are able to do a live sharing for a small audience, we will give details about that during your week of camp. If we are unable to do a live sharing, a video will be made of the sharing and each family will receive a link to watch that video.

Where will classes take place?

The 4 classes take place on stage, in our lobby and in the rehearsal rooms of our rehearsal studio behind the theatre. To get from the arena to our other classrooms, students will be escorted by teachers out the back stage door of Derby Dinner, along a rock path behind the building to the entrance door for the studio. They do not have to walk on or near any streets to get to it. Social distancing will be in place for all classes. Ventilation measures have been put in place in all areas where students will be.

What should I wear?

Please wear comfortable clothes in which you can comfortably move. **Masks will be required for all students and staff.** Please - no short skirts or open-toed shoes/sandals or flip flops. If you wish to bring dance shoes, you may, but it is not required.

Who are the teachers?

The Performing Arts Academy teaching staff is comprised of all Derby Dinner Playhouse theatre professionals – actors, directors, and choreographers from the Playhouse.

Do I need to have prior theatre experience?

No. It is our mission to offer theatre camp to everyone, regardless of experience, ability, or skill level. Our teachers do their very best to tailor the training to the individual.

How are the groups divided?

Each week there will be up to 40 students, broken into four class groups of approximately 10, based on age.

Is there a final show?

Yes! At 2:00PM on the final Saturday of camp. We will determine closer to July if we are able to allow students to invite a few family and friends to a camp performance in the theatre – the culmination of their work over the week and the sharing of the skills they have learned. If not, we will record the sharing and provide a link for families.

Do I need a costume?

No. Since this is a process-oriented camp, we are focusing on the skills, technique, and the performing as opposed to the technical aspects. Students will be provided with camp T-shirts and various simple props or costume pieces as needed.

Will my child be cast in a Derby Dinner Playhouse show?

Over the past few seasons, over 40 camp students have gone on to be cast in DDP professional shows. Because we have over 2400 current and former students, it would be impossible to schedule an open call audition for each show. However, the camp is a great opportunity for our directors and staff to train and get to know your child for consideration for future callbacks, should they meet the specific needs the director of the show may request.

Can parents watch class?

Unfortunately, to limit Covid exposure for families and students, we will not be able to have parents stay in the building during classes. *If your child has a special medical condition that required monitoring, please contact Tina Jo at wallace@derbydinner.com and exceptions can be made.

What about food?

Students bring their own lunch (no refrigerator available.) If they wish to bring a snack, there are a couple snack breaks as well. We do encourage students to bring their own refillable water bottle to minimize waste. Water and cups are provided.

Are there any extra costs?

No. It's important to us to keep our camp price reasonable and to not add extra costs. Each student will receive a free camp shirt, and camp photos taken by a professional photographer will be available on our Facebook Fan page at no cost.

How do I contact you?

If there is an emergency and you need to reach a teacher or student during class time, call the box office at 812-288-8281. Outside of class time, you can call the 812-288-2632, ex. 132 or email Tina Jo at wallace@derbydinner.com or Leslie at leslie@derbydinner.com.

How will you handle Covid exposure and contact tracing?

If a student or teacher that has been in camp with us tests positive, we will immediately contact all parents and move to a virtual class for the remainder of the week.

If one of our staff is contacted and made aware that they have had contact with an infected person, they will immediately self-quarantine for 14 days and will be replaced. If they have no symptoms after 14 days, they can return to work.

If a student is made aware that they have had contact with an infected person, we require that they let us know and stop coming to class until their quarantine time has expired. If we have room in an upcoming virtual camp, we will allow them to transfer to that class. If one of the *Email leslie@derbydinner.com to receive a more detailed safety plan.

Cancellation Policy

You may cancel one month in advance with no penalty and receive a full refund. If you cancel less than one month in advance, you will receive a refund only if there is a waiting list, and there is someone to take that open space. If you cancel less than one week before the workshop date, no refund will be given.

****NOTE – due to the large number of people registering and to be fair, we cannot save spots for students over the phone or email. To register, we must receive the completed registration form with signature and payment either in the mail or by dropping off at box office. If you pay with credit card and scan the document with payment info, we can accept as a PDF document via email or fax as well.****