

DDP Performing Arts Academy 2026 Summer Musical Theatre Camp FAQs

What are the dates and time? This year we have 5 weeks of options. Week 1: June 8-12 Monday - Friday (Sharing on Friday from 2PM-3PM); Week 2: July 6-11 Mon.- Sat. (Wed.off) (Sharing on Saturday 2PM- 3PM); Week 3: July 13-18 Mon.- Sat. (Wed.off) (Sharing on Saturday 2PM- 3PM); Week 4: July 20-25 Mon.-Sat. (Wed.off) (Sharing on Saturday 2PM-3PM); Week 5: July 27-Aug. 1 Mon.- Sat. (Wed.off) (Sharing on Saturday 2PM-3PM). Camp time is 9:00AM-3:00PM daily. Please be prompt for drop-offs and pickups. Please do not arrive earlier than 8:45AM as no staff will be in the building yet.

Where do I go? All students can be dropped off at the front door where staff will meet them and bring them inside. There will be cones and signs directing you through a carpool line for drop off in front of the building. You will not have to leave your vehicle for drop off. At the end of each day, we will do the same carpool line for pickup. On the final day, parents will be invited to park and come in for the final sharing-details below. *Week 1 ONLY- Monday & Wednesday pickup will be at the rehearsal studio. Directions will be given in advance * * Week 4 ONLY-Thursday pickup will be at the rehearsal studio. Directions will be given that week.

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. 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. 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. Masks are not required, but students are welcome to wear them at any time.

Who are the teachers? The Performing Arts Academy teaching staff is composed 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 48 students, broken into four class groups of approximately 12, based on age. If your child is counting on being in class with another student, please make a note on their registration form.

Is there a final show? Yes! At 2:00PM on the final day of camp. Each student will be allowed up to 4 guests. The doors will open at 1:30pm for a 2pm sharing. There are no tickets for this sharing.

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 100 camp students have gone on to be cast in DDP professional shows. Because we have thousands of 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? We find that most students do much better and are often more free creatively when not being observed by parents. Because of this and classroom size, we will not be able to have parents stay in the building during classes. *If your child has a unique situation or a special medical condition that requires monitoring, please contact Kaitlyn Sage at ksage@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.

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 812-288-2632, ex. 123 or email Kaitlyn Sage at ksage@derbydinner.com.

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, please visit the link provided and register online. If you are having trouble, please email ksgae@derbydinner.com.