

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

If the Camp takes place at The Kate, why am I contacting Community Music School?

Kate's Camp for Kids is a partnership of The Kate and Community Music School, with CMS faculty and staff managing the day-to-day operations of the camp, including registration.

Do I have to pay for my child when I register him/her?

Yes, full tuition is due at the time of registration. Scholarships are available and we encourage to apply early.

What happens if I register my child and the session is cancelled?

A Camp session may be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met, at which time all tuition payments will be refunded. Kate's Camp for Kids will provide 3-weeks notice of any cancellations when possible.

What happens if I register my child and we must withdraw?

If a camper withdraws before June 17th, all but a \$25 service fee is refunded. If a camper withdraws after June 19th, no refunds or credits are given. Withdrawals due to medical reasons will be evaluated on an individual basis.

FORMS & SPECIAL NEEDS

Why are so many forms required?

As a state-licensed camp, Kate's Camp for Kids must ensure compliance with state regulations to ensure the safety of all campers. Students cannot participate without returning a fully completed and signed Registration Form, and a fully completed and signed Medical Form at least two weeks prior to attending. If a camper requires medication be brought to Camp, a Medication Authorization Form also needs to be completed and returned.

Will you be able to accommodate a child with special needs?

It is important that we be aware of any special issues or challenges your child may face so we can create a successful and rewarding experience for him/her. Please write down any and all medications, disabilities, and any physical, emotional, or behavioral challenges your child may have on the appropriate form. Regrettably, Kate's Camp for Kids is generally not equipped to provide for children who require a one-on-one aide in school but please call CMS to discuss.

THE PROGRAM & PERFORMANCES

Why is the camp only for ages 5 to 10?

Our Connecticut camp license only allows for campers ages 5 and up. The curriculum for this program is specifically designed for those ages. We have found that for younger children, especially campers who have not yet experienced a full day of school, the activities presented at camp can be exhausting.

What is a day at Kate's Camp like?

Each day, campers will arrive and check in with staff. The morning begins with introductory songs and games, then campers divide into groups by age to work on learning material for the performance. Everyone takes a mid-morning snack break and the groups switch and work with different teaching artists on music or choreography. After lunch, it's playtime outside with organized games followed by art class with painting, drawing, clay sculpting and more! From time-to-time guest artists will visit, campers will tour backstage at the Kate or enjoy a movie on the big screen in the theater.

If my child already performs in school activities, is the camp appropriate for him/her?

Performing is an integral part of the camp experience and all campers - with or without a background in music, dance, or theater - generally have a great time at Kate's Camp! If your child is seeking something a bit more challenging, please read about our Broadway Bound Musical Theater Experience, which is a more intensive, 2-week musical theater program for ages 8 and up.

What happens on performance days?

Performance days begin at 9 am but much of our time will be spent on the final rehearsal of the big show! After lunch, campers will have time for outdoor play or games to relax before the performance. Friends and family are invited to join us for the 1 pm show, followed by a brief reception and dismissal (approximately 2:30 pm). Don't forget your cameras to capture your child on the big stage!

ATTENDANCE

Do you provide before care or after care?

Not at this time. Music lessons can be arranged outside of camp time at Community Music School, Centerbrook.

What do I do if I need to arrange for someone other than myself or my emergency contact to pick up my child?

Please notify Community Music School by calling 860-767-0026 ext. 1 and we will contact the Camp director.

Who should I call if my child is going to be late or is sick?

Please notify Community Music School if your child will be late or absent by calling 860-767-0026 ext. 1 and we will con-tact the Camp director. If your child is ill, contagious and/or running a fever, please **DO NOT** bring him/her to camp.

How will I know if you need to cancel a day of Camp?

Notification for closure due to weather or other situations is provided by a message on 860-767-0026; e-mail message via Constant Contact; on www.community-music-school.org; Facebook; and WTNH, NBC30, and WFSB closure listings.

CONDUCT - WE ARE A BULLY-FREE COMMUNITY!

What are the consequences if my child misbehaves?

We at Kate's Camp for Kids value each and every individual. In order to create an environment where each student has the freedom to grow both as a performer and as an individual, we do not tolerate the following:

- Fighting with another student, staff, volunteer, or parent
- Destruction or theft of any property or materials
- Disrespect towards oneself or others
- Use of inappropriate language and/or innuendo

Any child who misbehaves will be verbally reprimanded by Camp staff. Upon the second offense, they will be given a time out. Upon the third offense, the parent/guardian will be called and the child dismissed for the day. Kate's Camp for Kids reserves the right to expel any child who consistently displays negative behavior.

WHAT TO BRING, WHAT TO WEAR

What is the proper attire for Camp?

We will spend some time outside each day. **Comfortable clothing** is a must for our campers; jeans or shorts, a T-shirt, and tennis shoes work very well. Please, **no flip-flops or other sandals that easily fall off**. It helps if campers bring a **backpack** to keep all their belongings safe and organized. Prized possessions should be left at home.

Do I need to provide lunch for my child?

Yes, please pack a non-perishable (you may use cold packs) snack, a **peanut-free lunch** and a **labeled water bottle** daily. Due to potential allergies, limited space and time, anticipated clean-up and staff responsibilities, we cannot support any celebrations involving edible treats during Kate's Camp for Kids programs. We will celebrate students' birthdays with a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" when you alert us in advance and enjoy a post-show reception each session.

Feel free to contact Community Music School for additional information about Kate's Camp for Kids or other summer programs at 860-767-0026.