



## 2019 FAQs

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**CreativeKids** camps for young artists and performers are designed to give children the tools they need to be successful in visual and performing arts. Camps integrate the arts and literacy to help children make meaningful connections in an active and creative way. Our lead teachers are experts in their specific arts discipline/medium.

### **Are auditions required for the multi-week production camps?**

Yes. Auditions help us assign parts prior to the beginning of camp so that kids can hit the ground running! Auditions are drop-in and will be held in the Providence Day School McMahon Fine Arts Center. Here is the audition schedule for 2019:

**Saturday, May 11, from 11 am - 1 pm OR Sunday, May 12, from 1-3 pm**

Actors must be available for all performances in order to participate in a production camp. A typical audition includes reading from the script and learning a selection from at least one of the songs from the musical. If an actor wants to be considered for a part that has a solo, he/she must be willing to sing alone during the audition. However, there are many parts that do not require solo singing. Auditions may include an improvisational theatre game to see how well the actors interact with one another. Our goal at CreativeKids is to make the audition process non-intimidating and fun! All parents will receive an email Sunday evening the weekend of the auditions with a cast list for the production. Once cast, parents are asked to enroll their child in camp within two weeks to ensure their child's part in the production.

### **What happens in the production camps?**

CreativeKids production camps are designed to give actors the experience of taking a script from page to stage while teaching them how to work as an ensemble. Our production team leads the students through each step in the process using the philosophy that every part in every play is essential. We encourage students to understand that the number of lines given to an actor in no way indicates their importance in a play.

At CreativeKids, we pride ourselves on highlighting the unique talents of every actor and producing plays where all actors experience significant stage time. Production camps take what would normally happen over 6 to 10 weeks at a theatre and condenses it into 2 to 3 weeks of high-energy fun! Actors will learn warm-ups, play theatre games to accomplish various acting techniques, study

the script extensively, and receive blocking and coaching from the director. The musical productions will also include music and choreography rehearsals. Theatre encourages self-confidence, critical thinking skills and cooperation in a creative and meaningful way. It is our belief at CreativeKids that giving your child the opportunity to be a part of a theatrical production is giving them a gift and memory they will treasure for a lifetime.

### **How do the Black Box camps operate?**

Black Box camps provide actors an opportunity to explore musical theatre at an introductory level. The campers will play theatre games and review the script and music in the first morning of camp. Later that day, they will audition for specific roles. It is important to remember that while every child cannot get a lead role, every role is crucial to tell a meaningful story on stage. The week will be filled with acting techniques, choreography and music rehearsals. Our camps end with an opportunity for the students to showcase what they have learned and created over the week. We invite all parents and family members to join us at 3:30 on Friday afternoon for a Performance Sharing.

### **What should my child wear to camp?**

Campers should dress each day in clothes and shoes that are suitable for lots of movement and dance. In the visual arts camps, we recommend clothing that you won't mind getting a little dirty. CreativeKids will provide shirts/smocks and cleansing wipes when appropriate, but a spill could still happen. Production camps may have other specific guidelines for attire; if so, information will be distributed to campers.

### **What is a Performance Sharing or Share Time?**

Many of our camps invite families to join us at the end of the week for a small performance or to see the artwork that has been created by their camper during the week. A notice will be sent home with your camper with the details.

### **Will my child need any special equipment or other items at camp?**

For most of the camps, children won't need to bring anything other than a labeled water bottle to stay hydrated. As with all Providence Day camps, snacks are provided with your camp tuition. Lunch is provided for all-day campers as well. Children are always welcome to bring their own snacks and lunch based on dietary preference or allergies. If anything else is needed, it is listed here by camp:

**CK's Creative Writing Institute:** Campers will go on a movie-review field trip to the Cinebarre at the Arboretum (pending appropriate show availability), and the movie ticket will be provided; however, students wishing to purchase snacks must bring their own money.

**CK's Digital Photography:** Equipment requirements include a good digital camera (5 megapixel or more) with wrist or neck strap, a cable for connection to computer, and a USB flash drive with at least 2 gigabytes of memory. No smart phones, please!

**CK's Yinlike Yoga:** Campers should bring their own yoga mat.