

Wolf Performing Arts Center’s Summer Theatre Camp

Below is a helpful guide to all the details you will need for a successful summer at Wolf PAC. You will additionally receive emails with updates, reminders, and any information you might need along the way.

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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Getting to Wolf PAC:

Wolf PAC's address is 1240 Montrose Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. Our building is located on the St. Thomas of Villanova complex (we are the St. Augustine Annex). We are conveniently located across the street from the Rosemont train station (Paoli/Thorndale line) if you are in need of mass transit. For more specific directions and a map, visit www.wolfperformingartscenter.org/contact. NOTE: If you have an older child planning to take the train, contact Mallory (mallory.rieger@wolfperformingartscenter.org) to give written permission for your child(ren) to do so each day!

Morning Drop-Off:

There are two options for morning drop-off. Campers can either arrive through the carline at the front door of Wolf PAC via the Montrose Avenue entrance OR may be escorted to the back door by a parent or guardian on foot via the Lancaster Avenue entrance.

WALK UP: If you are dropping off on foot, we ask that you park in the lower lot via the Lancaster Avenue entrance and walk along the path to the back door of Wolf PAC to avoid anyone crossing through the lot as cars are moving. Staff members will be waiting at the back door to admit campers no earlier than 8:50am. NOTE: Walk-up is a great option for families who need to drop off quickly in order to get to the next part of their day (i.e. work, another drop off, etc.).

DRIVE UP: Please drive into the lot from the Montrose Avenue entrance and follow the signs directing traffic. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CARLINE AND GET OUT OF YOUR CAR. The drop-off window is from 8:50-9:15am, so feel free to arrive any time during that span of time. Please note that no campers (except Before Care campers) will be admitted into the building until 8:50am. At that time, a Wolf PAC Staff member will open the car door for your child(ren), so please ask your child(ren) to wait until someone is ready to receive them. They will then be directed into the camp building from there.

STUDIO & CIT campers who will be driving to camp are permitted to park in the lower lot at the start of each day. We ask that they also adhere to the 8:50-9:15am window.

Afternoon Pick-Up:

For ALL Wolf PAC Summer Camp families: a **Carline Sign is MANDATORY for all pickup procedures with your child(ren)'s name(s) and group written clearly**. At pick-up, parents are asked to have this sign in hand or displayed on your windshield. New this year, we will have two pickup options:

WALK UP: Families will drive through the Lancaster Avenue entrance (by McDonald's), park their car, and walk on foot to the back door of Wolf PAC. A staff member will greet you and take your Carline Sign so that we can locate your child inside the building easily. Once a staff member arrives with your child

and returns your sign, you are free to exit through the lower lot back onto Lancaster Ave. NOTE: Walk-up is a great option for families who need to pick up quickly in order to get to the next part of their day (i.e. another pick up, etc).

DRIVE UP: Arrive at the Montrose Avenue entrance and drive through the carline to the front door of the main Wolf PAC building, where a staff member will escort your child(ren) to your vehicle. Please have your Carline Sign displayed in the front window of your car to ensure a smooth pickup procedure.

STUDIO & CIT Campers: STUDIO campers and CITs should arrive via the lower lot at the start of each day and do not need to wait in the carline. At dismissal, they may walk to the lower lot to meet their guardian or find their own car and exit via Lancaster Ave. (i.e. from the lower lot). If your child(ren) will be driving to camp, please let the Assistant Camp Director know at the start of a session.

Early Pick-Up:

Early dismissal must occur before 3:30pm so as not to interfere with afternoon carline. Please call or email to set up early dismissal before 3:30pm.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Hours:

The basic schedule for the summer is 9am-4pm, Monday – Friday (NOTE: There will be no camp from July 1-5).

If you are in need of [Before or After Care](#), please click on the link or see below for more details!

Food and Drink:

Please note that Wolf PAC is a PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE ZONE. Due to the severe nature of several nut and legume (peanut) allergies, we will not permit any PEANUT & TREE NUT products in lunches or snacks at camp. This means NO PEANUT or NUTS of any kind (no nut spreads, butters, bars, desserts, toppings, chips or snacks of any kind).

LUNCH: Please provide a nut-free lunch daily and include an ice pack if needed (there is not refrigeration available for campers). PLEASE NOTE: Any nut products brought into camp will be confiscated for the safety of our campers and a parent will be notified. Thank you for your help with this important issue!

SNACK: Campers are asked to bring two snacks to camp each day. There will be two breaks during each day for campers to have snack (one in the morning, one in the afternoon). While they are certainly not required to eat both, they will have the option twice during the day.

DRINK: We ask that all campers bring a water bottle to camp every day clearly marked with their name. A separate drink for lunch (i.e. juice box) is, of course, permitted!

Dress Code:

Your camper(s) should dress comfortably for camp each day, including closed-toed shoes. Please NO FLIP-FLOPS, backless sandals or crocs since campers will be moving, dancing, and playing each day.

Final Performance Information:

The final performance is for anyone wishing to come and support our performers! Parents, siblings, grandparents, friends, etc. are welcome to join us for the final show in Wolf PAC's fully air-conditioned Black Box Theatre. (Specific times for each group will be communicated at the start of each session.)

There is no charge for tickets for the final performance.

Your children will receive a Wolf PAC t-shirt on the day of the final performance. If your child has already attended a Wolf PAC program this season, please make sure to send them in the 2023-2024 Season T-shirt on the day of the show.

Before and After Care:

Wolf PAC offers Before Care (starting at 8:00am) and After Care (ending at 5:30pm) throughout the summer, Monday-Friday of each session. For pricing and details, please visit <http://www.wolfperformingartscenter.org/content/and-after-care>. If you are in need of Before or After Care, please contact Mallory Rieger at mallory.rieger@wolfperformingartscenter.org.

WOLF CUBS INFORMATION (Rising Kindergarten–2nd Grade)

This summer's theme of Fairy Tale Frenzy features original scripts inspired by beloved fairy tales. CUBS campers will cultivate their singing, acting, and dancing skills and also learn the ins and outs of theatrical design, arts and crafts, and theatre games to round out a full day of performing arts, creativity, and fun!

CUBS Session Information:

The CUBS program runs in one-week sessions starting the week of June 17 and ending the week of August 26. Our CUBS campers will spend their day in rehearsals, learning about different facets of theatre (including set and props design), and working together as an ensemble. There will be a final performance showcasing their talents on the Friday of each session.

*Please note that there is NO CAMP the week of July 1-5.

Camper Requests:

Due to the volume of attendance this summer, we will only be able to accommodate one of the following requests:

- One (1) other camper with whom your child would like to be paired (not counting siblings, who are automatically paired unless otherwise requested)

OR

- One specific showtime (showtimes will be 10:00am, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, 3:15pm)

Families will receive a Google Form to make their single accommodated request in the Welcome Email sent one week before the start of the session.

Rest Time:

Because camp runs from 9am-4pm, we recognize that some of our younger campers need a break. We have a short period following lunch called 'rest time.' Campers are not required to sleep, but we do ask that all CUBS campers engage in a quiet, restful activity, giving their minds and bodies some quiet time.

Please send in the following for rest time:

- A blanket, towel, yoga mat, etc.
- One "rest time activity" (a book, materials for coloring, a quiet game, etc.)

Please plan to keep the Rest Time items at camp for the duration of the session. We ask that you send a separate bag with your child's name clearly marked on the outside on the first day of the session that will remain in their CUBS room for the entire week. And please no electronic devices unless cleared with administrative staff.

CUBS Show Information:

The CUBS campers have their final show during the camp day on the Friday of each session at varying times depending on the number of groups within that particular session. The times will be clearly communicated with you at the beginning of each week, but will always occur during the camp day and most often in the afternoon!

WOLF PAC INFORMATION (Rising 3rd-8th Grade)

PAC campers will build upon their musical theatre skills while performing as an ensemble to create a final performance in either one- or two-week models under the guidance of our professional directing teams! When not working on their fully staged productions, campers will participate in Electives workshops taught by our multi-talented teaching artists and spend time strengthening the bonds of the Wolf PAC community through their confidence, character, and creativity!

One-Week Session PAC Information:

The last two weeks of our summer camp will be one-week sessions (August 19-23 & August 26-30). Campers will enjoy working toward a revue-style performance presented at the end of the week. Along with rehearsals, they will also experience Master Classes offered by our professional staff.

Show Information:

The August 23rd and August 30th shows are presented during the camp day. There will be a maximum of four casts for these sessions; parents will be informed which cast their child(ren) is in and the exact time of the show at the beginning of the session.

Two-Week Session PAC Information:

Two-week sessions feature three different casts of campers who each perform a fully-staged Broadway musical at the end of the second week. Campers also experience electives, engaging in activities such as Yoga & Meditation, Stage Combat, A Cappella Singing, and more. These sessions run in the following schedule:

- Session 1: June 17-28 (Fiddler on the Roof JR, Cats: Young Actors Edition, Spamalot: Young@Part)
- Session 2: July 8-19 (Legally Blonde JR, Rock of Ages: Young@Part, Fiddler on the Roof JR)
- Session 3: July 22-August 2 (Cats: Young Actors Edition, Fiddler on the Roof JR, Legally Blonde JR)
- Session 4: August 5-16 (Spamalot: Young@Part, Legally Blonde JR, Rock of Ages: Young@Part)

Auditions and Casting:

On the first day of a session, PAC campers will audition for the directing teams of each production. These auditions are VERY low-key, designed to get a sense of the strength of each performer. Campers will act, sing, and dance on this first day so the directors know the best way to spotlight them in the upcoming shows.

ALL campers who attend will be cast in one of the three shows offered each session! (If your child returns for a subsequent session, they will automatically be placed in one of the other two shows offered in that next session.)

On the second day of a two-week session, casts will be announced! A few items to know:

- The Camp Director, Assistant Camp Director, and Show Directors will cast campers in one of the three casts based on the best fit for the camper and for the production as a whole.
- Siblings will be cast in the same show in a session to make the final performance experience easier for families unless specifically requested otherwise.
- We ask that families do not request a particular show for their child(ren). We choose our camp season in an effort to offer variety and new experiences for the campers. Regardless of which show your child(ren) is cast in, they will enjoy a positive, educational experience led by our brilliant directing teams. Thank you for helping to promote this open-minded perspective to your child(ren)!

Camper Requests:

Due to the volume of attendance this summer, we will only be able to accommodate one of the following requests:

- One (1) other camper with whom your child would like to be paired (not counting siblings, who are automatically paired unless otherwise requested)
OR
- One specific showtime (4:30pm, 6:00pm, 7:30pm)

Families will receive a Google Form to enter their one request a week prior to the start of the session.

A Word on Casting:

At Wolf PAC, we work tirelessly to spotlight each camper throughout the performance. As we tell the campers, participating in a show and learning to work as an ensemble is an essential lifelong skill. Campers will be featured in a variety of ways: some will have more dialogue/speaking lines, some will be featured vocally, and some will be featured in dance. All cast members are equally important to us and to the production; please help us to convey that message to your children. Our goal is to create a positive experience for everyone and reinforce Wolf PAC's mission to provide every child with a thrilling experience in which they can be challenged, valued, and respected.

Show Information:

The final show is presented on the second (last) Thursday of a two-week session. Since there are three casts, there are three different times for performances. Cast A performs at 4:30 pm, Cast B performs at 6:00 pm, Cast C performs at 7:30 pm.

Once your child receives their cast assignment, the Camp Director will send an email letting you know the time of the performance so you can plan accordingly!

SUMMER STUDIO INFORMATION (Rising 9th -12th Grade)

Our Summer Studio campers have the opportunity to continue developing their performance skills through four very specific projects. Through these projects, they will hone various skills that range from performance to devising to marketing and beyond. Summer Studio campers will split their day evenly between rehearsals for their session's project, working as Teaching Assistants to our Electives Counselors, and preparing a group dramaturgical presentation for one of the two PAC shows. Mentored by our professional staff of Teaching Artists, they will utilize their experience and talents to help in rehearsals, activities throughout the camp day, and discover a deeper understanding of theatre beyond performance!

Summer Studio two-week sessions run in the following schedule:

- Session 1: June 17-28 (Comedy Buffet)
- Session 2: July 8-19 (In a World: Voiceover & Film)
- Session 3: July 22-August 2 (Song Cycle: Title TBD)
- Session 4: August 5-16 (Shakespeare & Stage Combat: Revisited)

The last two weeks of the summer will feature one-week sessions for the Summer Studio. During these one-week sessions, Summer Studio artists will develop a cabaret performance as a group, featuring songs of their and the Director's choice and including personal anecdotes. The schedule for those sessions is as follows:

- August 19-23 (House of Mouse on Broadway)
- August 26-30 (School'd on Broadway)

Show Information:

The Summer Studio campers have their final showcase on the last Friday at varying times depending on the number of groups in the session. Please note that the show times will be clearly communicated to families at the start of each session, but they will always take place during the camp day, typically around 12:00/12:30pm.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING INFORMATION (Rising 9th -12th Grade)

In this full day, tuition-free program, Counselors in Training (CITs) will work closely with our professional teaching artists to explore and deepen their knowledge of the behind the scenes work that makes the onstage magic possible! CITs will participate in the rehearsals and day to day operations of CUBS and PAC groups, mentoring younger campers through leading games and warmups. They will also take ownership over a portion of the show, i.e. choreographing part of a song, directing part of a scene, coordinating tech elements to make the show as exciting and thrilling as possible, based on their interest and skill set.

Counselor in Training Information:

The Camp Director & Assistant Camp Director will meet with the Counselors in Training (CITs) on the first day of the two-week session to fully review the program. As Counselors in Training, they will assist with basic camper needs (accompanying campers around the campus, simple first-aid as needed, etc.) and performance needs (helping during the performance, running technical aspects of the show, rehearsing songs and dances, etc.). Additionally, they will be working closely with the Directors to determine specific fields of which they would be excited to take ownership during their session(s).

Interest Form:

While the program is tuition-free and open to all interested, we will be sending a CIT Application prior to the start of the session. The answers to these questions will help our staff set the CITs up for success. We encourage the CITs to be as honest as possible about what does and does not interest them, be it directing, choreographing, costuming, lighting, etc. CIT-ing is a great opportunity to further a passion or take a chance on a new one.

CIT Assignments - CUBS & PAC Show Information:

All CITs will be assigned to either CUBS (K-2nd grade) or PAC (3rd-8th) campers. CITs for the CUBS will assist in shows performed during the camp day on both Fridays of the two-week session. CITs for the PAC will assist with performances after the camp day on the second (last) Thursday of each session at either 4:30, 6:00, or 7:30pm. CITs will be informed of which performance time at the start of each session.

CIT Training: In the weeks leading up to the start of the summer, we will be in touch about scheduling a formal training session to help new participants learn best practices so they can feel prepared for and confident in taking on this role! You may also view [2023's CIT Forum](#) for tips and tricks on best practices for CITs.

We look forward to a wonderful summer of theatre magic!