

Wolf Performing Arts Center’s Summer Theatre Camp

Below is a helpful guide to all of 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 who is planning to take the train, please contact Betsy (betsy@wolfperformingartscenter.org) or Angela (angela.wertner@wolfperformingartscenter.org) to formally give permission for your child(ren) to do so each day!

Morning Drop-Off:

Please drive into the lot from the **Montrose Avenue entrance** and follow the instructions of the Wolf PAC Counselors directing traffic. PLEASE DO NOT PARK AND GET OUT OF YOUR CAR. 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 building.

Here is a **map** showing exactly where our building is located:

<http://www.wolfperformingartscenter.org/sites/default/files/uploads/Wolf%20PAC%20Map.jpg>

Afternoon Pick-Up:

Please drive into the lot from the **Montrose Avenue entrance** and follow the counselors' directions as in the morning. YOU MUST PRINT OUT AND DISPLAY THE ATTACHED PICK-UP AUTHORIZATION on the dashboard with your camper's first and last name(s) filled-in on the sheet. If you carpool with another family or another party picks up your camper, they too must display their copy of this same authorization in order to pick-up your campers. (If you have more than one camper both names should be on the sign.) **NO CAMPER WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER A CAR WITHOUT THE PROPER PICK-UP AUTHORIZATION DISPLAYED ON THE DASHBOARD.**

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Hours:

The basic **schedule** for the summer is 9am-4pm, Monday – Friday (*NO CAMP JULY 4 or 5*).
If you are in need of Before or After Care, please see below for more details!

Food and Drink:

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

Please provide a **nut-free lunch** daily and include an **ice pack** if needed. *PLEASE NOTE: Any nut products brought into camp will be confiscated for the safety of our campers. Thank you for your help with this important issue!*

We provide two nut-free **snacks** daily.

We ask that all campers bring a **water bottle** to camp every day clearly marked with their name.

Dress Code:

Your camper(s) should **dress comfortably** for camp each day. Please have campers wear comfortable closed-toed shoes (i.e. sneakers/tie shoes, etc.). Please NO FLIP-FLOPS or backless sandals since campers will be moving, dancing and playing each day.

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 Sarah Braverman at sarah@wolfperformingartscenter.org.

Odds and Ends Form:

Along with this Welcome Packet, you will receive an Odds and Ends Form. This allows us to get to know your child(ren) better before they join us for summer camp. Please complete the form and email it back to Angela (angela.wertner@wolfperformingartscenter.org) prior to the start of the camp session.

WOLF CUBS INFORMATION (rising Kindergarten-2nd Grade)

CUBS campers will learn acting, singing and dancing while challenging their imagination and performance skills. The CUBS program is a safe, accepting environment where kids of all skill levels can build their confidence, character and creativity.

Mini-Week Session CUB Information:

The mini week session is offered from **July 1-3 (NO CAMP July 4 or 5th)**. Campers will enjoy working toward a review-style performance presented on the final day of the session (July 3rd). They will spend their day in rehearsals, learning theater-based activities and learning to work as an ensemble.

***The July 3rd show is presented at 2:15 pm.**

One-Week Sessions CUB Information:

The CUBS program runs in one-week sessions starting the week of **June 17** and ending the week of **August 19**. Our CUBS campers will spend their day in rehearsals, learning theater-based activities and learning to work as an ensemble. There will be a final performance showcasing their talents on the Friday of each 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
- One “rest time activity” (a book, materials for coloring, a quiet game, etc.)
- Please do not send electronics to camp

You can either send these items back and forth each day in your child’s bag or we can keep the items here for the duration of the session. If you do plan to store the items at Wolf PAC, please send them in a separate bag with your child’s name clearly marked on the outside.

Show Information:

The CUBS campers have their final show on the **Friday** of each session **at 3:15pm**. Once the show is over all campers are dismissed.

The final show is for anyone wishing to come and support our young performers! Parents, siblings, grandparents, friends, etc. are welcome to join us for the final show in Wolf PAC’s fully air-conditioned Black Box theater.

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 camp this summer, please make sure to send him/her in the Summer 2019 t-shirt on the day of the show.

***The Friday performances are presented at 3:15 pm.**

***The only exceptions are Wednesday, July 3rd at 2:15pm & Friday, August 23rd at 1:15pm.**

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

PAC campers will build upon their musical theatre skills while working as an ensemble to create a final performance. The PAC program is a safe, accepting environment where kids of all skill levels can build their confidence, character and creativity.

Mini-Week Session PAC Information:

The mini week session is offered from **July 1-3 (NO CAMP July 4 or 5th)**. Campers will enjoy working toward a review-style performance presented on the final day of the session (July 3rd). Along with rehearsals, they will also experience a variety of theater games and activities, using their creative minds to the fullest extent.

***The July 3rd show is presented at 3:15 pm.**

One-Week Session PAC Information:

The one-week session is offered the week of **August 19-23rd**. Campers will enjoy working toward a review-style performance presented at the end of the week. Along with rehearsals, they will also experience Master Classes offered by our professional, caring staff.

Show Information:

The **August 23rd** show is presented at **2:15 and 3:15 pm**. There will be two casts this session; parents will be informed which cast their child(ren) is in before the session begins. Once the show is over, all campers are dismissed.

The final show 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 theater.

There is no charge for tickets for the final performance.

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Two-Week Session PAC Information:

Two-week sessions feature 2 different casts of campers who perform fully-staged Broadway musicals at the end of the second week. Campers also experience theater electives, engaging in activities such as Broadway Dance, Improvisation, A Capella singing and more. These sessions run in the following schedule:

- June 17-28 (Session 1)
- July 8-19 (Session 2)

- July 22-August 2 (Session 3)
- August 5-16 (Session 4)

Auditions and Casting:

Wolf PAC Summer Camp produces two junior-version Broadway shows in each two-week session. On the first day of a session, PAC campers will audition for the directing teams. 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 two shows!

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 either show based on the best fit (i.e. where the camper will be highlighted the most).
- Siblings will be cast in the same show in a session to make the final performance experience easier for families.
- We do not recommend requesting a particular show prior to the start of a session. 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.
- We do our best to spotlight each camper throughout the performance. As we tell the campers, participating in a show and learning to work as an ensemble is a really important 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; please help us to convey that message to your children! Our goal is to create a positive experience for everyone and remember Wolf PAC's mission: confidence, character and creativity are center stage.

Show Information:

The final show is presented on the **second (last) Thursday** of a two-week session. Since there are two shows, there are **two different times** for performances. Cast A performs at 5:00 pm, Cast B performs at 7:00 pm.

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

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WOLF HIGH INFORMATION (rising 9th -12th Grade)

Wolf HIGH campers will split their day evenly between the Actor's Lab (where they enhance acting skills) and working with the younger campers as Counselors-in-Training (CITs). They will be mentored by our professional staff of Teaching Artists, lending their experience and talents to help in rehearsals, activities throughout the camp day, and run the technical aspects of each performance.

Wolf HIGH sessions run in the following schedule:

- June 17-28 (Session 1)
- July 8-19 (Session 2)
- July 22-August 2 (Session 3)
- August 5-16 (Session 4)

Counselors in Training Information:

The Camp Director & Assistant Camp Director will meet with the Wolf HIGH campers on the first day of the session to fully review the program. As Counselors in Training, they will assist with basic camper needs (taking campers to the bathroom, simple first-aid as needed, etc.) and performance needs (helping during the performance, running technical aspects of the show, rehearsing songs and dances, etc.).

Show Information:

Our Wolf HIGH campers have the opportunity to continue developing their performance skills. Through an intensive scene study program, they will analyze and interpret characterization, enhance their improvisation skills and learn to explore scenes in greater depth. Wolf HIGH campers will work with their own Director to develop their performance skills in an intensive, in-depth model.

The Wolf HIGH campers have their final showcase on the **last Friday** of the two-week session at **12:30 pm**.

The final showcase is for anyone wishing to come and support our performers! Parents, siblings, grandparents, friends, etc. are welcome to join us for a most enjoyable lunch break in Wolf PAC's fully air-conditioned Black Box theater.

There is no charge for tickets for the final showcase.

Some of the Wolf HIGH campers will be asked to stay and assist with the PAC performances on the second (last) Thursday of each session. This will be based on their involvement as a CIT throughout the session, and all Wolf HIGH campers will have this information early in the session.

Campers will receive a Wolf PAC t-shirt on the day of the final performance. If your child has already attended camp this summer, please make sure to send him/her in the Summer 2019 t-shirt on the day of the show.