



What are the benefits of taking summer camps and intensives at the Guthrie?

Our summer programming gives youth of all ages the opportunity to work alongside professional theater artists and develop their skills as artists and creative thinkers. Each camp and intensive is designed to inspire creative problem-solving, positive self-development and community leadership by connecting kids and teens to the artistry and creative process of the Guthrie.

Our teachers and guest artists are industry professionals with a passion for fostering personal and artistic growth in others and creating exciting, high-quality educational experiences for any age group. Whether you're a third grader who wants to make new friends, a middle schooler who is curious about theater or a high schooler interested in an immersive experience at a world-class theater, we have opportunities for everyone.

What does a typical day look like?

All camps and intensives are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each offering explores the disciplines that make up a cohesive theatrical experience while focusing on a certain type of artistry, from musical theater to acting to technical skills. Students engage with theater professionals to learn, explore and create. They eat lunch as a group, hear from guest speakers and artists, learn new skills and improve on ones they already have. Most days end with a reflection on what they've learned and how they will apply it to their personal and creative lives.

Is theater experience required to participate?

No! All experience levels are welcome. Please note that our two-week Acting and Musical Theater Intensives are recommended for students who have previous theater experience or are up for the challenge of a rigorous, collaborative training environment. During the registration process for these intensives, we ask students to share their goals for the summer so we can best serve their needs.

What grades are summer camps and intensives designed for?

We offer four levels of summer experiences:

- Full-day, weeklong camps for students entering grades 3-4
- Full-day, weeklong camps for students entering grades 5-6
- Full-day, weeklong camps for students entering grades 7-9
- One-week or two-week intensives for students entering grades 10-12

Can you explain the tracks for the Acting and Musical Theater Intensives?

For 2020, we are piloting tracks that will allow high schoolers to go deeper into a specific aspect of theatrical practice. On the first day, students will attend mini workshops that cover what each track will focus on, and then they will choose their preferred area of focus.

Throughout the two weeks, the track groups will meet periodically to learn from a local artist recognized in their chosen area. The tracks will not be the entire focus of the two weeks; they merely provide an opportunity for students to choose an area of interest.

What if a student has a doctor appointment or family event during the week?

We want our students to have the best experience possible, so we encourage you to arrange their schedule so they can participate in the entire camp or intensive. If this is not possible, please let us know the day(s) the student will be absent when you register so we can arrange for a staff member to connect with them when they arrive late or leave early.

If something comes up after you have registered, please contact Madeline Achen as soon as possible at madelinea@guthrietheater.org or 612.225.6172 so we can add it to our records.

What are your policies?

REFUND POLICY: A nonrefundable deposit of \$25 is due with the first payment. Refunds are granted as follows:

- **100% back** (minus the nonrefundable \$25 deposit) if registration is cancelled within six weeks of start date.
- **75% back** (minus the nonrefundable \$25 deposit) if registration is cancelled within five weeks of the start date.
- **50% back** (minus the nonrefundable \$25 deposit) if registration is cancelled within two weeks of the start date.
- **No refund** if registration is cancelled less than one week prior to the start date.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION: We understand that unexpected life circumstances sometimes interrupt your plans. If you need to cancel enrollment due to an emergency, our staff will work with you on a refund plan.

BEHAVIORAL DISMISSAL POLICY: Fees are nonrefundable if a student is removed for disciplinary reasons. Physical violence or bullying toward another student or staff member will not be tolerated and result in immediate dismissal from the program. Additional weeks will be refunded minus the nonrefundable \$25 deposit. We are committed to working with students, parents and guardians to ensure everyone has a positive experience at the Guthrie. Please see the "Our Agreements" page in the summer camp and intensives guide to learn more about our intervention plans.

CANCELATION POLICY: Guthrie Education reserves the right to cancel a summer camp or intensive due to insufficient registration up to two weeks before the start date. In this case, you will be notified and receive a full refund, including the \$25 deposit.

What if I need to be at work before or after the scheduled times?

If your student is age 11 or older, you may sign a waiver that allows them to be unsupervised outside of the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. timeframe. This means they may arrive at and leave the Guthrie without being signed in or out by an authorized adult. If your student will arrive late or be picked up late, please let us know as soon as possible.

What if a student is shy and/or doesn't know anyone?

We are committed to creating a positive, engaging experience for all, so each camp and intensive has activities designed to help students get to know each other (and themselves) better. We welcome all students regardless of race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, height, weight or physical or mental ability. Our goal is to create an artistic space where everyone feels comfortable expressing themselves.

What if a student needs specific accommodations, such as an advocate, dietary adjustments or materials in Braille?

All students are welcome, so let us know what you need at least two weeks before the start of the class or intensive. We'll work with our catering partner and/or accessibility team to ensure every student has a positive experience. Please note that requests are subject to availability and provided at the discretion of the Guthrie.

What if a student has medical needs?

Students may bring any medications or medical devices they need and keep them with their lunch/backpack or give them to a counselor for safekeeping. They must be able to self-administer medication and inform staff if they need further assistance, at which time their parent or guardian will be contacted. Please note that Guthrie staff **will not** administer any medications, including prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs like aspirin or ibuprofen.

What if a student needs to contact their parent or guardian during the day?

While we know that most students have phones, we encourage them to leave devices at home and enjoy being present. During learning time, we strictly enforce a no-device policy. Phones must be turned off and put away during class or instruction so students can fully engage and focus in the moment. During a break or lunch, students are welcome to use their devices as long as they are promptly turned off and put away when class begins. If a student is ill or needs something from home, all staff members and counselors have phones they can use to contact a parent or guardian.

How does the payment plan work?

Each payment plan is personalized to the individual needs of the student. We'll work with you to determine the number of payments, due dates and all other details. To participate in a payment plan, you must pay \$25 at registration and complete all payments by the final day of the class or workshop.

What are stage-safe shoes and do students need them?

All middle and high school students participating in a performance-based camp or intensive are required to wear stage-safe shoes that meet the following requirements:

- Jazz/character shoes or ballet slippers (must have suede/finished leather bottoms or be rubbered for the stage)
- All shoes must be clean and have only been worn in a dance studio or onstage (never outside)

If this requirement causes financial concern, please contact us at camps@guthrietheater.org.

Who can I contact if I have further questions?

Reach out to us at camps@guthrietheater.org.