



CAMP STARQUEST

2019 Camp Guidebook

Be prepared to make
memories that last a lifetime!

Dream. Create. Perform.

CAMP STARQUEST

Summer 2019

Dear Parents:

We couldn't be happier your child is registered to spend the summer with us at Camp StarQuest!

Camp StarQuest is a great choice for both experienced and novice performers who are committed to improving their skills and eager to learn about the theatrical process while exploring their creative-self.

You can be confident that our camp environment will create a spirited community, where our campers can tap into their artistry, build confidence, take risks, have fun and make life long friends with memories that will last forever.

This guidebook is designed to be your reference tool – your go-to document!

Our amazing staff can't wait for the summer to get started. We look forward to getting to know each of our Campers and having the best summer ever! My door is always open should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alise H. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alise Robinson
Camp Director

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Our Philosophy

You can do anything you set your mind to.

The Experience:

We will provide a true sense of belonging, unleash creativity and offer a supportive, safe environment where youth are encouraged to create, explore and learn through the arts. Camp StarQuest is a place where children are free to imagine the unimaginable and dream big!

How We Do it?

We fuse a traditional summer camp philosophy with a top-notch performing arts program designed to keep our campers invigorated, engaged, challenged and happy! Our unique summer experience will transform lives and will provide our campers with an excellent theater arts training program that promotes personal and artistic growth.

Campers will spend the mornings rotating through a variety of specialty activities i.e. voice, acting dance etc. in age and skill appropriate groupings. In the afternoon, the entire camp will work together as an ensemble as they prepare for their end of camp musical performance debut.

Our Staff:

Our staff is comprised of theatre professionals and college theatre art majors. As positive role models, our staff will teach our campers how to hone skills they already possess while learning new techniques bound to improve their craft and build their confidence.

To Connect

During the camp day, messages are checked a couple of times throughout the day and should be used for general questions not immediate responses.

For immediate assistance contact:

Camp Central, 214.239.7166 or jcamp@jccdallas.org

Otherwise contact:

Alise Robinson, Camp Director

arobinson@jccdallas.org

214. 279. 7140

Camp at a Glance, Daily Schedule & Important Dates

Camp StarQuest

- A program with activities focused on personal and artistic growth
- Specialists in acting, dance and voice and more!
- Workshops in set design, lighting, music etc..
- Battle of The Stars: Our spin on the classic sleep-away camp tradition, often referred to as color war

Average Day At Camp StarQuest

- Pow-wow
- Rotation of Specialty Training and Workshops
- Community Lunch & Creative Time
- Production Rehearsals and Stage Preparations

Important Camp Dates

- Camp StarQuest: June 11 – July 5
- Audition for Camp Musical – June 11, afternoon on first day of camp.
- Tech Days Mandatory – Thurs. June 27, Fri. June 28, July 1 & July 2
- Musical Performance Debut: July 2 at 6pm. Parents, family and friends are welcome to join with us for this special night.
- Battle of The Stars: July 3 & 5
- Camp is closed on Thursday July 4

Camp Hours, Before & Aftercare

- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.
- AM Extended Care begins at 7:30 am.
- PM Extended Care is available from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.
- All campers in grades K – 6 who will be at the J before 8:45 or after 4:00 pm without adult supervision, MUST be registered in the Extended Care program.
- You must register in advance for AM/PM. Cost is \$10 per hour paid by check or cash each day.
- For occasional AM or PM Care registration, please make reservations 24 hours in advance by email to jcamp@jccdallas.org.

- AM/PM Extended Care will be held in the Lodge – at the end of the tennis court drive. For AM drop off, A staff member will be at the door to assist children out of the car and check them in
- For PM pick up, park in the Tennis Lot and come into the Lodge. All campers will be out of the pool and in the Lodge by 5:45pm each day.

Bus Transportation:

Bus Transportation is available from four sites in North Dallas, Plano and Frisco. It is convenient and easy for children and for parents. Staff are assigned to work each of the buses, and the Bus Counselors will have emergency numbers for each camper with them. Campers must be registered for the bus prior to camp beginning. Schedules of bus times will be sent out before camp begins. Please send a note if there are to be any bus changes for your child. We cannot allow a child to go home on a different bus or with a friend in carpool, or be picked up at the J without written confirmation. **Last minute changes can be made by calling Camp Central before 2:30 pm.** For the safety of our children, please drive carefully and do not block the bus pick-up area or its path.

Carpool

Carpool procedures are available on our website. **Please make note every car entering the J during camp will need to have a car tag and car tag number.** Stay tuned for future communications on carpool procedures from either Laura Seymour and/or Alise Robinson.

What to Wear and Bring to Camp and What not to Bring to Camp

Campers should dress in comfortable clothes that enable them to participate in all types of theatrical and outdoor activities. Please do not wear open toe shoes or sandals. For dance class they can bring any type of dance or jazz shoes if they have them.

Campers should come to camp with a Sunblock on and bring extra sun block for outdoor activities. BE SURE THAT ALL CLOTHING AND BAGS ARE LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME. Lost and Found is kept in Camp Central and items with names will be returned to campers.

What to Bring: An extra set of clothes to leave at camp for painting set design and/or to work out in, bring sunblock, a water bottle, **3 ring binder** with paper and pocket folders, highlighter, pencils, pens.

Important: Campers should not bring valuable items such as jam boxes, video games, etc. Camp cannot assume responsibility. Money is not needed at camp. Dangerous items, weapons and other inappropriate items are never allowed and will be confiscated immediately!

Cell Phones: It is camp policy that campers **do not** use cell phones during the camp day.

Lunch and Snacks

1. Please send a lunch with your child Monday through Friday. Snacks will be provided by the camp. Please use paper sacks or lunch boxes clearly marked with your camper's name.
2. The staff will collect lunches when your child arrives at camp, and store in a cool place. However, we ask that you not send food that spoils easily.
3. THE J PRACTICES A KASHRUTH POLICY:
 - Please send either kosher meat or a dairy sandwich. All meats should be on pareve bread.
 - Do not mix milk and meat products within the lunch you send.
 - Under no circumstances should you send shellfish, pork or lard products.
4. Café Fino offers a lunch option. The form can be found on our webpage. Turn in the form with the check made out to Café Fino.
5. For a birthday party or special group treats, we request that you send only kosher items with a recognized marking. If you are not sure what to buy or where to buy it, please call us and we will be glad to help.

Health and Safety...

We are concerned with the health and safety of every camper at Camp StarQuest. Staff are trained to handle all medications and first aid.

Please help us by keeping your camper home if he/she is ill. We will call if your camper becomes ill at camp. Should your child contract a contagious disease, such as chicken pox, lice, etc., please let us know.

Feel free to call us during the day to discuss any particular needs your child may have and we will call you if we have any concerns or questions. We will call to report any injuries that are deemed more serious.

Medication Procedures

1. If your child has any allergies or activity restrictions, it is important that you indicated this on your camper's registration form.
2. If your child must take medication during the day, please send the **PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE** with complete instructions including the name of the child, the name of the drug, frequency and reason for giving. We cannot give medication without this.
3. All medication must remain in Camp Central. We cannot give over-the-counter drugs without a doctor's notification. A prescription/note must be sent in.
4. Please use the **AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPENSING MEDICATION FORM (which is also found online on our webpage)**.

Insurance

Camp insurance is provided by the J for all campers who attend camp. The maximum benefit is \$25,000 per injury with no deductible. Dental is treated as medical under the plan as long as the treatment pertains to the injury. This is supplemental insurance and you submit a claim to your own insurance company first.

Forms That Must Be Filled Out By May 10

All forms are found on the J Camps website – www.jccdallas.org/camps

- Getting To Know You Form
- Authorization for Dispensing Medicine (only if applicable)
- Carpool Information (only if applicable)
- Extended Care Authorization (only if applicable)

Odds & Ends

- Once again, cell phones should not be brought to camp. Campers who need to make phone calls can come to the camp office.
- Please let us know if your child will be absent from camp for more than two days.
- If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, please notify the camp of that person's name and relationship in writing.