



CAMP STARQUEST

2022 Camp Guidebook

**Be prepared to make
memories that last a lifetime!**

Dream. Create. Perform.

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Summer 2022

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 ie. voice, acting dance etc... in age and skill appropriate groupings. In the afternoon, each group 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, college theatre art majors, and theater high school students. 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, 214.810.2377 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 song writing, acting 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

- Morning Huddle
- Rotation of Specialty Training and Workshops
- Lunch & Creative Time
- Group Production Rehearsals

Important Camp Dates – Attendance at Camp is Mandatory for Camp StarQuest Campers unless sick.

- Camp StarQuest: June 7 – July 1
- Audition for Camp Musical – June 7, afternoon on first day of camp.
 - Campers do not need to prepare anything in advance.
- Tech Days Mandatory – June 24, 27, 28 & 29
- Musical Performance Debut: June 29 at 6pm
- Parents will receive video of the performance.
- Battle of The Stars: June 30 & July 1

Camp Hours, Before & Aftercare

- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.
- AM Extended Care begins at 7:45 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.
- Please contact Jgoldstein@jccdallas.org if you would like to sign your child up for AM or PM extended care. You must register in advance.

- 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 will be available on our website in the near future. **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 Josh Goldstein and/or Alise Robinson.

Morning Carpool - 8:45–9:00 am. Afternoon Carpool – 3:45 – 4:15 pm.

LATE DROP OFF/EARLY PICK UP: We understand that late arrivals and Early departures from the camp day are occasionally necessary due to doctor's appointments, etc. This will be possible; however, it will require advance notification to speed the process. Parents should call Camp Central at 214-810-2377. Dropping off late or picking up early is time consuming for a number of our staff members, so please make sure this is only done occasionally. In order to accommodate late arrivals or early pickups, we are having to redirect staff and resources. Please allot half an hour for this process as to reduce exposure, We will not have children sitting and waiting away from their groups for a period of time this summer.

In case of inclement weather, all drop-offs and pick-ups will be in the front of the JCC Main Lobby

Staff will be directing – please drive slowly and safely!!
Check our JCC Dallas Summer Camps Facebook page, Dallas J Summer Camp Mobile app or the JCC Camp Website for updates.

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 with your campers name on it, 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 and individually wrapped. 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. For birthday or special group treats, we request that you send in the morning at carpool. Please send only kosher items with a recognized marking. If you are unsure what to buy or where to buy it, please call us, and we will be glad to help.

Health and Safety... - Watch for Additional Updates

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 covid-19, 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.

COVID Policy

Please find this information on our website, jdallascamps.org

Immunizations: Immunization records with doctor's signature must be sent by your doctor and turned in before camp begins. The authorizations on your Registration forms will enable us to give your child emergency treatment in the event that you cannot be reached. This policy is for the health and safety of all campers.

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 can be found in camp doc – the software J Dallas Camps used for all your forms).**

Insurance

Camp insurance is provided by the J for all campers who attend camp. The maximum benefit is \$35,000 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 CampDoc. You should have received an invitation to CampDoc to fill out all these forms for your child.

- General Information
- Getting To Know You Form
- StarQuest Measurement Sheet
- Emergency Contacts
- Diet and Activity
- Allergies
- Medications
- Health History
- Immunizations
- Insurance
- Healthcare Providers
- Health Care Providers Form
- Authorization
- Camp Carpool Information

Everything Else

1. Children may leave camp only if Camp Central has received a phone call or email to jcamp@jccdallas.org. This summer, we prefer that only the parent picks up however, in emergency situations, if someone other than the parent will be taking the child, please notify the camp of that person's name. Identification will be required. Parents or designated individual may only pick up at Camp central which is located outside of the main building. We ask that you limit the number of people picking up your child.
2. If your child will be absent from camp or late, please notify us.
3. Personal equipment such as cell phones, iPods, skateboards, hockey sticks, etc. should not be brought to camp unless the parent has spoken with the Camp Director and special arrangements have been made. The camp is not responsible for items brought to camp. Any inappropriate or dangerous items will be confiscated immediately. The camp reserves the right to check the camper's bag with the camper present.
4. When it is necessary to leave a message for your child during camp hours, please call Camp Central. *Please make sure all messages are left prior*

to 3:00 pm; otherwise, we cannot guarantee your child will receive the message.

5. It is not necessary to bring money to camp.
6. Please do not extend gratuities. There are opportunities to honor staff through contributions to the Camp Scholarship Fund.

Odds & Ends

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- 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.