

## **CAMP BROADWAY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is the age range of campers?**

Camp Broadway “Classic Camp” is designed for campers ages 10 through 17. The program is not suitable for campers younger than 10 years of age: we have found over the course of many years of conducting camp that younger children have not yet developed the physical and mental stamina required to fully engage in the camp experience. It’s very important to us that each child truly enjoy herself or himself while at camp, and not be put in a position where they are pushed beyond their individual limits. Children ages 6 to 9 should enroll in the Shining Stars program, which is designed specifically for their age level.

### **Should my child have prior experience in dancing, singing and/or acting?**

Camp Broadway is an ensemble based program designed for young people who love theatre. Participants come from a range of performance backgrounds: some have experience and some do not. Camp Broadway strives to foster a positive and creative environment in which each camper is challenged appropriately for his or her individual experience level.

### **What are the sizes of the groups?**

The entire group of campers is subdivided into smaller groups according to age. The younger group and older group each put on a show; each show has a cast of approximately 50 to 60 children. Each cast is further divided into two groups of 25-30 campers of similar age; these groups work together as a unit throughout the week.

### **How do out of town participants book travel?**

Camp Broadway’s travel advisor, Showstoppers Travel, has worked with Camp Broadway families for many years. You can reach travel agent Alan Martin through the Showstoppers Travel website, [www.showstopperstravel.com](http://www.showstopperstravel.com).

### **What does my child need to bring the first day of camp?**

A desire to have fun and be creative.

### **What does my child wear each day?**

At registration, your child will be given two Camp Broadway t-shirts; each camper must wear a Camp Broadway t-shirt each day. In addition to that, comfortable non-constricting clothes and soft-soled sneakers or dance shoes should be worn for class. No jeans, flip-flops, sandals or platform shoes are allowed.

### **Does my child need dance shoes?**

If your child does not have dance shoes, it is not necessary to purchase them specially. Soft-soled sneakers or tennis shoes are acceptable. No flip-flops, sandals or platform shoes are permitted. (If your child does have dance shoes, they should of course wear them.)

**What should I bring for my child's costume?**

Campers may be asked to bring simple costume pieces to accessorize their basic performance outfit. You will receive an e-mail approximately two weeks prior to the start of camp with costume suggestions for your camper's group.

**Does the cost of the camp cover meals?**

Camp Broadway provides lunch, a bottle of water and a snack each day.

**Will the participants be in the same location every day?**

Participants will not be in the same location everyday. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday are spent at Pearl Studios, 500 Eighth Avenue, between 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Streets. Wednesday is spent in Times Square; Friday is spent at the theater space at F.I.T. (the Fashion Institute of Technology, located on 27<sup>th</sup> Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.) You will receive an email two weeks prior to the start of camp which specifies the addresses/locations of each day's activities.

**What are Broadway workshops?**

In addition to rehearsing the show for the Family Finale, Camp Broadway brings in working Broadway professionals to lead workshops. These workshops cover a range of topics such as scene study, song interpretation, or learning choreography from a current Broadway show. Each workshop concludes with an exclusive Q & A session between our Broadway guest artist and the group of approximately 25 participants.

**Will parents be able to watch rehearsals?**

Due to space constraints, parents are not permitted to watch rehearsals.

**Will my child be around any celebrities?**

Your child will encounter Broadway celebrities throughout the week during Broadway workshops, pre- and post-show talkbacks, discussion panels, and other guest appearances.

**When do we see them perform and where?**

The Family Finale will be held at the Haft Auditorium on the campus of the Fashion Institute of Technology (F.I.T.). The entrance to the Haft Auditorium is located on 27<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately halfway between Seventh and Eighth Avenues (slightly closer to Seventh.) Please note that 27<sup>th</sup> Street is closed to vehicular traffic between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.

The performance is held mid-afternoon on the last day of camp; the specific time will be noted in the information that is e-mailed to you before camp begins, and in the material you will be given at registration.

**Are recording devices acceptable to bring to the Family Finale?**

Recording devices are welcome and encouraged.

**How long will the final performance run?**

The Family Finale runs approximately one hour.

**Do you have to purchase tickets to the Family Finale?**

Tickets to the Family Finale are free. You are welcome and encouraged to bring as many people to enjoy the experience as you like, but it is not open to the general public.

**Can someone other than myself pick up my child at the end of the day?**

You may authorize others to be added to your child's sign-out list; if a person is so authorized, we will release your child to them at sign-out. This authorization must be done in writing.

**Can I add someone to my child's sign-out list over the phone?**

Camp Broadway cannot accept sign-out authorizations over the phone. You can always add to your child's authorization form by downloading a new form (part of the camp application) and faxing or sending it in.

**Do we have to have the doctor's note and immunization records?**

We do require a doctor's signature for all participants due to the five day rehearsal schedule that involves dancing and other movement. We DO NOT require immunization records and prefer that they not be sent in with applications.