



PARENT HANDBOOK

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PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CAMP

Happy Summer Days!

Summer months have proven to be a very trying time for children who do not participate in some form of enrichment or summer learning. To hold fast to Serenity Performing Arts



Academy's mission of providing equal access and exposure to the performing arts, we have designed our Performing Arts Summer Camp to help ensure that children not only have an opportunity to experience the performing arts culture, but also to help combat the rising concern of summer learning loss.

According to the National Summer Learning Association an effective summer camp generally includes strong partnerships between school districts, community organizations, and other public agencies. We are working together with these entities to provide a quality program for the children we service in Northeast Houston. Our staff and team of volunteers are looking forward to sharing a fun and educational summer experience with your young performer.

Sincerely,
Grace O. Dada, M.S.
Founder/Artistic Director
Serenity Performing Arts Academy

Greetings!

I am very excited your child will be participating in the PASC this summer. Camp will be an adventure of creativity brought to life. Our goal is to provide the highest quality of a performing arts camp. We strive to provide the appropriate developmental activities that will propel our campers to a long successful career in the performing arts, and the ability to excel in the next grade level.

Sincerely,
Yameskia Sandles, M.Ed.
PASC Program Director



The Performing Arts Summer Camp is a four-week summer enrichment camp that fosters continued learning opportunities for middle school performing art students who

live in underserved communities. The objective of this camp is to prevent summer learning loss in both academics and performing arts, and to increase proficiency for the next grade level.

THE PASC IS DESIGNED TO:

OBJECTIVE 1: Prevent summer learning loss for students who participate in performing arts during the academic year.

OBJECTIVE 2: Provide a safe summer learning opportunity for children living in underserved communities.

OBJECTIVE 3: Increase proficiency in both academics and performing arts for the next grade level.

OBJECTIVE 4: Increase exposure to the performing arts culture.

OBJECTIVE 5: Increase parental involvement for children who participate in performing arts.

Schedule: Monday – Friday

8:00 AM	Check In / Breakfast
9:00 AM	Morning Motivation
9:30 AM	Team Building
10:00 AM	Performing Art Classes
12:00 PM	Lunch / Recess
1:30 PM	Academic Class
2:30 PM	Snack
3:00 PM	Departure
3:30 PM	Late Pick Up

Morning Motivation:

During this time camp leaders warm the children up by singing songs, chants, and performing warm up dances. This is also an opportunity for performing art instructors & and the academic instructor to refresh students on materials covered the previous day.

Team Building Session:

During this time camp leaders guide camp participants in team building exercises.

Academics Session:

During this time students will learn tools for academic success. The academic instructor will guide all camp participants in Math and Reading assignments. Each assignment is hands on. All sessions will be geared to next grade level proficiency.

Performing Arts Session:

(Band Class) During this time the band instructor will introduce and cover scales, instruments, and musical instrument families. Students will be introduced to music from the various genres of music such as jazz, classical, etc. Students will also learn a musical piece for the upcoming production. ***Please note: All band students must bring their own instruments unless previously discussed.***

(Dance Class) During this time the dance instructor will introduce camp participants to various styles of dance such as ballet, jazz, modern, step, pantomime, praise dance & hip hop. Students will learn dance routines for the upcoming production.

(Theatre Class) During this time the theatre instructor will introduce camp participants to various techniques of acting. Participants will learn the basic elements of a production such as acting, directing, design sets, lighting, costumes, sound, puppets, props, make-up, and playwriting.

(Vocal Class)- During this time the vocal instructor will train participants on the proper techniques for singing. The instructor will introduce the class to different styles of singing. The instructor will teach a series of songs to the class in preparation for production night.

Field Trip:

In our efforts to increase exposure to the performing arts culture, camp participants will take a field trip to a performing arts event or venue in the city of Houston.

Production Show:

In our efforts to increase parental involvement, at the ending of summer camp, participants will put on a performance displaying what they have learned during the weeks of camp. This will give students an opportunity to show their parents and community their performing arts talent. Awards are given.

Facilities:

Your child's day will be at SonRise Church Houston, 5609 East Mount Houston Rd. Houston, TX 77093. Sessions will take place at various indoor and outdoor locations on the grounds of the church. The beginning of each day, the campers will convene in the Roberts Hall for Morning Motivation, and Team building activities. During their eating times and Academics campers will also be in the Roberts Hall. The camp will then disperse throughout the facility for Performing Arts Sessions. Although your camper will be supervised by an adult at all times, please speak with them about respecting the property.

Instructors:

All PASC instructors are trained in their specific area, and will make sure your young performer has a memorable experience with us.

Camp Expectations

Communications

Electronic Mail

If you would like to email us, feel free to do so at spahtx@gmail.com

Website

Important resources are on our website www.serenityarts.org

Contacting Your Child during Camp

If you have an emergency and need to contact your child during the camp, call the Performing Arts Summer Camp Hotline at 832-207-3556. Please utilize the Performing Arts Summer Camp Hotline for absences, messages and general information.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Campers are not allowed to use cell phones, pagers/beepers, iPods or other portable electronic devices during camp instruction time.

What to Bring Everyday

Clothing and Shoes

Campers should come to the Performing Arts Summer Camp dressed for a full day of activity. We recommend comfortable activity clothes and athletic shoes (No sport-sandals or open-toed shoes). For dancers, ballet shoes recommended. Please observe and inventory the clothing and items your child wear or brings to camp each day.

Lunch

Although free lunch will be provided, if your child has a food allergy it is essential that you pack your child a lunch each day in a labeled lunch box or lunch bag. Camp lunches will be provided by the Houston Food Bank and a menu will be posted. Please be sure to check the menu each day to ensure your child has a proper lunch. Campers may bring money for the snack bar items.

Arriving at Camp

Check-in Procedures

Campers will be checked in at the Welcome Desk. Check-in will be conducted from 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM. The PASC staff is not available until 8:00am. Be advised that we cannot be responsible for your child until this time. **NOTE:** Due to liability reasons, a child may be removed from camp if they have been dropped off prior to 8:00 AM. Upon arrival, parent/child should check in with the Performing Arts Summer Camp staff at the welcome desk.

NOTE: All campers must be on time to depart for field trips. Campers are not allowed to be dropped off at field trip/event venue.

Late Arrivals

Checking your child in after 9:00 AM must be done with the approval of Performing Arts Summer Camp administration. Please call the Performing Arts Summer Camp Hotline to arrange your child drop-off after 9:00 am.

DEPARTING FROM CAMP

Early Departures

Advanced notice must be given to the staff if a parent wishes to pick up his/her child before 3:00 PM. Please call the Performing Arts Summer Camp Hotline to arrange early check-out at 832-207-3556. **NOTE:** There will be no early releases while on the field trip. Campers must depart and return with the camp on the day of the field trip.

Check-out Procedures

Parents are required to sign-out their child. Children will only be allowed to leave with authorized persons (Government Issued ID required). Check-out will be conducted from 3:00 – 3:30 PM. We understand things happen, such as traffic, mechanical issue, etc. If this is the case, please call the Performing Arts Summer Camp Hotline [832-207-3556](tel:832-207-3556) so we are made aware.

Late Pickup Fee

LATE ALL WEEK: \$15 / per day (per child) for any child that can not be picked up by 3:00pm.

LATE ONE TIME: \$5 (per child) for any child left at camp between 3:30-4:00pm, and an additional \$1 fee per/minute after 4:00pm.

Summer Camp Souvenir

Each camper will receive one complimentary Performing Arts Summer Camp T-shirt as a keepsake for attending camp. T-shirts will be distributed the week of the field trip and must be worn the day of the field trip.

Valuables

No cell phones, iPods or portable electronic devices are allowed during camp instructional time. We request that your child leave all items of sentimental or monetary value at home. This may include collector cards, handheld video games, sports equipment, etc. Items that are not appropriate for camp will be confiscated and kept safe until check-out. The Performing Arts Summer Camp cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Food Allergy

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided each day by the Houston Food Bank. If your child should have an allergy to any of the meals provided, their food should be brought in a labeled lunch box or lunch bag. Refrigeration will be available.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration for the Performing Arts Summer Camp can be completed now! Camp tuition must be paid in full by the first day of camp. Failure to pay the balance by the deadline date will result in your child's inability to attend camp. SPACE IS LIMITEED!

Camp registration can be paid by cash, Cash App (\$SPAAHTX) or via the website www.serenityarts.org.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

If your plans change and you need to cancel your child's registration, you will receive a refund less a \$30 cancellation fee ONLY if the camp Administration is notified in writing at least five (5) days prior to the start of camp. If a child completes a full week of camp, there will be no refund in the event a child has to stop attending camp. No refund will be credited to absent campers. All cancellations must be communicated in writing.

MEDICATION

If medication of any type (over the counter or prescription) is required, the Performing Arts Summer Camp Staff must be informed. Official documentation must be provided.

ACCIDENTS & EMERGENCIES

In the case of an emergency or accident involving your child, following notification of the appropriate emergency personnel, parents and guardians will be notified of the emergency, actions that have been taken, where your child is and care that needs to be continued.

ILLNESS

If your child should become ill while at camp, parents and guardians will be notified. The camp does not have a registered nurse on staff; therefore, parent/guardians should decide if the camper should be removed. The Performing Arts Summer Camp administration reserves the right to refuse admission to any child who appears ill.

Discipline

The Performing Arts Summer Camp Staff provides children with guidelines for appropriate behavior and rules to follow while enrolled at camp. We encourage positive actions through positive reinforcement and close supervision. Our main goal is to keep the children safely involved in activities so inappropriate behavior is limited. The following steps shall be followed if inappropriate behavior occurs. Special modifications may be made to adapt to a child's needs.

1. The child is spoken to privately in a firm but gentle manner regarding any unacceptable behavior.
2. If unacceptable behavior continues, the child is removed from the activity or area for a cool down/timeout period until both the administrative staff member and the child feels the child is ready to return.

3. If the unacceptable behavior continues, the child’s parent will be called or spoken with before the child departs for the day.
 4. A Behavior Report will be completed and placed in the behavioral file any time a child receives a cool down/time out.
 5. If a camper receives three behavior reports during his enrollment in camp, the camper's participation in camp can be dismissed.
 6. An Incident Report will be filed when there is evidence that a camper has engaged in behavior that results in property destruction, injury to an individual, inappropriate touching of an individual, multiple behavior reports, and other inappropriate behavior is grounds for dismissal from camp.
 7. A child may be dismissed from camp without prior notice to the parents under the following conditions:
 - a. A child engages in behavior that causes an individual to require medical attention.
 - b. A child displays violent, uncontrollable behavior that puts others in the program at risk.
- ** Behavior incidents will never be dealt with in a demoralizing, humiliating, or abusive manner. No child shall be subject to neglect, cruel, unusual, severe, or corporal punishment including punishments which subject a child to verbal abuse, ridicule, humiliation, denial of food, use of bathroom facilities, punishment for soiling, wetting, or not using the toilet.
- ** Verbal or physical abuse by a camper or by their parent is not allowed. Abuse language includes statements that are cruel, humiliating, ridiculing, bullying, and foul.

Camp Waivers

Medical Release:

In case of a medical emergency, I give permission for my child(ren) _____ to have emergency medical treatment, if such is deemed live-saving, or if all efforts to reach me or my designated emergency contact person fail. I hereby release *Serenity Performing Arts Academy*, its agents and representatives from any legal or financial liability arising from a medical emergency or any event occurring during my child’s participation during the Performing Arts Summer Camp or any related field trips.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Media Release:

I, _____ hereby give *Serenity Performing Arts Academy* permission to take (pictures/videos) of my child(ren) _____ for the purpose of promoting the Performing Arts Summer Camp. I am aware that (picture/ videos) may be used for print publications and may be shared on public sites.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Authorized Person Release:

I give the following individuals permission to pick up my child(ren) in the event I am unable to. Please list name. ***(Please be aware any persons listed must provide identification before a child is released.)***

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date