



Smirkus 2008 Advanced Camp

Smirkus Advanced Camp is for youths, aged 14 to 18, who have the desire to improve upon their existing circus skills and to learn new ones! They must possess the initiative and maturity to collaborate with their peers in creating a circus show and be capable of setting and obtaining personal and group goals. All applicants are expected to excel in at least one, and have a basic understanding of at least three, of the following skills: balance, acrobatics or gymnastics, juggling, aerials, clowning, styling and smiling. Advanced Camp carries high expectations from campers who have a great attitude and are willing to work hard to improve their artistry in a self-directed, supervised training experience. In addition to extended training hours, this session includes such Smirkus Camp staples as a camper talent show, movie night and dinner dress-ups!

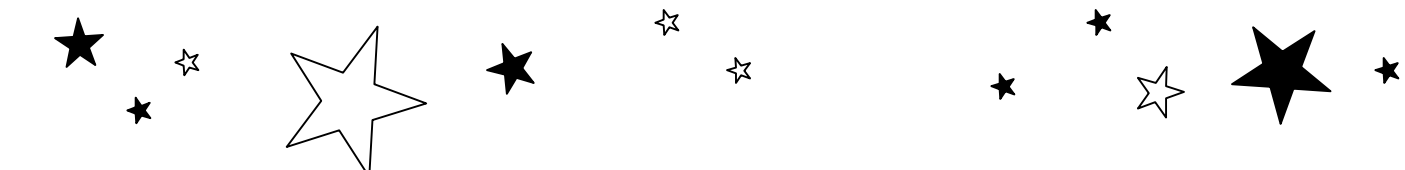
Up to fifteen Advanced Campers are selected to participate in the Smirkus Camp Road Show, a group that performs for non-profit organizations in areas as close as East Craftsbury and as far as Burlington. Please keep in mind as you consider the Road Show program that it does not include aerial equipment, so tumbling and juggling skills are recommended. Those chosen will work together with the coaches to produce a 30 minute show during the first week of intense training and in the second week learn how to continually work toward a better show and to perform in front of varying audiences around Vermont.

Advanced Camp has space for only 45 campers! Therefore, those campers interested in this program must submit a 3-6 minute audition video (VHS or DVD format) of their circus skills and two references from non-family members along with their application. Audition materials are due by **March 21, 2008** and are reviewed on a first come, first serve basis. Be sure to get your applications in as early as possible, as spaces may fill quickly! Applications will be accepted after March 21 and reviewed pending session availability.

Returning Advanced Campers may use the 2007 Advanced Camp Show as their audition video. For those applying to the Smirkus Big Top Tour, no need to submit an additional audition video or references. Please just make sure to check the correct box on the Advanced Camp application so that we know where to look for your audition materials!

Applicants will be notified of their Advanced Camp status within two weeks of receiving all audition materials, 2008 registration form and deposit. For those not accepted into the program, never fear! Our Regular and Intermediate Camp Sessions are just as packed full of fun! If applicants choose not to attend another Smirkus Camp Session, deposits will be refunded less a \$50 processing fee. Please refer to page 2 of the Registration Form for other fees, conditions and policies that may apply.

For questions regarding the Advanced Camp Application process, please contact the camp office by phone at 802-533-7443 x23, or by e-mail at camp@smirkus.org.



2008 Smirkus Advanced Camp Application

Completed Applications should be sent with references and audition video by March 21, 2008 to:
Smirkus Advanced Camp, 1 Circus Road, Greensboro, VT 05841

Name _____ Age _____ Favorite Circus _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Previous Circus Experience _____

(i.e. camps, schools, classes...) _____

I would like to be considered for Road Show (no aerials) I like Ben & Jerry's chocolate chip cookie dough cones.

Audition Video: Included 2007 Advanced Camp Show Video 2008 Tour Audition Video

For each pairing, circle one: paper/plastic day/night rain/shine summer/winter short/tall
jedi/sith up/down young/old cat/dog yellow/purple in/out dinner/dessert potato/potatoe

On a separate piece of paper, please provide us with a sampling of your creative abilities.
(i.e. a drawing, poem, collage, story, mathematic equation, etc)

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability, attach additional paper as needed.
Why do you want to attend Advanced Camp?

What circus skills do you possess? In what area(s) would you like to concentrate?

What does 'respect' mean to you?

In what ways have you worked in a team or group situation? What role do you see yourself playing in team or group situations and why?

Word Problem:

Unscramble the following words/phrases and on the back of this piece of paper, describe the importance of each as they relate to Circus Smirkus Advanced Camp.

TEFSYA CTEEPRS ORUCNSLSEO N ICA KNL C' OCEOT AHSCECO HP AYKNN NOKAY

2008 Smirkus Advanced Camp Reference Form

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Applicant's Name _____

Your Name & Title _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please rate the following traits as they pertain to the applicant (1 = poor, 4 = good, 7 = excellent):

★	Respect for Others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Sense of Humor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	☆
☆	★ Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Takes Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	★
	Follows Directions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
☆	Works With Others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	★

★ How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

How has this person demonstrated the ability to set goals and work toward them?
How much adult encouragement is needed in this area?



Do you feel this person has the skills necessary to be an active member of a peer-driven collaborative group? How has he/she demonstrated these skills?

★ Additional comments or stories related to Applicant:



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