

CIRCUS SMIRKUS

Ringmaster Residencies...

An engaging, effective way to support social emotional learning for Grades K-12.

What is a Circus Smirkus Ringmaster Residency?

It's an artist-in-residence program that brings a trained circus educator to your school or after-school program for one or two week sessions. The program culminates with a rewarding performance that allows participants to demonstrate their newly-acquired circus skills for friends and family.



How will your students benefit?

Circus Smirkus Ringmaster Residencies are specifically designed to enhance learning skills and character education through the circus arts while supporting a positive school climate.



CircusSecrets™

Students are coached, through a variety of circus arts, to employ 10 important learning skills which Smirkus calls CircusSecrets™

- Pause
- Imagine
- Try, try again
- Try a new way
- Go Slow/Step by step
- Watch
- Listen
- Give Help/Get Help
- Stop, think, & choose
- Reflect

Transferable Learning skills

Through the circus arts, students develop their own powers of concentration, focus, and persistence. They gain confidence and strength, while building problem solving skills and will power. They learn patience, and how to work through temporary frustration to achieve success.

Our CircusSecrets™ have been aligned to Social Emotional Learning domains as described by educational researchers such as the Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality, AYCO (American Youth Circus Organization), ACE (Association of Circus Educators), and CASEL (the Collaborative of Academic and Social Emotional Learning.)

Ringmaster Residency Basics

How will you work with our team?

Our goal is to: 1) share the skills and the spirit of circus arts through positive interaction, enthusiastic instruction, and passionate example; 2) create a cooperative, non-competitive, inclusive atmosphere; and 3) give each child a positive, lasting experience to carry beyond the residency. We work with you to customize one of our residency models to best fit your community and needs while helping you fulfill your own mission. Your staff can be involved as little or as much as they want to be. Be forewarned- it's really fun to learn circus alongside your students!

What does Smirkus provide?

The talents of a fabulously skilled Smirkus residency artist with extensive experience, both in performing circus arts and teaching;

A curriculum guide with lesson plans for working circus into your curriculum;

All the equipment necessary to teach basic circus skills (juggling equipment, spinning plates, devil sticks, diabolos, rolling globes, pedalos and more);

Advice to help your afterschool program continue with circus arts after the residency.

What does your school or after-school program provide?

A gym, multi-purpose room, or other space for teaching circus skills, with gym mats if available;

Room and board for the artist (homestay or hotel)

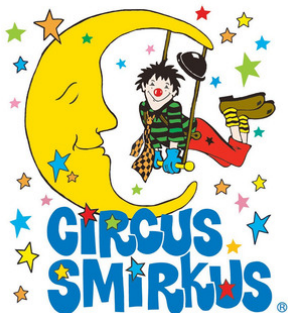
How do I book a residency?

Email to request a detailed Residency information packet. Use our information and testimonials to generate support from the staff, faculty, and PTO at your after-school program. We can put you in touch with other schools and after-school programs that have hosted Smirkus residencies in the past.

Obtain the necessary approvals from your school administration.

Call the Smirkus Office at 802-533-7443 (ext. 23 or 25) to verify that the dates you would like are available. It's good to have alternate dates in mind when you call.

After you complete an application, we'll send you a contract. When you return the contract, along with a \$500 non-refundable deposit, your residency is booked!



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