

BIG TOP TOUR

The stars are all kids!

Ranging from 10 to 18 years old, our Smirkos come to us from many countries and all walks of life – urban and rural, rich and poor, stable homes and at-risk environments. What they all share is a love of circus and the vital mix of talent and style that makes a good circus Troupier. We teach them skills and help them find within themselves the confidence, discipline, and respect that will change their lives forever.

Our Troupiers are skilled and polished performers who work hard to put on a professional show. They perform with the joy and excitement you see only in kids who are living their dreams. The result is exhilarating family entertainment that fills our Big Top everywhere we go!



An immersion into circus life!

The Troupiers in our summer Big Top Tour live and breathe the circus. They train, tour and perform as part of an extended circus family that includes coaches, counselors, cooks, musicians, tent crew and more. As a youth circus which tours with its own Big Top, we are committed to the traditional circus lifestyle. As a non-profit, we carry the same mission to our camp program and our school residencies, which both introduce thousands of kids to the challenges and joys of circus.

An unqualified success.

Our Big Top Tour provides great family entertainment to more than 50K fans every summer. It's also an invaluable source of funds for our nonprofit partners, helping them to raise well over \$2 million to date.

In addition to forming lifelong memories, friendships and skills, our Troupiers go on to successful careers. Many have advanced to Ringling, Big Apple and Cirque du Soleil among other prestigious venues and fields. The self-discipline, teamwork, and pride of accomplishment they learn at Circus Smirkus serve them well!

