SMIRKUS CAMP 2021 Terms and Conditions

Tuition includes the cost of meals, lodging, circus training, equipment, activities, a camp t-shirt, and an amazing circus camp experience!

Payment and Cancellation Policy:
Like all nonprofit organizations, Circus Smirkus has suffered significant financial losses due to COVID. However, we are deeply committed to offering a safe, joyful camp experience in 2021 (as we did in 2020!) and are asking our camp families to join us in that commitment. This year we are increasing our deposit to $500 per enrolled session. If Circus Smirkus cancels camp due to COVID concerns, $250 of that deposit will be immediately refunded, and $250 will be retained by Smirkus to cover (in part) the time our staff spends during the winter planning for another successful camp experience.

To thank our camp families for your continued trust and commitment, we will be offering four free camper special events on Zoom (training, conditioning, and fun activities) in the spring (dates TBD).

50% of your camper’s tuition is due 60 days after registering; these funds are nonrefundable unless Smirkus cancels camp due to COVID, at which point they will be immediately refunded.

Please note that registrations not enrolled in a payment plan or that have not made an agreement with the Smirkus Camp Office, will be subject to cancellation if this payment has not been made.

All tuition is due in full by June 1, 2021. These funds are nonrefundable unless Smirkus cancels camp due to COVID, at which point they will be immediately refunded. Please note that if a camper is dismissed from camp due to a disciplinary reason, a refund will not be issued.

Payment plans are available on CampDoc. This allows payments to be made on an automatic monthly basis at the payer’s discretion. All payment plans need to be completed by the start of your camper’s session.

Please contact the Smirkus Camp Office (camp@smirkus.org) if you have extenuating circumstances keeping you from meeting these deadlines outlined in this agreement.

Please consider using paper check or an electronic transfer for your larger payments rather than using a credit card. This will help us eliminate processing fees. Thank you!

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, you may do so without registering your camper or making a deposit. Once you receive the scholarship committee’s decision on your award, your deposit will be due in order to hold your camper’s place.
Scholarships:
A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Eligibility is based on the applicant’s income and circumstances. Applications are available through CampDoc, or by mail if specifically requested.

Applicants will be notified of their award based on when they apply. After March 15, 2021, additional scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis until funds are depleted.

Scholarships are not available for Smirkling Camp or Family Camp.

Family Discount:
Families with two or more siblings attending any 2021 overnight camp session (or with a sibling participating in the Smirkus Big Top Tour) may deduct $50.00 per additional child from the total balance of their camp fees. This discount is not applied to the registration fee.

Layover:
Campers attending two or more consecutive sessions are required to layover at camp to comply with COVID protocols. The cost of $300.00 for two nights covers the cost of meals, lodging, entertainment, and supervision. Please contact the camp office with questions regarding the layover. Our layover capacity is limited. Please register for a layover using CampDoc.

Waitlist:
When a camp session fills, a waitlist is started for each session via the online registration link. Waitlist applicants must sign up using the online registration link and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration fees are not processed until applicants are placed in a session.

Personal Belongings:
Smirkus Camp is not responsible for personal belongings lost or damaged at camp.

A PROMISE OF INCLUSION

Throughout history, the circus has sought out and celebrated all types of peoples, cultures, and skills to showcase the multifaceted triumph of human abilities. It is fundamental to our values to welcome employees, participants and audience members of all backgrounds with the curiosity, respect, and awe human diversity inspires.

Joining a Circus Smirkus program- as a participant, an employee, or an audience member- means you belong. As a company, we promise to consider only merit in making hiring or program decisions. The only thing that matters to us is your willingness to embrace our values and help us create joy and magic for everyone who encounters a Smirkus program. If you’re smart and talented and willing to work hard, please apply for a job with us!

As a proud upholder of circus tradition, we commit to providing everyone equal opportunity to become a star, both in and out of the ring.

We’re looking forward to a great 2021 Smirkus summer!