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SMIRKUS CAMP 2023: FEES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS:

TUITION, DEPOSITS, AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- Tuition includes the cost of meals, lodging, circus training, equipment, activities, a camp t-shirt, and an amazing circus camp experience!
- A deposit of \$500 per enrolled session must be paid upon registration to reserve a spot for your camper. This deposit is nonrefundable.
- If Circus Smirkus cancels camp, \$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.
- 50% of your camper's tuition is due by April 1, and the full tuition must be paid in full by June 1. These funds are nonrefundable unless Smirkus cancels camp due to COVID, at which point they will be immediately refunded minus \$250.
- If a camper is dismissed from camp due to a disciplinary reason, a refund will not be issued. Refunds or pro-rating for other extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis.
- 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.
- Registrations not enrolled in a payment plan or that have a payment agreement with the Smirkus Camp Office will be subject to cancellation if failure to meet payment deadlines.
- 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 a 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!***

SCHOLARSHIPS

- You may apply for a scholarship without registering your camper or making a deposit. Once you receive the scholarship committee's decision on your award, a deposit will be due to hold your camper's place.
- A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Eligibility is based on the applicant's income and circumstances. Scholarship applications will be made available as a google form upon request and will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
- Applicants will be notified on a rolling basis until funds are depleted.
- Scholarships are not available for Smirkling Camp or Family Camp.



OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **Family Discount:** Families with two or more siblings attending any overnight camp session (or with a sibling participating in the Smirkus Big Top Tour) may ask Smirkus to deduct \$50.00 per additional child from the total balance of their camp fees.
- **Layover:** Campers attending two or more consecutive sessions may layover between sessions. The cost of \$300.00 for two nights covers the cost of meals, lodging, entertainment, and supervision. Layover capacity is limited. Please contact the camp office with questions.
- **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

Circus Smirkus celebrates all types of peoples, cultures, and skills to showcase the multifaceted triumph of human abilities, particularly among our youth population. Joining Circus Smirkus – as a participant, an employee, a volunteer, or an audience member – means you belong. And to all who join, Smirkus asks for you to embrace our values and to help us create joy and magic for everyone who encounters a Smirkus program. We commit to providing everyone equal opportunity to shine— both in and out of the ring.

★ **2023 Covid-19 Policies:** Circus Smirkus requires proof of up-to-date vaccination (including boosters as recommended by CDC) against Covid-19 with a CDC or WHO authorized vaccine for all staff, campers, and troupers. Additional Covid-19 protocols will be updated based on current public health guidelines, and are subject to change following state and/or local ordinance, guidance from the CDC, and at the discretion of Circus Smirkus for the health and safety of our participants and staff. You may want to use our 2022 guidelines for reference as you plan for this coming summer.