

June 4, 2021

Dear Star Makers Campers and Parents,

Welcome to Star Makers Camp! We can't wait to work and play with your young performers this summer! Our hope is that your children will have a blast singing, dancing, and acting as they learn choreography, songs, and blocking all in preparation for the "big show" at the end of each camp session. In addition to preparing for their performance, campers will participate in a variety of exciting arts and crafts projects, games, and other wonderful camp activities. Please read the following information carefully for some useful information that all campers and parents need to know.

COVID UPDATE: CAMP 2021 - The safety of your camper and family is our top priority!

- We will be requiring masks or face coverings at all times, for all staff and campers, while inside the building.
 - When outside, no masks will be required if a social distance of 3 – 6 ft. is observed.
 - Masks will not be required while water play and outdoor lunch are taking place.
 - When lunch moves inside (due to inclement weather), social distancing of 6 ft will be enforced.
 - Social distancing will always be maintained, both inside and outside of our facility.
- Our virtual Camp Orientation / Meet & Greet is scheduled for **Saturday, June 12th from 9-9:45 am**. This meeting will take place via Zoom and will consist of a short presentation including a sample daily schedule, a talk through of the calendar, and the announcement of camp groups. You'll also be able to meet our staff and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Zoom Details are as follows:

Big Deal Productions is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Star Makers Meet & Greet

Time: Jun 12, 2021 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88204116373?pwd=ditNcENvbmhUZE9jSTIIEWFJVS0lzQT09>

Meeting ID 882 0411 6373

Passcode: stars2021

- Camp will run from **June 14th - August 6th** (Session 1 : June 14 - July 9 -- Session 2: July 12 - August 6) at the Buffalo Grove Community Arts Center (CAC) from 9 am - 3 pm. Please note: There is a good deal of traffic construction surrounding the CAC, so please plan accordingly to ensure you are able to drop off and pick up your child on time.
- **Morning Drop-Off** will be contactless and will take place on the north side of the CAC (by the grass field). There will be one drop-off location for all camps. We will have staff members outside directing traffic and directing campers to their designated counselor groups. Each counselor group will meet in a premarked, socially distant spot to wait for their entire group to arrive before going inside. For the safety of our staff

and campers, please do not exit your car during the drop off process. Lastly, please do not drop off your camper any earlier than **8:50 am**.

- Please fill out the **MANDATORY** pickup permission form and self-arrival/release form. The form can be found by clicking here: [Pick-Up Permission Form](#) Please complete this form and return it via email to lindsay@bgparks.org or send a signed, hard copy with your camper on June 14. ***Important→** If you would like your child to leave camp without being signed out, you need to fill out the bottom portion of the form. This form **must** be submitted by the first day of camp. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Afternoon Pick-Up** will take place in the BACK of the building (east side), all the way to your left, in the lane *outside* of the awning. Campers will wait with their counselors in a premarked spot underneath the awning for someone to pick them up. Once a camper sees the individual who is designated to pick them up, we will do one of two things:
 - If you **DO** sign the bottom of the pick up/self-release form: We can simply walk your camper to your car and you can be on your way.
 - If you **DO NOT** sign the bottom of the pick up/self-release form: We **MUST** check identification each time someone comes to pick up your camper, and only the people you designate on your sheet may pick up your camper.
 - **Please Note** Signing the bottom of the pick up/self-release form will make the process of picking up your camper more efficient, but we encourage each family to do what makes them most comfortable. Once again, for the safety of our staff and campers, please do not exit your car during the pick-up process.
- If your child will need to take medication during the camp day, please complete and submit this [Medication Dispensing Information Form](#) prior to the first day of camp. Upon completion, please email the form to lindsay@bgparks.org.
- If your child has any dietary restrictions and/or if you have any concerns, please address them in writing to the Recreation Supervisor, Lindsay Grandt at lindsay@bgparks.org.
- **FRIENDSHIP REQUESTS** If you have any friendship requests, please submit them via email by June 10 to lindsay@bgparks.org. We only allow one request per camper and it must be a mutual request from both parties. If you previously sent your friendship request to a different email, we are asking you to please resubmit them to this email to ensure it does not get missed. Thanks for your understanding.
- Each camper needs to supply their own jazz or ballet shoes. You can purchase these shoes at Toe the Line in Buffalo Grove, or any other dance supply store or online retailer.

Please make sure your camper brings the following to camp everyday (Please label EVERYTHING!):

- Face covering or mask
- *Spray sunscreen (For the safety of our campers and the staff, we will only be able to assist campers with applying spray sunscreen.)*
- Jazz or ballet shoes
- Appropriate and comfortable attire to allow full movement
- A healthy snack for mid-morning
- Sack lunch and a drink (We do not have refrigeration on site, so please plan accordingly.)

- Water bottle
 - Arriving to camp in closed-toed shoes
 - This is a Buffalo Grove Park District policy. If your camper does not come to camp with close-toed shoes, you will be called to bring them a pair.
 - A towel (*for campers to sit on when we go outside.*)
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- Every Thursday, our camp will have a “Water Games Day,” which means that we will be going outside (weather permitting) and participating in a water activity/game. We ask that, on water days, campers come to camp wearing a swimsuit underneath their clothes to minimize the amount of changing. **Closed-toed shoes are required for water play.** We encourage a water shoe, Keens, or a similar shoe that can get wet on these days to protect your camper’s feet and to prevent slipping or injury. Campers will not be allowed to participate barefoot or wearing flip flops. Campers should bring a towel and sunscreen to camp every day, but it is especially important to bring these items on Thursdays.
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- Campers will be putting on a musical performance revue at the end of each session. These performances will be held in the theater at the CAC during the camp day. Final details on show times and the # of guests allowed per performer will be sent out closer to the performance dates. If you already know that your child will not be able to be in the show for any reason, please let us know in writing ASAP.
 - **Session 1 Performance - Friday, July 9**
 - **Session 2 Performance - Friday, August 6**
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- We have amazing staff returning to lead camp this summer! Liza Shapin is our Camp Coordinator and Matthew Jay will be our Head Counselor. We can’t wait to introduce the rest of the camp staff at the Meet & Greet!
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- We will have a camp cell phone should you need to reach our staff during camp hours. Please make sure to call the camp cell phone if your child will not be at camp for any reason. The camp cell phone number will be made available at the Meet & Greet.
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- All further correspondence from camp will come via email to the main contact email you indicated on your registration form. If you wish to change that email or are unsure of what email we have on file for you, please let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out. We are so excited for an awesome, fun, and safe summer at Star Makers!

Thank you,

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