



Thank you for enrolling your child in Tampa Theatre Film Camp! In this orientation letter you will find important information about camp including how to prep, what to bring, where to park, and more.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, June 12, 10:45 – 1:00 – Optional Pre-Camp Orientation & Tour
Saturday, August 28, 9:30 am – Tampa Theatre Film Camp Film Festival
Friday of Camp Week, either 11-12 or 3-4 - Film Sneak Preview

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Summer Camp Emergency Phone - 813-507-3024 (put it in your cell phone)
Janice Strand – 813-307-5526 janice@tampatheatre.org (general questions, contact info changes)
Nicole Southworth – 813-274-5510 nicole@tampatheatre.org (registration questions)
Tampa Theatre Film Camp Website – www.tampafilmcamp.com (links to this info and more)
Tampa Theatre Film Camp YouTube - www.youtube.com/user/tampafilmcamp (films from previous years)

CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION OR AUTHORIZED PICK UP LIST

It is important that you notify us of any changes to your contact information, including phone numbers, pick-up people, or email. (Email is our primary method of communication with parents.) Send changes to Janice Strand at janice@tampatheatre.org.

OPTIONAL CAMP ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

New to camp? Want to learn more about the theatre? Come to this optional pre-camp orientation on Saturday, June 12 from 10:45 – 11:30, and then if you'd like, stay as our guests for the Tampa Theatre public tour from 11:30 to 1:00. Doors will open at 10:30, so please allow time for parking, etc. We'll start right at 10:45.

IMPORTANT CAMP INFO

Preparing for Camp – For the Filmmakers

Visit the Filmmaker Resources section of www.tampafilmcamp.com. You'll find links to places that will help you dive quicker into filmmaking. You can see films from previous years, learn filmmaking terms, and view the sample script and storyboard sheets you'll be using the second day of camp.

What to Bring to Camp

Nothing. We provide the all the cameras, computers and software. We will also provide bottled water, soda and popcorn during the break.

Dropping Off Your Child at Camp

Location: Backstage door entrance on Polk Street (between Florida Avenue & Franklin Street).

- Please drop your child off as close to the start of camp as possible, and no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of your child's session.
- Do not drop off your child in front of the theatre, since cars are not allowed to stop on Franklin Street.
- Three parking meters will be reserved with **yellow bags and signs** on Polk Street near the backstage door for **quick drop off and pick up only**. If the meters are taken, please circle the block until a space becomes available.
- If you are turning onto Polk from Florida Avenue, please **do not** stop on Florida. It is very dangerous. Again, just circle block. Spots become available quickly.
- Please do not leave your car unattended at one of the bagged spots.
- You may also park at a meter and walk to the backstage door.
- A Tampa Theatre staff member will greet you and sign your child in. Please do not send your child into the theatre without a Tampa Theatre staff person.

During Camp (Filmmaker Info)

- At the start of each day, you'll pick up your name badge from a table inside the auditorium. You'll wear it at all times during camp, and at the end of each day, you'll return it so it will be waiting for you the next day. (But don't worry, you'll get to take your badge home once camp ends.)
- When you arrive, please sit in one of the first two rows of the theatre. Camp will begin promptly at 9am (morning session) or 1pm (afternoon session) with a production meeting.

Picking Up Your Child After Camp

Same location as drop off. And please, in consideration of your child's safety and our nerves, **do not leave without signing out.**

The person picking up your child must be on your child's authorized pick up list and present a photo id.

Please be patient as you wait. Dismissal begins promptly at either 12:00 or 4:00. (Our campers like to enjoy every last minute of their camp day!)

*** Put This Number In Your Cell Phone – Summer Camp Emergency Phone**

Arrive early? Running late? Call the summer camp phone 813-507-3024. Please note that this phone will only be turned on between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday during the week of camp. Otherwise, please call our normal office phone at 813-307-5526.

Friday Of Each Camp Week

Parents are welcome to join us on Friday during the last hour of camp to see a sneak preview of all of the films on the big screen. Sneak previews will be between 11 and noon for campers in the morning session and between 3 and 4 for afternoon campers. This one day only, parents will enter the theatre through the front door at the box office on Franklin Street (under the big marquee), then step up to the concessions stand for complimentary sodas, water, coffee and popcorn, and prepare to be delighted by the film your child has created during camp.

After Camp Ends - It's Showtime!**Tampa Theatre Film Camp Film Festival – Saturday, August 28th – Anticipated To Begin at 9:30am**

After camp, you and your family and friends will receive a special invitation to the Tampa Theatre Film Camp Film Festival where the students' films will have their world premiere. Enjoy treats purchased from our concession stand as everyone watches your child's film on the big screen. (Start times for each session will be provided closer to the festival.) Afterwards, we'll present each filmmaker with a keepsake DVD containing all the films from their session of the Tampa Theatre Film Camp Film Festival. (Filmmakers not in attendance will be mailed their DVDs.)

Please contact Janice Strand if you have any questions or comments – 813-307-5526 or janice@tampatheatre.org.

Sincerely,

Janice Strand & Tara Schroeder
Tampa Theatre Summer Camp Coordinators