



Camp ENCORE! FAQs

Contact Information

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Q: **How many campers** enroll in a session?

A: Typically, we have anywhere from 40-60 campers per session with a maximum capacity of 60 campers per session.

Q: What is the **counselor to camper ratio**?

A: Typically we maintain a 1 counselor to every 7 campers ratio and never exceed 10 campers to 1 counselor. In addition to this we have CITs (Counselors in Training, aged 14-17) to give additional support, along with our Camp Director.

Q: What is the minimum **age for counselors**?

A: All counselors must be at least 18 years old.
Counselors-in-Training (CITs) are ages 15-17.

Q: Is there someone on-site who is **CPR trained**?

A: Yes! We require all of our counselors and CITs to complete an online CPR training offered through the American Red Cross. We also conduct background checks on all counselors.

Q: My camper has **medical needs** throughout the day, is there a plan in place?

A: Yes! There is a medical form for each camper to fill-out and we will make a plan to properly support each camper.

Q: What does my camper **need to bring** with them?

A: Here's a Daily Checklist of essentials for reference.

Lunch: Campers bring a bag lunch and typically eat around 12:30pm.

Snacks: Please pack 2 snacks; we will have snack time twice daily.

Water: All campers *must* bring refillable water bottles.

A water fountain is available at the park and water bottles are also available for sale. *(List continues on next page)*

Face Masks: Campers should bring a face mask to camp and have a couple extra packed as back-up in case it gets dirty throughout the day.

Sunscreen: A must! Please take some time to show your campers how to effectively apply sunscreen each day. This should be done BEFORE camp. Campers will be reminded to reapply throughout the day.

Bug Spray: It's always a good idea to have bug spray on hand since we are by the water and there can be bugs in the park.

Footwear: Close-toed shoes are *mandatory* when on the stage.

Hat: Always a good idea!!!

Towel: Large towel for sitting or lying down during relaxation times.

Q: Where do I **drop-off and pick-up**?

A: The Strawberry Banke parking lot on Hancock Street

Please drive all of the way to the end of the parking lot, where signage for Camp will be posted; staff will assist.

- Please note: drop-off/pick-up at the end of the Prescott Park driveway is *not* allowed by the city.
- Please note: Campers (age 17 and under) must be SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT by the parent or guardian who is dropping off and picking up, to ensure the safety of our campers.

Q: Can my camper have a **cell phone** with them?

A: Campers can have their cell phones with them at camp, but we ask that they stay away in a bag and are only taken out during break times (snacks, lunch). ENCORE staff will have cell phones on them all day for camp communication and emergency purposes.

Q: What happens if there is **bad weather**?

A: We have plans in place to handle all weather-related situations during the camp sessions. We use the neighboring theatre, The Player's Ring, as our indoor space.

Q: What **bathroom facilities** do the campers use?

A: Campers will use the Prescott Park restroom facilities located in the Park's Concession building. Typically a CIT will bring a gaggle of campers to use the bathroom. Staff will also be monitoring the facilities at all times when being used by campers.

Q: Is there any built-in **rest or relaxation time**?

A: On especially hot or long days, we may take time in the afternoon to practice yoga or quiet story time, or host an activity that is calm in order to create a peaceful, cooling, focused environment for all campers. Please pack a towel for your camper, since we will be sitting on the grass and it can be dew-y.

Q: How do **costumes** for the shows work?

A: We will be in touch with caregivers regarding costume pieces needed for the performance. Costuming will be kept simple, but fun!

Q: Can I come **visit** my camper during the day?

A: We discourage visits from friends and family during the camp day, as it can be very distracting. If there's some reason you need to see your camper during the day, please make arrangements with us ahead of time.

Q: What is the best **footwear** for my camper?

A: Please be sure your campers bring footwear that covers their toes and are attached at the heels in some way. Flip-Flop style footwear should not be worn while at camp due to the various obstacles that are a natural part of our surroundings.

Q: What **COVID precautions** are in place at Camp ENCORE?

A: We are continuing to monitor and follow the most recent protocols for camps in this era of Covid. Please send your camper to camp with several face masks. While we benefit from being a mostly outdoors camp, at times we will need to go indoors due to weather, and campers will be required to wear face masks. Having a few on hand is good if one gets dirty. These protocols will evolve as the recommendations evolve and just before Camp sessions begin we will update parents and campers on the protocols.

For any additional questions or requests, please be in touch with
Our Camp ENCORE! Director, at camp@prescottpark.org.

We look forward to a wonderful summer!
Thank you for being a part of the Festival family.