



May 24, 2024

Dear Star Makers Campers and Parents,

Welcome to Star Makers Camp (Sessions 1 & 2)! Your children will have fun singing, dancing, and acting this summer as they learn choreography, songs, and blocking, all in preparation for their performance at the end of camp. They will also be very active in fun arts and crafts projects, games, and other camp activities. Below, you will find important camp information.

**Orientation**

Our camp orientation is scheduled for Thursday, June 6 from 5:30 - 7 pm at the Community Arts Center, 225 McHenry Road in Buffalo Grove. This will be an open house format, and a chance for you to meet our staff and ask any questions. Camp groups will be posted for 1st session only.

**Communication**

This year, we will use the Band App to enhance communication with our camp families. Camp calendars, photos, and newsletters will be posted to the Band. Please follow the link below to join the Star Makers Camp App!

[Join the Star Makers Session #1](#)

[Join the Star Makers Session #2 Band App](#)

You can email the site supervisor directly starting June 7. Emails will be checked before camp, during lunch, and after camp. All emails will be returned within a 24-hour turnaround.

**The camp email is [StarMakers@bgparks.org](mailto:StarMakers@bgparks.org)**

The camp cell phone will be turned on at 8:30 am and turned off at 3:30 pm. All messages will be checked before camp, at lunch, and after camp. Please call the camp cell phone for any absences.

**The cell phone number is 224-866-3211**

*Please note: this phone will be active starting Monday June 10.*

**Forms**

<p><b><u><a href="#">Summer Camp Pick Up Permission Form</a></u></b>          Please fill out the pick-up permission form/self-arrival and release form (link above). All campers need to be signed out at the end of each day by someone listed on the pick-up permission form. If you would like your child to leave camp without being signed out, you will need to fill out the bottom portion of the form.</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Star Makers Camp Friendship request</a></u></b>          If you have any friendship requests, please submit them through the form below by Monday, June 3. We will only allow one request, and it must be mutual. Camp is a place to meet new friends and to have a great time socializing with others in a positive environment. Campers are only with their counselor groups for attendance and one dance routine. The majority of the camp day is spent together as a whole camp.</p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">Medication Dispensing Information Form</a></u></b>          If your child will need to take medication during the camp day, please fill out the medication dispensation form link above before the first day of camp; please return form back to us.</p>	

### Pick up/Drop off

We will meet every day at Tripp School Elementary School, located at 850 Highland Grove Rd in Buffalo Grove. Drop off and pick up will be in the front of the building. Camp begins promptly at 9 am and ends at 3 pm. Drop off starts at 8:50 am, and pick up promptly at 3 pm. If you want to escort your child to the door, you must park your car in the parking lot on the side of the building. You cannot park your car in the pickup/drop-off line.

### What to bring to camp

Every day, your child will need to bring the following to camp (make sure it is labeled)

- A backpack for all of their belongings.
- Dance shoes or clean tennis shoes
- Camp attire that is comfortable enough to allow full movement.
- Towel, underwear, extra clothes & bathing suite for swim days
- Sunscreen
- Campers script & pencil (provided)
- Sack lunch and a drink (we do not have access to a refrigerator, plan accordingly)
- A water bottle & a healthy snack for mid-morning (Snacks must be NUT FREE)

### Swimming

Campers will attend swim lessons at Buffalo Grove High School on Tuesdays & Thursdays. And have open swim time at Willow Stream Pool on Wednesdays. We suggest campers wear their swimsuit to camp on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, as we leave for the pool shortly after arrival. For all swimming days, please make sure your camper has a swimsuit, towel, and a full change of clothes. Campers can wear flip-flops to the pool. All campers will be given a swim test on their first day at the pool and placed into appropriate swim lesson groups.

### Field Trips

We will be going on 2 field trips each session. Campers need to wear their camp T-shirt for all field trips. Details about each field trip will be posted on the Band App. You can view the camp calendar for all of the field trip information as well as special camp-themed weeks.

### The end of session performances

At the end of each session, campers will put on a show at Tripp School, where family and friends are invited to come and see all the hard work they have been doing. More information will be sent home in the weekly camp newsletter and on the Band App. In the first session, campers will work on songs and scenes from *Seussical*, and in session 2, they will work on *Seussical Kids*.

Performances for the 1st session: Wednesday, July 3, at 10am (Yellow Stars) & 11am (Red Stars).

Performances for the 2nd session: Thursday, Aug. 1, at 10am (Yellow Stars) & 11am (Red Stars).

### Miscellaneous

- Your child will receive a camp shirt during the first week of camp.
- Alert us in writing of any dietary restrictions, or allergies that your camper might have.
- As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call us or send an email.

Thank you,  
Ann Marie Shipstad-Schwartz, CPRP  
Recreation Supervisor

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Site Supervisor Star Makers

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