

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is camp being held?

All Lifeline summer camp classes will take place at Lifeline Theatre in Rogers Park, located at 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. Lifeline is one block south of the Morse red line CTA stop.

What does a typical day of camp look like?

All campers will start the day with ensemble-building games and warm ups for their voice, body, and imagination. Campers will work as an ensemble to explore their source material, devise scenes, create characters, and write and perform their own adaptation on the last day of camp.

Lifeline Summer Theatre Intensive participants (10-15 year olds) will learn about and participate in improvisation, scenic design, stage combat, and puppetry workshops led by Chicago theatre professionals each morning. They will spend their afternoons working as an ensemble to adapt their own short ensemble piece. They will integrate their skills from the morning sessions into their final sharing.

What kind of theatre does Lifeline theatre do?

Lifeline Theatre explores, interprets, and reimagines books and other literary works to create stories that move us beyond the margins of our own lives.

Do the campers ever go outside?

Yes! We go outside to Lazarus Park playground at Columbia and Lakewood for lunch and daily exercise, weather permitting.

My child is very shy and has never been on stage before. Will they enjoy theatre camp?

Yes! Our instructors will work to bring your child out of their shell through a variety of activities designed to foster their creative expression and build a strong ensemble to support each other. We will also have traditional games and crafts for children to enjoy outside of their performance activities and plenty of opportunities to build friendships. We also emphasize that acting isn't the only way to be involved in the theatre.

If my child cannot attend the final sharing, can they still participate in camp?

Yes, they can participate as either a special designer, or assistant director, or stage manager, or other roles behind the scenes. Or, they can have an ensemble role in the play with lines that someone else can take during the performance.

Does everyone get an equal part in the final piece? How are roles assigned?

Roles are assigned by the teacher based on age, interest, and reading ability, but everybody gets an important part—we are an ensemble-based company and we believe in ensemble work.

When is the final sharing?

All camps culminate in a performance or exhibition, which takes place on the last day of camp, Friday afternoons at 2:30pm. Our half-day camp will perform at 11:30am on the final Friday of their camp.

Do you offer any discounts?

If you sign up more than one camper in your family, additional siblings will get 15% off.

Sign up early and get 15% off your registration fee through April 1st, no joke!

Do you provide scholarships?

Yes, we offer full and partial scholarships. Please email merissa@lifelinetheatre.com for more information.

And don't forget that camps like this qualify as tax-deductible child-care!

What is your refund policy in case our summer plans change?

In the event of an unforeseen conflict, camps may be exchanged for a different camp of equal value. If an alternative camp option can't be found two weeks before the start date, we can refund the cost of the camp, less a \$100 deposit. There are no refunds less than two weeks before the camp start date.

What are my responsibilities as a participating family?

Completing your child's registration. Dropping and picking your camper up on time, with food and water, ready to learn and have fun! Keeping the staff informed of any health concerns and communicating clearly and kindly with camp staff in person and via email as needed.