

FAQ's - CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS?

This is a weekend day camp that takes place in the fall on Saturday, November 18th, & Sunday, November 19th 2023 from 9 AM to 5 PM CT each day, and in the spring on Saturday, March 23rd, & Sunday March 24th 2024 from 9 AM to 5PM at the Orpheum Theatre's Halloran Centre for Performing Arts & Education located at 225 South Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103. Advance registration is required by visiting www.orpheum-memphis.com/campsay or contacting Lena Wallace Black at (901) 529-4247 or lblack@orpheum-memphis.com.

WHO CAN ATTEND CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS?

Camp is open to young people who stutter, ages 8-18. Please note that priority registration will be given to participants from the mid-south.

HOW WILL CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS HELP MY CHILD?

Campers will have an important opportunity to connect and collaborate with other kids and teens who stutter. All games and activities are designed to promote self-esteem, creativity, and free expression.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD ATTEND CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS?

Young people who stutter should attend to build confidence, explore their voices through creative arts and become part of a community of young people who stutter just like them!

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED AT CAMP?

Camp offers team-building exercises that promote confidence and camaraderie, plus a broad range of fun games and group activities focused on connecting young people who stutter. Under the guidance of seasoned Camp SAY leadership staff and the Orpheum's teaching artists & programming staff, campers will have an opportunity to celebrate and share their original work with the larger group, with no pressure to perform. *Each child can choose whether or not they wish to participate in this final share.*

WHAT IS THE TUITION FOR CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS?

Orpheum Theatre Group is proud to offer CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS free-of-charge. Camp Includes breakfast and lunch daily, plus a free camp T-shirt.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS?

Please visit www.orpheum-memphis.com/campsay, to learn more and complete a simple camp enrollment form. Registration for the November 2023 camp opens on Monday, October 9th, 2023. Advance Registration is required by Friday, November 10th, 2023. Registration for the March 2024 camp opens on Monday, February 5th, 2024 and is required by March 15th, 2024.

WHAT IS STUTTERING?

Stuttering is a complex and often-misunderstood communication disorder that causes disfluencies in a person's speech. Stuttering affects an estimated 1% of the world's population - over 70 million people - including 5% of ALL children. Stuttering can look very different in each person, and can even change over the course of a person's lifetime. Children who stutter often face feelings of shame, embarrassment, anxiety and low self-esteem. For some, the impact on their quality-of-life can be far more significant than the surface behaviors.

MY CHILD DOESN'T STUTTER. CAN THEY STILL ATTEND CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS?

All camp activities are uniquely designed to support and benefit only young people who stutter, ages 8-18.

WHO WILL BE LEADING CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS?

This camp program, hosted by the Orpheum Theatre Group is inspired by [Camp SAY](#), the annual summer camp for young people who stutter run by [SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young \(\[www.say.org\]\(http://www.say.org\)\)](#). Camp SAY was established in 2008, and now welcomes a capacity enrollment of kids and teens who stutter from across the US (and beyond) each summer. Members of Camp SAY's seasoned leadership team will lead this transformative 2-day camp in collaboration with the Orpheum's teaching artists & programming staff. Learn more about Camp SAY at [CampSAY.org](#).

ARE PARENTS WELCOME AT CAMP?

Camp SAY's programming is designed to provide a brave space for young people who stutter to explore their voices independent of their parents and/or guardians. Although parents won't join their kids for the entire camp, a special parent education workshop & support group is being offered (during camp), so parents can learn more about stuttering, share their unique experiences and meet other parents of kids & teens who stutter in Memphis (and the surrounding area).

HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA - MEMPHIS?

Please visit www.orpheum-memphis.com/campsay or contact Lena Wallace Black with any questions at (901) 529-4247 or lblack@orpheum-memphis.com.

HOW DOES MY CHILD GET TO CAMP?

Campers are typically dropped off by parents, caregivers, or approved adults. Anyone interested in carpooling will be put in contact with one another.

DOES MY CHILD NEED ANY SPECIAL ITEMS OR EQUIPMENT AT CAMP?

No. Camp will provide all necessary supplies & materials.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR TO CAMP?

Campers are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing to camp (*pants/jeans & T-shirts or short- or long-sleeve shirts are great*). Please do not wear dresses or skirts unless you have shorts or leggings underneath. We also strongly suggest wearing close-toed shoes. Campers will receive a free camp T-shirt that they can choose to wear at camp too.

CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE MY CHILD'S SPECIAL DIET NEEDS?

Yes. If your child has special dietary needs, please let us know, so that we can plan accordingly.

WHAT ABOUT SENDING ELECTRONICS AND OTHER VALUABLES WITH MY CHILD TO CAMP?

Camp SAY does not allow the use of any electronics during camp, and we recommend that any electronics and valuable items are left at home. If a camper brings a cell phone or other electronics to camp, we will ask them to keep it away for the day with their personal belongings. Caregivers will be given a number to reach our staff should they need to connect with their camper during camp.

WHERE DO I PARK IF I ATTEND THE SPECIAL PARENT GROUP AND PERFORMANCE?

All parent activities are held in the Halloran Centre located at 225 South Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103. We suggest parking in the MLGW parking garage, located on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Front Street. Take a ticket from the machine and bring it with you to the Halloran Centre so a SAY staff member can provide a sticker to validate your parking so you are not charged a fee. Please note, the only garage we validate is the one listed above.

CAN CAMPERS/PARENTS/CAREGIVERS TAKE PICTURES OR VIDEOS?

Photos and videos will be captured throughout camp by Orpheum Staff and shared on social media so that caregivers and guests attending the share can give their full attention to our campers as they share their creativity and beautiful voices!

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD BECOMES ILL DURING CAMP?

In the unlikely event that a child becomes ill during camp, camp staff will immediately contact the camper's parent or guardian. Camp staff will remain with the child at all times until the camper's parent or guardian can pick-up their child at camp.

HOW DO YOU ACCOMMODATE ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS?

The Orpheum Theatre Group strives to make this camp available to all young people who stutter. When you register your child for camp, please indicate any accommodations your child will require, or contact Lena Wallace Black with any questions at (901) 529-4247 or lblack@orpheum-memphis.com.

ABOUT CAMP SAY: A NATIONAL SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO STUTTER:

Camp SAY: Across the USA - Memphis is a program of Camp SAY, an ACA-Accredited, 2-week, sleep-away summer camp for young people who stutter, ages 8-18. Camp SAY combines a high-quality, traditional camp experience with specialized programs and activities that help kids and teens who stutter develop confidence and independence, and form important lifelong friendships. Camp SAY is hosted at Camp Eagle Hill, located in the picturesque Hudson Valley region of Upstate New York. Camp SAY 2023 dates are Sunday, July 23 through Sunday, August 6, 2023 with a one week shortened stay available. Campers are welcomed by a friendly staff, many of whom also stutter, and immediately see that Camp SAY is a very special place of acceptance, support, and encouragement. Camp SAY is a life-changing summer camp where young people who stutter are free to have fun and stutter as openly as they choose – and everyone ALWAYS gets as much time as they need to speak! Learn more about Camp SAY at www.CampSAY.org.

[Camp SAY](#) is a program of [SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young \(www.say.org\)](#), a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides support, advocacy, and life-changing experiences for young people who stutter, ages 3-18. Since 2001, SAY has offered comprehensive and innovative programs that address the physical, social, and emotional impacts of stuttering. Through summer camp, regional day camps, speech therapy, and creative arts programming, SAY builds a community of acceptance, friendship, and encouragement where young people who stutter can develop the confidence they need to thrive.