

## The Second City Training Center Summer Camp FAQ

1. **How do I register?** Registration is completed on-line. Beginning on 1/23 a link will be posted on our website [www.seconcity.com/kids](http://www.seconcity.com/kids) you may register from this website and will hear back from us shortly confirming your enrollment.
2. **Does Second City provide housing?** Students are responsible for their own housing. Once registration opens we will include links to a few housing options on our website. These include hotels and hostels that past students have recommended.
3. **Where can I learn about Chicago commuter information?** [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com) the training center is location near the Brownline Sedgwick stop.
4. **How long is the camp day?** Camps run from 10:00am-3:30pm with a 30 minute lunch break. Students may purchase an extended day and participate in a post camp workshop that runs 3:45pm-5:00pm everyday except for the final day of camp (performance day).
5. **May I only do half day?** No, students learn more and build better relationships with their peers by participating in the full day.
6. **The class is marked full on the website is there any way to squeeze in one more?** No, but we will happily put you on a wait list.
7. **Does the training center provide lunch?** Students are responsible for bringing their lunch everyday except for performance day. If your student has specific dietary needs, we suggest that they also bring their own lunch on performance day.
8. **Can the students leave for lunch?** All students are required to stay in our facility for lunch. The training center has a lobby that all students gather in for their lunches together.
9. **Can I enroll with a friend?** Of course but keep in mind that there are multiple sections of each age group and there is a chance you will not be in class with your friend. Due to the large number of students participating we do not take pairing requests. Beside you'll make new friends, guaranteed, and you'll see your friend during breaks.
10. **I just registered and haven't heard back yet?** Please be patient we will contact you and let you know the status of your application.
11. **I registered two weeks ago and haven't heard back yet?** In this case we do suggest you should give us a call and follow up on your application.
12. **Once I register will I receive more information?** Yes we will send out and email and hard copy letter about 2 weeks before camp begins.
13. **Who are your teachers?** Our teachers are all performers/instructors that work with us and through out the city on a regular basis. They have all been trained to teach camps and have a joy of working with young students. Most of them have taught the camps on several occasions.
14. **What time may I arrive each day?** Students may show up starting at 9:00am. Classes begin at 10:00am

15. **Can I take more than one session?** Yes if you wish. There usually are a few students who do more than one session each year. You will repeat some activities but the different mix of students will guarantee it is a new experience.
16. **How are students grouped?** Students are grouped according to age. We find this is the best way to make sure students are closest to being on equal reading level and at the same development stages.
17. **My child is very mature. Can he be with the older class?** Because classes are designed according to student development, we will not place students into classes with differently aged students for the benefit of themselves, the class and the instructors.
18. **What is the average size of a class?** We try to keep classes small to allow everyone to participate in the class activities and be seen in the final show. The general size of the classes are as follows. (11-12) – 12 students; (13-14) – 14 students; (15-18) – 16 students.
19. **Where are the classes held?** Our Chicago training center is located in the Old Town neighborhood of Chicago specifically at 1608 N. Wells in Piper's Alley.
20. **Is there parking?** Piper's Ally does have a parking garage connected to it. The Second City does not own this garage and it is pretty expensive. Your best bet is to take public transportation or shoot for neighborhood parking. Just always watch for parking restriction signs.
21. **Will there be an orientation and does a parent need to be present?** Orientation will take place on the first day of camp before classes start. Since a lot of valuable information will be provided it certainly is helpful for a parent to be present.
22. **What if my child doesn't like camp?** Tuition is non-transferable and non-refundable. We do suggest you discuss enrollment with your child and family before deciding to enroll. Once camp begins if your child is unhappy please encourage them to participate and talk to us to make us aware of the situation.
23. **Can I take Improv in one session and Sketch in another?** Unfortunately this type of schedule will not work out.
24. **Do I have to be funny to participate?** No, we never ask anyone to be funny. Instead we teach the basic of improv and sketch which, with a little help, usually turns out to be funny.
25. **Do you provide financial assistance?** There are a limited number of scholarships available each summer. If you are in need and wish to apply you will find an application on our website. Please follow the directions correctly and comply with all deadlines posted.
26. **Will I be the only boy/girl in class?** It's a mix and we work to balance out the girl/boy ratio in each class.
27. **I completed the camp what's next?** You are welcome to join our year round youth classes and keep developing your craft. If you live out of town consider starting your own improv club at school and join us again next summer.
28. **How can I find out about youth program activities?** We have a monthly newsletter. You can subscribe from the website.
29. **Does Second City scout talent from the camps?** Second City is not an agency but rather focuses on training the student in improvisation. This team work

training can help them whether they decide to pursue a career in theater or accounting.

**30. Will I meet anyone famous?** Probably no one currently famous but some future celebrities surely.