

The Second City[®]
TRAINING CENTER

COMEDY CAMPS

Summer 2023

**IMPROV,
STORYTELLING,
WRITING, AND MORE!**

Options available for ages 7-18!



For more information, visit
www.secondcity.com/camps



WELCOME TO SUMMER 2023 COMEDY CAMPS!

Some of the world's funniest superstars got their start at world-famous comedy launching pad The Second City, and your child can be part of that all-star list, too! Shy kids. Class clowns. Curious kids. We welcome all types from all experience levels, and programming is led by top-notch performers and instructors who are experienced working with young students.

We have camps available for kids ages 7-18!

We look forward to having a safe, fun, and exciting summer! As our nation and city continue through COVID recovery phases, we will update our safety regulations and practices to reflect that. You can read our current policy at secondcity.com/kids.



LOCATION & FACILITIES

Chicago Comedy Camps are located in the heart of Old Town, at our Second City Chicago Training Center. Campers will enter under the large marquee at [230 W North Avenue, Chicago IL.](#)

Camp will be lead by expert Second City faculty. We will also have a staff of counselors facilitating the fun and guiding campers from one activity to the next!

Campers will utilize our classrooms on the second floor of the Training Center. The Training Center boasts a massive wall of alumni, multiple classrooms, bleachers and couches for snacks and breaks, stages and MORE.



CAMP DATES & SESSIONS

The Second City has one-week and advanced three-week camp options available. The following dates are available for 7-11 year old age groups and 12-18 year old age groups.

ONE-WEEK CAMPS (AGES 7-11 & 12-18) - \$700

One-week camps will take place Monday - Friday from 9AM - 4PM. Class will culminate with an in-classroom performance at the end of the week, adults will be invited to attend.

JUNE

June 12 - 16

June 20 - 23 (reduced)

June 26 - June 30

JULY

July 5 - 7 (reduced)

July 10 - 14

July 17 - 21

July 24 - 28

AUGUST

July 31 - Aug 4

August 8 - 11

Aug 14 - 18

Aug 21 - 25

ADVANCED CAMP (AGES 15-18) - \$1900

Advanced Comedy Camp is a fully comprehensive 3-week program that dives deep into the skills required to present a Second City-style revue. Curriculum includes training in advanced scenework and long form improv as well as additional lessons in clowning, stand-up, and music improv. Students will present their stand-up material on the second Friday of the program and a one-act sketch revue on the final day.

Prerequisite: must have completed 2 previous camp sessions or 1 year of improv training classes

JULY

July 10 - 28

AUGUST

July 31 - Aug 18

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP* (IN PERSON)

8:30 AM - 9:00AM

Drop-Off at 230 W North Ave

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Improvisation Games

Short Break

Creative Movement

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Lunch Time!

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

More improv, a short break, and creative movement and/or specialties such as storytelling and stand-up

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Pickup at 230 W North Ave

***This schedule is for reference only and is subject to change. Staff and faculty work to curate an experience that best fits campers interests and skills.**

DROP OFF/PICKUP

Pick-up and drop-offs will be within assigned time-blocks to best facilitate traffic on North Avenue. All information will be communicated to campers/adults prior to their session start date!

LUNCH & SNACKS

Students will need to bring a sack lunch every day. We recommend a "cold lunch", as we do not have a fridge for storing lunches. We are a no-nuts building, as many of our students (and staff!) have severe allergies. Students will not be permitted to leave the building to get lunch.

CLOTHING & MASKS

We recommend comfortable clothing that is freeing to move in! Sneakers or other durable shoes are also recommended. Masks are not required, but are welcome for campers that prefer it. We will have some masks available for campers at request.

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring your lunch, comfy clothes, and a filled waterbottle, as not all facilities have an easily accessible water fountain. Leave the valuables at home! The Second City cannot be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

FAQ

What is the difference between regular and advanced camps?

Our standard camp offering is for ages 7-11 and 12-18, and lasts one week. No prior experience required! Our advanced camp has a pre-requisite of two prior years of camp sessions or one year of improv training. Advanced camp spans across three weeks. This is great for a student with prior experience!

What is your COVID policy?

As our nation and city continue through COVID recovery phases, we will update our safety regulations and practices to reflect that. You can read our current policy at secondcity.com/camps.

How firm are the age groups?

We are firm on the age grouping for camps. For example, please do not sign up your 11-year-old for a 12-18 camp session. If you have an extenuating circumstance or would like to explore other options, email us at customerservice@secondcity.com.

What accessibility accommodations do you provide?

We love to work with students to make summer camp an enjoyable experience. Please reach out to us in advance if you have questions about accessibility needs or requirements!

Can I sign up my child and their friend in the same group?

We cannot make any guarantees that children will be grouped together. However, if a special request is submitted prior to the camp session, we will do everything we can to help make arrangements happen.

How experienced does my child need to be to participate?

We welcome all kids from all experience levels. The experience is meant to be explorative, and function as an introduction to materials - beginners are as welcome as seasoned performers.

Can I get a recording of my child's performance?

We do not provide recordings of the performances after they take place. We encourage adults to join us for the live show in-person. You are welcome to record the performance from your phone or camera, as long as its not disruptive to the show!

CONTACT & REGISTRATION

Are you ready to make this your kids' funniest summer yet? Spots are limited - register TODAY!

Scan the QR code to visit our website, or head to www.secondcity.com/camps

**For additional information:
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