FAQ's - CAMP SAY ACROSS THE USA: MEMPHIS

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF CAMP SAY ACROSS THE USA: MEMPHIS?
Camp is a weekend day camp that takes place on Saturday, November 17 & Sunday, November 18, 2018, times TBA, 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 Jenita Nakamura at (901) 529-4241 or nakamura@orpheum-memphis.com.

WHO CAN ATTEND CAMP SAY ACROSS THE USA: MEMPHIS?
Camp is open to young people who stutter, ages 8-18.

HOW WILL CAMP SAY ACROSS THE USA: MEMPHIS HELP MY CHILD?
Children will have an important opportunity to meet other kids and teens who stutter at camp, and camp activities will help children build self-confidence.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD ATTEND CAMP SAY ACROSS THE USA: MEMPHIS?
Young people who stutter should attend to build confidence, improve communication skills, and become part of a community of peers that stutter just like them!

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED AT CAMP?
Camp offers team-building & confidence-building exercises, plus a broad range of fun games & group activities to choose from, ranging from improvisation to arts & crafts. Campers also participate in small groups to create an original artistic work – such as a play, poem, song, dance, or visual art piece – under the guidance of seasoned Camp SAY leadership staff and the Orpheum's teaching artists & programming staff. Camp culminates with campers participating in an inspiring presentation to share their original work with a supportive audience (*each child can choose whether or not they wish to participate in this final presentation*).

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 orpheum-memphis.com/campsay, to learn more and complete a simple camp enrollment form. Registration for the 2018 camp opens July 23, 2018. Advance registration is required by November 1, 2018.

WHAT IS STUTTERING?
Stuttering is a complex and often-misunderstood communication disorder that can cause interruptions in a person's speech. Stuttering is not easy to define, because it looks very different in each person, and can even change over the course of a person's lifetime. As many as 5% of young children stutter, and approximately 1% of all adults –that's 70 million people. Tragically, in addition to experiencing difficulty speaking and with everyday activities, children who stutter often face feelings of guilt, shame, and anxiety, or discomfort about their speech.

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 at the Halloran Centre, is inspired by Camp SAY: a summer camp for young people who stutter. Camp SAY was established in 2008, and now welcomes 150 young people who stutter from across the US (and beyond). Founder Taro Alexander & members of Camp SAY's leadership team will lead this transformative 2-day camp in Memphis, in collaboration with the Orpheum's teaching artists & programming staff. Learn more about Camp SAY at CampSAY.org, and Camp SAY's team at: CampSAY.org/atu-leadership/

WILL I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH A CAMP DIRECTOR BEFORE MY CHILD ATTENDS CAMP?
Yes! A welcome call will be scheduled with each family and Camp SAY's Director before camp begins. This call will provide parents with the great opportunity to learn more about camp, share more about their child, and discuss specific goals for their child's camp experience. This call will also give each child the opportunity to meet a Director from the camp, which will help each child feel more comfortable and confident before camp begins.

ARE PARENTS WELCOME AT CAMP?
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*). Parents can also attend a special culminating presentation (*learn more below*). Parents will receive a welcome kit upon registration of their child, with more information about the optional parent activities offered during camp.

AT THE END OF CAMP CAN PARENTS AND FAMILIES ATTEND THE SPECIAL CAMPER PRESENTATION?
Yes. On Sunday, campers will share their original work with a supportive audience (*each child can choose whether or not they wish to participate in this final presentation*) and parents, siblings and friends are welcome to attend this inspiring presentation.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMP SAY ACROSS THE USA: MEMPHIS?
Please visit orpheum-memphis.com/campsay, or contact Jenita Nakamura with any questions at (901) 529-4241, or nakamura@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. If you are concerned that transportation to and from the Halloran Centre may be a barrier to your child's participation, please contact Jenita Nakamura, at (901) 529-4241, or via email at: nakamura@orpheum-memphis.com.

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 hold onto them for the day in a secure location. At the end of the day, all electronics will be returned to each camper.

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, which will charge a nominal fee. It's located on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Front Street (entrance on Front).

CAN CAMPERS/PARENTS/CAREGIVERS TAKE PICTURES OR VIDEOS?
Photos and videos will be captured throughout camp by Orpheum Staff and shared on social media. This includes the final presentation. Audience photography and video at the final presentation is permitted without the use of flash.

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. Camp staff will remain with the child at all times until the camper's parent 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 Jenita Nakamura with any questions at (901) 529-4241, or nakamura@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, a life-changing 2-week residential summer camp where young people who stutter have endless fun; build effective communication skills; develop greater self-confidence and independence, and form important friendships. Camp SAY welcomes 150 children and teens who stutter, ages 8-18, and their young family members and friends. Kids from across the US attend Camp SAY, which is hosted at Pocono Springs Camp, a new, 60-acre, $8 million, state-of-the-art camp facility in East Stroudsburg, PA.

At Camp SAY, kids and teens are free to express themselves without fear or ridicule. Camp blends traditional camp activities with programs and activities that are specially designed to meet each child's individual goals and needs. Camp SAY provides each child with unique experiences that safely challenge them – creating a strong sense of achievement – and helping them confidently navigate the unique issues that children who stutter face in the everyday world. At Camp SAY, children spend their days with many other children who stutter. This deep connection creates bonds and breaks down barriers so that each child can become more open and expressive. Staff, counselors, and mentors help children realize that they can take as much time as they need to express themselves fully and that stuttering shouldn't hold them back from anything they dream of doing. Learn more about Camp SAY at www.CampSAY.org

Camp SAY is a program of SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young, which is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that empowers, educates, and supports young people who stutter and the world that surrounds them. Through summer camp, speech therapy, and creative expression, SAY builds a community of acceptance where young people who stutter gain confidence and communication skills. Learn more at SAY.org