

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 on Saturday, November 21, & Sunday, November 22, 2020 from 10 AM to 3 PM (Central Time) each day, with an hour break for lunch. To protect the health and safety of our staff and the amazing young people we serve, Camp SAY Across the USA: Memphis will take place via **Zoom Video Conferencing**. Advance registration is required by visiting www.orpheum-memphis.com/campsay or contacting Sheree Stubblefield at (901) 529-4247 or stubblefield@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, 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 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.

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 November 2020 camp opens on October 7, 2020. Advance registration is required by November 4, 2020.

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 is inspired by [Camp SAY](#), the annual summer camp for young people who stutter run by [SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young \(www.say.org\)](#). 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?

We encourage families and caregivers to support their campers by allowing them to have an independent experience with camp as much as possible. Some campers may require assistance getting connected online, and that support is always welcome and appreciated. Beyond that we ask that you allow your camper the opportunity to connect with SAY staff and campers independently and without outside input or help. If you have any suggestions or ideas on how to alter or enhance camp programming please refrain from sharing them while your camper is involved in a session with others. Instead please send an email to a Camp Director to most effectively share your thoughts.

WHAT PARTS OF CAMP ARE FAMILIES INVITED TO ATTEND?

We are inviting families to tune in with their campers at the beginning of camp on Saturday for the official opening, and at the end of the day on Sunday for the official closing. We will also share information virtually about more of Camp SAY programming and how to keep in contact with us throughout the year.

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

Please visit orpheum-memphis.com/campsay, or contact Sheree Stubblefield with any questions at (901) 529-4247 or stubblefield@orpheum-memphis.com.

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

We are not asking families to supply campers with any materials for camp. Activity Packs with all necessary supplies and materials will be mailed to each camper or made available for pick up. We ask that campers and families preserve those items for use during camp.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR FOR CAMP?

Campers are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing for camp and keep in mind that Camp SAY is a PG-rated camp. All participants in the Camp experience are reminded not to wear clothing or to display tattoos that may be deemed offensive (e.g. swear words, racial slurs, violent imagery, pornographic/sexually suggestive imagery, etc.). If you require any assistance with supporting your child to understand this guideline, please reach out to our Camp SAY staff. It is also important to be mindful of what will be displayed in the background when your child is online. We advise not displaying any personally sensitive materials, such as addresses, or any potentially offensive or upsetting imagery.

CAN CAMPERS/PARENTS/CAREGIVERS TAKE PICTURES OR VIDEOS?

We ask that campers and families do not take any photos, screenshots or live recordings of any camp sessions for the safety and privacy of all of our campers.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD BECOMES ILL DURING CAMP?

In the unlikely event that a camper becomes ill during an online camp session, our staff has a protocol in place that relies on connecting with the primary and/or emergency contact person listed in the enrollment form. Please be sure to provide as much information as you can about the person or people who will be available to support your camper during camp sessions.

HOW DO YOU ACCOMMODATE ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS?

The Orpheum Theatre Group and Camp SAY strive 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 in order to connect to and participate in this online experience and we will do our best to make any necessary considerations. You can contact Sheree Stubblefield with any questions at (901) 529-4247 or stubblefield@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 2-week residential summer camp where young people who stutter have endless fun while building communication skills, developing confidence and independence, and forming important friendships. During August 2020, Camp SAY took place online via *Zoom Video Conferencing* and welcomed over 100 kids and teens who stutter from across the USA and around the world.

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 \(www.say.org\)](http://www.say.org) is 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 and communication skills they need to thrive.