

CAST Summer 2022 Frequently Asked Questions

There is a lot of information below that may answer any questions you may have - if there is something not covered below that you have a question about - contact us at info@casttheatre.org or 860.649.5062.

Please note: Due to the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations from state and local officials, any and all policies are subject to change.

Where will the program be located this summer?

Our summer programs will be located on the grounds of MARC, Inc. on Sheldon Road in Manchester. We will be in an outdoor open air space. In case of inclement weather we will be in an inside location to be determined soon. More information will be provided to participants who register closer to the summer start date.

Why is the program outside again this summer?

We want all of our children, families and staff to feel comfortable and be able to participate in our theatre program without concern. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic still changing on a regular basis and needed to plan for the summer ahead of time, we feel that an outdoor program is the best for everyone this summer.

What are the ages that can participate?

Ages 5-18

What is the length of your program day?

9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Our program runs 5 days a week starting July 5th and runs until August 5th or 6th (Rain Date). The schedule for **August 4th & 5th** may be different than the rest of the summer. More details will be sent soon.

What happens during that time?

Each day we will be working on various aspects of putting together a full scale Broadway Musical. There will be daily rehearsals consisting of music rehearsals, blocking, and dancing/movement. There will be times when children are working in smaller groups and other times when everyone will be working together. There will be a variety of activities and workshops planned throughout the day as well. More information on these planned activities, as we get closer to the summer.

Will you be offering before and after care?

No. Once we know who is participating for the summer, we can help you find others that may live close by to assist with carpooling.

How many sessions will there be?

There will be one session this year that runs from July 5th - August 6th.

What is the cost?

\$575.00 per person. If you are planning on registering more than one child from the same household, there is a family discount available of \$50.00 off the second child.

Are there scholarships?

Yes. We have limited scholarships available. Please contact us at info@casttheatre.org for more information.

Are payment plans available?

Yes. We will work with you to set-up a plan that works.

Is there a limit on how many children can participate?

No. We do not have a limit. Those that do not audition or miss the audition and want to participate will be assigned an ensemble/chorus. We will only accept new registrations up until June 24, 2022 so that there is time to process registrations and get participants any important information to them before we start on July 5, 2022.

Will there be auditions?

Yes. There will be a virtual audition that needs to be submitted by or before May 22nd by the end of the day. Parts will be assigned by or before May 27th and children will have until June 1st to accept or decline their role and put a deposit down to hold their spot. If we do not hear from someone by the deadline, we reserve the right to recast that role. Once parts/ensembles are assigned and scripts have arrived, we will let everyone know to arrange times for you to pick-up scripts and any information that may be needed to start practicing.

Will my child get a part?

Yes. Everyone who signs up is part of the show somewhere. They may be a lead, minor lead, line or in one of our ensembles which sing and dance too! **It is a team effort to put together and perform a show!**

What if I don't audition or want to sign-up after auditions have happened?

If someone wants to participate in CAST this summer but prefers not to audition for a variety of reasons and/or misses auditions, they will be assigned to an ensemble/chorus.

Will there be performances for the production this summer?

Yes. There will be 2 performances of "The Wizard of Oz". They will take place on Thursday and Friday, August 4th & 5th, 2022 with a rain date on Saturday, August 6th.

In addition to "The Wizard of Oz", some CAST participants will also be part of an Integrated Theatre partner program with MARC people served. Their performance will be Friday, July 29th with a rain date of Monday, August 1st. Everyone in "The Wizard of Oz" will be invited to be part of the ensemble for this other performance. More details will be sent to those registered for "The Wizard of Oz" this summer.

What if I will be away for a week during the summer?

We understand that people sometimes go away. If you are away and something new has been blocked, there is a chance that you may not be in a specific number. If you are going to be away for longer than a week, this may not be the program to sign-up for this summer. Please contact us to discuss further. We will get you caught up from a few days to a week where after more than a week, if participants miss too much it may be too difficult to catch up and stress children out. We ask that you are not away the first week and the last week so you do not miss too much.

Will you be providing daily snacks?

No. We encourage you to pack snacks for your children. We will provide a popsicle break, but other snacks should be brought from home.

Will you be providing lunch?

No. Every participant should bring their own lunch. We will have a daily lunch break.

Will you be providing water?

We encourage everyone to bring a water bottle with them each day. We will have extra bottled water available as well.

Will there be bathrooms?

Yes. We will have access to bathroom facilities.

How will supervision be for the summer sessions?

At minimum, we will have a 1:5 ratio of staff to children.

Will masks be required?

No. Masks are not required outside. If children prefer to wear them, they may. Depending on where we are if we need to be indoors and if there are any mask policies will determine if masks will be required indoors. We will keep everyone informed.

What is your refund policy?

There is a \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee included as part of the overall participation cost due by June 9, 2022.

If you cancel by or before June 16, 2022 - a refund minus \$100.00 will be issued.

Between June 17-23, 2022 - a refund minus \$250.00 will be issued.

Anyone dropping out June 24, 2022 or after will **NOT** receive a refund.

Should the health department or other municipality direct us to quarantine at any given time, we will switch our programming to a virtual model and contact families if we need to make any schedule adjustments.

We are sorry, but we cannot offer refunds or credits to families instructed or choosing to quarantine due to household exposure/suspected exposure (i.e., siblings in other youth programs or camps, contact with friends/neighbors outside of CAST, parent exposed at work, etc.) or if a household member tests positive, thereby necessitating that their child(ren) remain in quarantine.

Lost time (including illness or vacation) cannot be made up.

What are some of the precautions you will be using to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

We continue to follow local and state recommendations as well as those guidelines set by the CAST Board of Directors. For our summer COVID policies, [click here](#).

What if I need to pick up my child during the program day?

We understand that there may be times that you need to arrive late or leave early in order to take care of a doctor's appointment, etc.. We ask that you notify us in advance of any absences or need to pick up your child(ren) during the program day. Children may not come and go throughout the day.

Will there be other programs offered in the summer?

As part of our summer program there will be other programs planned throughout the summer. Some of these programs will take place during the regular day and some may take place at night. More details will be announced as we get closer to the summer.

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