



Summer Virtual Theatre Academy- FAQ

1. Is the camp a live video stream or is it pre-recorded?

Each camp consists of live videos during the week and at least one supplemental pre-recorded video sent out in the middle of the camp.

2. How much time will campers be sitting in front of a screen and be expected to engage?

Campers will meet with their teacher and other campers for one hour in the morning, one hour break for a working lunch where they will work on an assignment, and then return for their final hour.

3. How long is a session? How many sessions are in a week?

Each camp starts at 10:00am and ends at 1:00pm. Camps run Monday-Friday for 1 or 2 weeks.

4. Do campers do the same activity every day?

No, campers will participate in different activities throughout the camp.

5. How will families access the login information for the video platform?

Families will be emailed a link to the Zoom meetings twice a week by a Weathervane Education staff member.

6. Is the video platform secure?

Yes - each Zoom meeting requires a special link and/or a password-protected login.

7. How many counselors/teachers will be present during each session?

There will be one teacher for smaller camps, with an assistant present for larger camps.

8. How can parents meet the teaching staff?

Each teacher will be featured on Weathervane's social media accounts, and more information can be found on Weathervane's website. Parents can send any questions to the Weathervane Education staff.

9. Do campers need to use a keyboard/mouse or can they just follow along on the screen?

Campers will need to be able to type and click to fully participate.

10. Will campers participate in any activities that require supervision or that could damage a computer (involving paint, water, etc)?

The majority of camps will not require activities that could damage a computer. Some camps may require supervision depending on the age of campers and the subject matter. This will be stipulated once families register for the camps.

11. What type of technology will families need to access the virtual camp?

Campers will need the following to fully participate in virtual camps:

- A computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone
- A working webcam or front-facing camera on the device
- A working microphone and speakers/headphones
- A strong internet connection

12. Will campers need any household items or supplies to participate in the camp?

Weathervane Education staff will communicate with families prior to the camp if any particular items are needed.

13. Will campers receive a kit of materials to use? If so, when and how will it arrive? What's in it?

Some camps will require kits. Kits can either be shipped to your home prior to the camp, or picked up by appointment at Weathervane Playhouse in Akron. Kit contents will vary from camp to camp.

14. Will parents need to prepare their campers for upcoming sessions? How so?

Depending on the age of the camper, parents may need to help with preparations. Any aid needed from parents will be outlined in an email from a Weathervane Education staff member.

15. How much will parents have to be involved during camp sessions?

Parent involvement will vary based on their camper's age and ability. Younger campers will likely require more assistance.

16. What if a camper experiences a technical or personal issue during a session?

If a camper disconnects or experiences some other type of issue during a session, the camper or parent can reach out to the Weathervane Education staff member associated with the camp who will be on-call during camp times to assist with any issues.