



## Summer Camp and Master Classes 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are thrilled to be offering Summer Camp this year and are excited to have you joining us! This summer we begin a historic partnership for cultural campus expansion to include the Central United Methodist Church as part of our educational footprint. All our camp performances will be in person at The Phoenix Theatre Company and we will rehearse at these two neighboring campuses. We are pleased to offer eight weeks of Weekly Musical Theatre Camps and Little Playmakers from May 25<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup> with select weeks of Master Classes throughout. All camps and classes will be off June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the holiday and we *will* have camp again on Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup>, this summer!

The Phoenix Theatre Company has continued to develop new and exciting theatre experiences for your campers, and you can trust this year is going to be no different! Your camper will receive age-appropriate activities supporting their development as an individual and as an artist. Our camps will be creative, challenging, and lots of fun! Please read this information carefully with your camper. We want to make sure everyone starts camp with all questions answered and expectations met to create the best experience possible.

Campers participating in our Weekly Musical Theatre Camps and Little Playmakers will share their hard work with parents and friends on the Friday of each week of camp. These showcases will be performed live in the Hormel Theatre, Stephenson Theatre, or Hards Theatre at The Phoenix Theatre Company. These sharing performances are FREE to attend, and the campers love having an audience! Feel free to invite family and friends.

**We are here to make sure your campers have a fun and educational camp experience! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our team!**

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## Inclusive Camp

Through our partnership with the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC), we provide an inclusive camp environment for campers of all abilities. We teach the idea of inclusion in each class, and all campers learn the same curriculum in the same classroom space. Every staff member is trained by SARRC to provide an inclusive environment, and our Accommodation Specialist team provides dedicated support to campers who may need it. If you would like to discuss accommodations for your camper or have any questions about our inclusive practices, please contact us!

### Camp Daily Schedule:

7:30am – 9:00am	Pre-Camp*
9:00am	Camp Begins ( <b>Arrive between 8:55 and 9:00am if not in Pre-Camp</b> )
9:00am – 9:15am	Warm-Ups in Classrooms
9:15am – 10:30am	Session I
10:30am – 10:45am	Morning Break – Campers may bring their own morning snack or purchase from the snack bar**
10:45am – 12:00pm	Session II
12:00pm	<i>Ages 4-6 attending half day are picked up. No lunch needed.</i>
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Lunch – Campers bring their own lunch
12:30pm – 1:45pm	Session III
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Afternoon Break – Campers may bring their own afternoon snack or purchase from the snack bar**
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Session IV
3:30pm	Camp Ends – <b>Campers must be picked up promptly at 3:30</b>
3:30pm – 6:00pm	Post Camp*

*\*Pre- and Post-Camp are available for an additional fee. Any camper who arrives before 8:45am or leaves after 3:30pm will be charged the daily rate for Pre- or Post-Camp.*

*\*\*Snack bar options include: chips, crackers, granola, cookies, fruit gummies, etc.*

### Pre- and Post-Camp

If you need to drop your camper off before or after camp hours, you can enroll in our Pre- and Post-Camp services. This is monitored free time where games, movies, coloring, etc are provided and campers can relax, socialize, or practice for their Friday performances. This time is monitored by two camp staff. Pre- and Post-Camp is located at the Central United Methodist Church campus. Entrance at the gate near Palm Ln, follow the signage. Pre-Camp runs 7:30am-9:00am and Post-Camp runs 3:30pm-6:00pm. For campers in classes rehearsing at The Phoenix Theatre Company Campus, we will offer transport via golf cart with seatbelts to/from Pre- and Post-Camp.

### **Cancellation Policy:**

Full refunds are available only with a minimum of 4 weeks' advanced notice from your camper's first day of camp. All cancellations occurring between 2-4 weeks prior to camp qualify for up to 50% of monies being refunded. If cancellation is made within 2 weeks of the start of a camp session, no monies will be refunded. (This refund policy is enforced regardless of your reason for cancellation.)

### **T-Shirts**

You will be provided with one camp T-shirt per summer when enrolling for camp. This will be distributed during your first week of camp with us.

### **Lunch/Snacks:**

Please be sure your camper has a healthy breakfast before camp. We have a morning break, midday lunch, and an afternoon break. Campers should come with enough food to get them through the day, including a water bottle. Refrigerators, microwaves, and other cooling/warming devices are not available.

A snack bar is available during scheduled breaks and lunch periods where campers may purchase snack items for a minimal cost. Please do not send more than \$5.00 with your camper to camp. Please label all items with your camper's name.

**We are a strict nut-free campus!** We often have campers join us with severe nut allergies, so for the well-being of all, we ask that you use a nut-free substitute. If you choose to use this replacement option, please label as such so our camp staff knows the snack does not pose an allergy threat to other campers. If a camper arrives with nut products, we will give you a call for an alternative option. If that is not possible then campers with nut items will go to a separate space for lunch/snack with a counselor.

### **Health and Safety:**

- Face masks are no longer required of campers, families, and staff; however, anyone who would like to wear a mask is welcome to do so.
- Any camper who is experiencing fever or vomiting will not be allowed on campus or will be sent home.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom. Campers should also wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds in the restroom.

### **Positive COVID-19 Case Protocol**

- If a camper is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or receives a positive test result for the virus, they will not be allowed to attend camp and must confidentially report this information to TPTC so that we may take effective safety precautions. This may be confidentially reported to the Camp Director, Michelle Chin.
- If a camper tests positive, all individuals will be informed that the class has experienced a positive COVID test.
- If a camper tests positive, they will be welcome to return and take future classes after they are no longer experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- The Phoenix Theatre Company will work with you to reschedule campers into future classes once symptoms subside. If rescheduling is not possible, a refund for the unattended class will be offered.

**Camp Locations:**

**The Phoenix Theatre Company**  
1825 North Central, Phoenix, AZ 85004

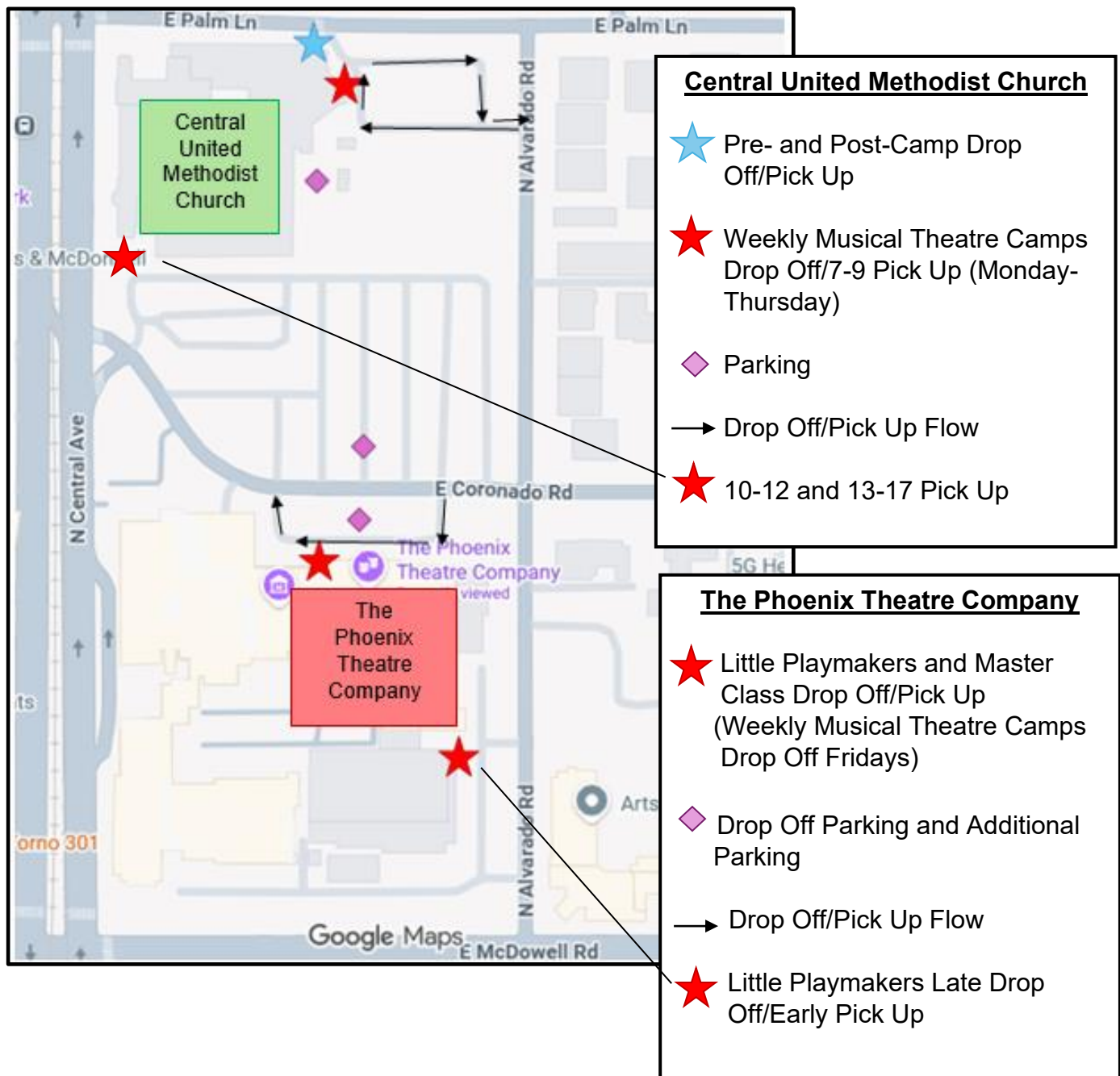
(Central and McDowell, next door to the Phoenix Art Museum)

Enter off of McDowell and Alvarado. Free parking is available in the north and south lots.

**Central United Methodist Church**  
1875 N. Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004

(Central and Palm Ln, North of The Phoenix Theatre Company)

Enter off McDowell on Alvarado and head toward Palm Ln. Parking is available in Lot D outside the church for drop off. Pre and Post Camp are located on this campus, with drop-off and pick up near Palm Ln. Look for the signage at the gate.



## **Camp Location Breakdown:**

Little Playmakers and Master Classes will always get picked up and dropped off at The Phoenix Theatre Company.

- Weekly Musical Theatre Camps will get picked up and dropped off for rehearsal at the Central United Methodist Church Monday-Thursday and dropped off at The Phoenix Theatre Company on Friday to prepare for their performances.
- Pre- and Post-Camp will always have pick up and drop off at the Central United Methodist Church.
- All Friday performances will take place at The Phoenix Theatre Company.

## **Pick Up & Drop Off and Self Sign Out**

Regardless of location, camp check-in will begin at **8:55am**. Please do not leave your camper unattended before this time. If you need to drop off your camper earlier than that, please enroll them in Pre-Camp which begins at 7:30am. You are welcome to drop off campers to Pre-Camp anytime between 7:30am and 8:55am. Staff will greet campers and assemble at the check in tables when the time arrives. Staff will remain at the check-in locations until 9:15am and then will head to the classroom. Please see Early Drop Off or Late Pick Up (pg. 7 or 8, depending on campus) for additional details if you arrive after 9:15am and need to check in.

Regardless of location, camp check out will begin at 3:30pm. During your registration process, you elected whether your camper had permission to self sign out. If you selected yes, you may stay in your vehicle and staff will monitor your camper as they walk to the appropriate car. If you selected no, only a parent, guardian or other approved individual listed in your registration form may sign your camper in and out of camp and they must show ID (driver's license) upon arrival. *This rule is in place exclusively for the safety of your camper.* Staff will remain at the check out locations until 3:45pm and any remaining campers will be brought to Post-Camp, located at the Central United Methodist Church campus. If you know you will be picking your camper up later than 3:30pm, you may pre-enroll them in Post-Camp and they will be brought to this location at the end of the day instead of check-out. All campers must be picked up from Post Camp by 6:00pm.

Your patience during these transition times is greatly appreciated for camper pick up and drop off!

If you would like to make changes to your camper's self sign out selection or add individuals to your authorized pick up list, please email [camp@phoenixtheatre.com](mailto:camp@phoenixtheatre.com) and we can make these adjustments.

On Friday performance days, all campers will be checked out on campus at The Phoenix Theatre Company in the lobby of the theatre. Specific check-out locations for each camp will be announced from the stage during the curtain speech each week.

Please read on for specific pick up and drop off protocols based on your camper's enrollment and campus location.

## **Central United Methodist Church**

Weekly Musical Theatre Classes and Pre- and Post- Camp

### **Drop Off:**

Drop off for the Weekly Musical Theatre Camps will take place at the Northeast entrance of the Central United Methodist Church. Enter parking Lot D off Alvarado Rd and follow the loop toward the church building. There will be camp staff and signage near the small gate and check-in will occur in the classroom just inside this atrium. For the smoothest drop-off process, please stay in your vehicle and drop your campers off and our staff will help guide them to the correct check-in line. Check in lines will be organized by age group: 7-9, 7-9 B, 10-12, and 13-17. If your camper would benefit from having you escort them to the check-in line, you are welcome to park in the designated area and walk your camper to the check-in tables. Please note parking is limited.

### **Pick Up:**

Camper pick up will be split between two locations for ease of traffic. Both 7-9 camps will check out in the same location as drop off, at the Northeast entrance. For the smoothest pick-up process, please stay in your vehicle. The 10-12 and 13-17 camps will check out at the Northwest entrance in the parking lot off Central Ave. See the map on page 5. Additional details regarding pick-up instructions will be communicated prior to your camp start date.

### **Early Pick Up or Late Drop Off:**

If you arrive late and the camp staff are no longer at the drop-off location, please call either of the camp lines at 602-889-7608 or 602-889-6320 to speak to a member of Camp Management and someone will meet you and escort your camper to the correct classroom location. These numbers are also listed on the signs at both pick up and drop off locations. Meeting at the drop off location at the Northeast entrance is the most convenient location to quickly get campers to their respective classrooms.

If you need to pick up your camper early, please alert the teaching artist checking your camper in so that they can note it on the attendance sheet and we can help anticipate your camper's departure for a speedy process. We will escort campers to the drop off location at the Northeast entrance for all early pick ups. Once you arrive at that pickup location, please call one of the camp lines (602-889-7608 or 602-889-6320) and a member of camp staff will get your camper signed out and escorted to you for early dismissal.

## **The Phoenix Theatre Company**

Little Playmakers, Master Classes, and Friday Performances

### **Drop Off:**

All campers will be dropped off outside The Phoenix Theatre Company's Box Office (see map on page 5). There is a small parking lot in front of the Box Office where parents/guardians may drive through and drop off their camper. You may enter this lot off Coronado Rd. Parents/guardians are also welcome to park and walk their camper to the registration tables. Registration tables will be labeled: 4-6, 4-6 B, and Master Classes. On Fridays we will have signage for all classes: 4-6, 4-6 B, 7-9, 7-9 B, 10-12, 13-17, and Master Classes. Once signed in, campers will be escorted to their classroom or the theatre by a staff member.



### **What to Bring to Camp:**

- A good attitude!
- A bag to carry all personal items
- Lunch and snack (or a small amount of money to purchase snacks at the snack bar)
- Water bottle
- Closed-toe shoes (no Crocs)
- Comfortable clothing that will allow your camper to be on the floor and move around
  - Please keep clothing “G” rated to respect the wide variety of ages at camp
  - Wear shorts or leggings under dresses or skirts. We will be moving!
- A sweatshirt or jacket! The theatres and classrooms can get chilly.
- Cell phones and other electronics are ok, but only to use during breaks
- For musical theatre camps (ages 7-17): please provide a folder with your child’s name on it to hold music and scenes and a pencil to write notes
- Master Classes may have additional needs. These needs will be communicated closer to the start of camp and throughout the session.
- Instructors will ask campers to wear or bring costume pieces and prop items from home for the Friday sharing performance each week. Please follow directions provided on the half sheet sent home each Wednesday. This is not meant to be another expense! Please adhere to the safety requirements listed above regarding clothing and do not bring anything from home that cannot get dirty or damaged.

### **What Not to Bring to Camp:**

- Peanuts and other tree nut products
- Crocs
- Fidget spinners
- Expensive electronics
- Weapons- real or fake

### **Expectations:**

Students must behave appropriately at all times. This includes having a good attitude on stage and off. Students must respect fellow students, staff, and The Phoenix Theatre Company education facilities. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. If a student exhibits behavior that is considered disrespectful or disruptive to the camp, the following actions may occur:

- Verbal warning
- Personal conference with instructor and Summer Camp Director
- Parent conference with instructor and Summer Camp Director
- Suspension for one day
- Possible removal from class

### **Notifications:**

You will receive a reminder email the week before you are scheduled to attend camp. Please be sure to save [camp@phoenixtheatre.com](mailto:camp@phoenixtheatre.com) to your address book to avoid notifications going to Junk or Promotions. Please review this email for any updated details and specific information for your camper’s particular class.

Thank you for reviewing the Summer Camp and Master Class 2026 Welcome Packet!