

# Immersion Camps



a WISCONSIN YOUTH COMPANY program

## WELCOME TO CIRCUS ARTS IMMERSION CAMP!

Here's some important information about your child's upcoming weeks (July 26 – Aug. 6, 2010) at Wisconsin Youth Company's Circus Arts Immersion Camp. We're so excited to explore stilt-walking, clowning, acrobatics, juggling, trapeze and more over the coming weeks, and look forward to meeting you and the "clown(s)" in your family... Please take a few moments to read this information so you will know what your child should bring to camp and who to contact in the administrative office with specific questions.

- **AFTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**  
**1201 McKenna Boulevard, Madison, WI 53719**

*Use this address, fax, email, and phone number for payments, registration, and general information. Your account password is required so please include it with all requests. Please note: you are required to inform the AFTER SCHOOL office in writing of any changes in address, home or work phone numbers, emergency contact or pick-up information, or in your child's health history.*

**Phone: 608-276-9782**

**Fax: 608-276-4050**

**Email:**  
[info@wisconsinyouthcompany.org](mailto:info@wisconsinyouthcompany.org)

### **Camp & Enrichment Programs Division Director**

Contact Jason Anderson for specific camp questions and concerns.

**Ext. 21**

### **Registration/Billing Inquiries**

Call the front office for general registration inquiries.

Contact Kristin Hartzheim for specific billing inquiries.

Contact Rachel DeLap for receipts and funding-related inquiries.

**Ext. 10**

**Ext. 22**

**Ext. 30**

- **Attendance Message Center (24 Hour)**

*Call this number to leave a message when your child will be late or not attending. Please call before 8:00 a.m. if message pertains to that day.*

**608-276-9898**

- **Camp Site Cell Phone Number (during program hours)**

**608-445-8046**

**LOCATION** - Circus Immersion Camp is located at 1201 McKenna Boulevard in Madison. The program is based in the gymnasium. Please follow the signs and enter through the double gym doors off of the upper parking lot.

**CAMP HOURS** - Program hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Please inform camp staff in advance if your child will be arriving later than 9:00 a.m. or leaving earlier than 4:00 p.m., as camp activities take place from 9-4 and your child's group may be on an off-site trip as part of the camp day. Early/late fees are assessed for arrival prior to the start and pick-up later than the end of the program. **Please call the attendance message center if your child will be absent.**

**SIGN-IN/SIGN-OUT** - Parents are required to sign their child(ren) in and out of the camp program unless they have authorized independent arrival and departure in writing. The sign-in area is just inside the entrance of the gym. This area also includes important parent information including field trip schedules, location of groups, and a lost and found. Please check this area daily.

**SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**FIELD TRIP** - On Friday, July 30 we will take a field trip to Circus World Museum in Baraboo. We could accommodate a parent volunteer or two, so if you'd like to come along please let us know. We will ask you to fill out a bit of paperwork, and be grateful for your company.

**LUNCH/SNACKS** - It is very important that campers start each day with a good breakfast prior to camp, and bring with them a nutritious and satisfying lunch. Children should bring a sack lunch that **does not need to be refrigerated or microwaved**. A morning and afternoon snack, as well as milk at lunch time, will be provided.

**WHAT TO BRING -**

- Lightweight, comfortable dance or exercise clothing that allows freedom of movement. Jeans, belts, clothes with buckles or zippers, will be too restrictive or uncomfortable for acrobatics, trapeze, etc. If your child wants to wear shorts, have them bring along a pair of sweats or leggings. Bare legs may make some trapeze moves more difficult, or get sore from stilt straps.
- Socks! For stilt walking; label a pair and send them on day 1. Campers can store them at camp for the week.
- Hard shell kneepads (roller blade style) for stilt walking. Please label. We've got spares if you don't have them, but if you do, please bring along. These too, can be stored at camp for the week.
- Water shoes, ballet or jazz dance shoes. Again, only bring these things if you have them. We've got spares to share. These are for learning to walk on the tight-wire.
- Sack lunch. We'll provide a morning and afternoon snack, but kids need to bring their own lunch.
- Water bottle. This is a very physical camp! Every camper needs to have a water bottle so it is convenient to stay hydrated.
- **LABEL EVERYTHING!**

**SUNSCREEN AND INSECT REPELLENT** - Parents are responsible for sending their child to camp with their own supply of sunscreen and insect repellent and for informing the camp in writing (on the enclosed form) of the brand and strength of sunscreen and insect repellent provided. The camp supply of these items is available only as a backup. As part of the registration agreement, parents are notified of the brand and strength of the camp supplied sunscreen and insect repellent and give consent for staff to apply or direct campers to apply sunscreen and insect repellent. Staff will make every effort to remind campers to apply sunscreen and insect repellent prior to outdoor activities.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY - AFTER SCHOOL** is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal property, including clothing. Children are discouraged from bringing personal items beyond what is needed for the camp day.

**PARENT HANDBOOKS** that include our program policies are included in this mailing. Please review and refer to this handbook regarding program and administrative policies. Please contact our office if you have questions after reading the handbook.

**PAYMENTS** - Please see the enclosed payment coupon instructions.

**THE AERIAL SHOWCASE!** - Since our new circus tent has limited space for aerial acts, we'll also have the kids showcase their aerial skills on Thursday afternoon, August 5 at 3:45 p.m. in the gym. Please plan on coming a bit early for pick up on that day, so you can see them fly!

**THE GRAND FINALE CIRCUS SHOW!** - On Friday, August 6 at 2:45 p.m. we'll close camp with a performance in Wisconsin Youth Company's very own circus tent! Bring friends and family members! Help us ensure a good audience for these hardworking, high-flying campers!

*Please share your ideas, comments and concerns with us so we may provide the best possible experience for your child and all of our campers.*

**Thank you for choosing AFTER SCHOOL's Circus Arts Immersion Camp!**  
**Marcia Miquelon – Circus Arts Immersion Camp Director**