

# *Whimsic Academy Fantasy Kids Summer Day Camp 2014*

Frequently Asked Questions:

## **Who runs the camp?**

Whimsic Alley has been a fan-base themed attraction and shop in the LA area for about 9 years. It has been rated “Best Party Place” in Los Angeles by LA Parent Magazine, and “Best Fantasy Store” in Los Angeles by Los Angeles Magazine. It has been prominently featured in newspapers and magazines across the country and on many local and national news programs. 2014 will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year that Whimsic Alley has conducted the summer day camp program, with many of the same campers returning year after year.

## **What are the dates of the camp?**

There will be three completely separate 2-week sessions in 2014, as follows:

June 16<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>

July 14<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>

August 4<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>

## **What are the camp hours?**

Camp days will be Monday- Friday, 10AM to 4PM. There will be one day per session (Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week) when camp starts an hour earlier (at 9AM) to accommodate an early Field Trip. There is no camp on Saturday or Sunday. Drop off, on camp days, is at 10 AM and pickup is at 4 PM sharp. There are penalties for late pickups.

## **What is the price of the camp?**

The early-bird price for each 2-week session is \$795 if reserved prior to June 1, 2014. Beginning June 1 the price is \$895 for each 2-week session.

## **Is there a daily or weekly rate for those who cannot attend the full session?**

We strongly encourage campers to participate for the two-week session. Doing so gives them a fully rounded camp experience. It helps build friendships that will further enhance their enjoyment of the program. Each day is packed with fun projects and activities that build on one another. Missed days can mean missed information or missed adventures that may leave your child feeling disconnected from the other campers.

Campers often have their hearts set on a particular activity that's been described in our literature or alluded to by the counselors and are then disappointed if they miss out on the activity.

Nonetheless we recognize that conflicting commitments and family vacation schedules may prevent a child from participating in a full session. Therefore, we offer a weekly rate of \$495 for Week One only, or \$595 for Week Two only. There is no daily rate, nor discounts for individual days not attended.

**The weekly rate seems like an increase over last year. Why?**

Our weekly rate has not changed since we began offering the camp in 2010. This year, however, we have incorporated all charges into a single price, as opposed to charging additional fees for specific items or activities.

**Do you offer sibling or referral discounts?**

Yes, we offer a sibling discount of 10% off the fee for each of the siblings. For referrals, we offer a discount of 10% for each referral (to the referring party only). The combined total of all discounts for a single camper shall not exceed 20% of the daily rate. In order to qualify for a discount the camper being referred must be brand new to the camp and must specify, on their camp application, which camper referred him or her. In the event that two or more campers have referred the same new camper, discount will be awarded to the first party to return their completed paperwork with payment.

**Are there age restrictions?**

Yes. The age for campers is 8-13. Campers must be at least 8 years old by the first day of their camp session. Children under 8 are often eager to participate in the games and activities yet lack the physical agility or the attention span to do so. Therefore, their inclusion often detracts from the fun of the other campers or requires a disproportionate share of attention from our counselors, depriving the other campers of their attention.

**My child has special disabilities. Can he/she attend the camp?**

**It is imperative that parents advise us of ANY special disabilities.** We would love to accommodate every camper that wishes to attend. Because we are a small camp, however, we lack the resources that larger camps have to provide specialized counselors we must, therefore, place certain restrictions on attendance. If our staff cannot provide the specialized attention required, we may require that parents provide, at their own expense, a specialist, shadow, or interpreter as needed.

**Failure to notify us in advance of a camper's special needs may result in the camper's ejection without refund.**

## **Does the camp provide lunch?**

Lunch is not provided. Campers should bring their lunches. Water will be available at all times and snacks will be provided daily. For certain special field trips and our closing feast, Whimsic Academy camp will provide lunch. Parents will be notified of camp-provided lunches days in advance.

## **Will there be field trips?**

We anticipate that there will be at least two field trips. Our transportation to and from the field trips will be through a licensed bus company. As well as at least one outdoor activity in a nearby park.

## **We heard this is a Harry Potter Camp. Is that true?**

In prior years, the camp has been themed as though campers were attending a wizard school, with potions classes, spells, etc. The camp, though often reminiscent of popular books and films, was not specifically a Harry Potter themed camp and was not sponsored or endorsed by Warner Bros., JK Rowling, or anyone else affiliated with the Harry Potter franchise. This year, the camp will again offer some of the popular wizard-themed days, but will be far broader in scope, focusing on several other popular fandoms as well.

## **What types of activities will there be?**

We are still in the early planning stages. The following is a rough agenda of camp activities. No specific days or activities are set in stone, and may be changed without notice. In some cases, the theme of the day may refer to "classes," as though campers are attending a school. Words like "school", "classes", "history", and "studies" SHOULD NOT be construed as burdens. The goal of every activity is FUN.

### **1st Week**

Monday: Doctor Who (Trivia, Games, Crafts, Snack, Scavenger Hunt)  
Tuesday: Pirate Day (Games, Crafts, Snack, Treasure hunt, + more)  
Wednesday: Monster Day (Games, Laser tag, Snack, +more)  
Thursday: Superhero Day (Games, Crafts, Snack, Super Hero Field test)  
Friday: Wizard Day (Broom Making, Flying 101, Potions, Snack, Games, Crafts)

### **2nd Week**

Monday: Doctor Who Day (Games, Crafts, Snack+more)  
Tuesday: Pirate Day (Field trip to Pirate Adventure land)  
Wednesday: Monster day (Games, Crafts, Snack, + more)  
Thursday: Superhero Day ((Field Trip to I-fly and lunch at Johnny Rockets, Snack)  
Friday: Wizard Day (Mystical Creatures, Potions class, + Pizza Party, Cupcake Bar)