



Thank you for Registering for Sitka Fine Arts Camp 2021! Please read through the following information carefully so you know what to expect:

SITKA FINE ARTS CAMP PACKING LIST

REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE

- Instrument (if applicable) – bring extra reeds, oil, strings, metronomes, wire stand for practicing (instrument supplies are not available in Sitka)
- Gym shoes for the gym
- Clothes that are appropriate for the classes you are taking (especially for dance classes and physical theater – sweatpants and comfortable tops that can be layered, ballet students can wear tights, leotards, or shorts)
- All music students should bring a white shirt, black skirt/pants, black socks, and black shoes suitable for performing
- Water Bottle
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Facemasks--details will be announced later in the season by email as part of our COVID-19 mitigation plan update

DORM STUDENTS (in addition to the items listed above):

- Alarm Clock
- A pillow and a warm blanket and/or sleeping bag (it can be quite chilly at night)
- Towel & Washcloth
- Soap toothbrush and other toiletries
- Flip Flops for showering
- Warm clothing—the average temperature during the day ranges from 50-60 degrees during the summer
- Clothing for warm weather—although Sitka is cool most of the time, we do see the occasional day in the 70s or (very rarely) 80s
- Warm clothes for sleeping
- Warm Jacket
- Raincoat
- Waterproof shoes
- TBD for 2021: Quarters for laundry (\$2.50/load—soap is provided) Note: Please plan on packing for the two week session, if possible.
- Sleep mask if you are a light sleeper
- Comfortable clothing/shoes for hiking or kayaking on recreation day (must have hiking boots/sturdy athletic shoes for moderate/difficult hikes)
- Hat and gloves

- A camera
- Medication (if applicable)

SHOULD I BRING MONEY?

There may be time for students to go downtown and to purchase camp souvenirs (TBD for 2021), so you may want to bring a small amount of money. Camp souvenirs and snacks are offered at the camp store and range in price from \$1 for a bumper sticker or snack to \$45 for a sweatshirt. You may also need quarters for laundry services (TBD for 2021).

Information for booking travel arrangements:

Arrival Days: Students should arrive by 11pm on the following dates, with a preferred arrival time by 3pm, if possible.

- Saturday, June 12, 2021 – Middle School
- Sunday, June 27, 2021 – High School
- Monday, July 12, 2021 – Musical Theater Camp
- Sunday, July 18, 2021 – Sitka Jazz Workshop

Sitka Fine Arts Camp staff (identifiable in camp t-shirts) meet students at the airport gate in Sitka, help them collect luggage, and board transportation to camp. Students may also be dropped off at camp during scheduled drop off hours that will be announced by email. *If there are no travel options available to get your student to Sitka by 11pm on the first day of camp, contact the Sitka Fine Arts Camp Office at 907-747-3085.*

Departure Days: Students should depart as early in the day as possible. Most of our students depart at 6am.

- Friday, June 25, 2021 – Middle School
- Sunday, July 11, 2021 – High School
- Saturday, July 24, 2021 – Sitka Jazz Workshop
- Sunday, August 1, 2021 – Musical Theater Camp

On Departure Days students will be supervised at Sitka Fine Arts Camp until it is time to take them to the airport. There are no classes on Departure Days, however, students departing later in the day will be asked to assist in Campus Clean-up. Meals will be provided for students in the campus Dining Hall on all departure days. Students may also be picked up by an authorized adult during scheduled pick up hours that will be announced by email.

Getting to and From Campus: Sitka Fine Arts Camp offers complimentary shuttle service to and from the Sitka airport or ferry terminal on all program arrival and departure dates. Sitka Fine Arts Camp does not guarantee shuttle transportation for early or late departures. Please call the Sitka Fine Arts Camp office 907-747-3085 to check on shuttle availability. Sitka Fine Arts Camp does not provide shuttle service for parents or other family members.

Unaccompanied Minor Requirements: Students 12 and under are required by Alaska Airlines to fly as an unaccompanied minor. See Alaska Airlines [website](#) for details. Families are required to pay round-trip unaccompanied minor fees before camp begins.

Make airline or ferry reservations early. Alaska Airlines offers a 5% discount for travel booked with the following discount codes:

- ECMD426 for travel May 28 - June 11, 2021
- ECMD427 for travel June 12-25, 2021
- ECMD428 for travel June 27 - July 11, 2021

The Camp receives a free ticket for every 40 tickets booked using the codes. Parents and family members are also welcome to use the discount codes for travel to Sitka.

Setting:

Located in Sitka, one of Alaska's most picturesque communities, the Camp celebrates the natural beauty of both mountains and ocean. The camp is located on the Historic Sheldon Jackson Campus. Dormitory, cafeteria, gym, classrooms, and practice areas are located on site. The campus is a short walk from downtown Sitka. The final student performances will be held in Sitka's state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center.

Schedule:

Students have 5 classes each day, including on Saturday in the middle of the session. When students are not in class, they can choose from recreation activities including soccer, frisbee, hiking, studio time, board games, acapella, and much more! Each evening the faculty put on ArtShare performances for the Camp community. On Sundays in the middle of the Camp session, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor activities including hikes and kayaking.

Performances:

There are many opportunities at Camp for students to share their artwork with one another. There is an open mic every day during recreation time and a talent show during the middle of camp. The final three days of Camp are dedicated to final student performances and presentations. *2021 COVID-19 Update: Later in the season, we will announce a schedule and if performances are open to families and the public, including options for streaming performances.*

Middle School Session:

Final Performances: TBD
Afternoon Showcase: TBD
Rock Band Performance: TBD

High School Session:

Final Performances: TBD
Afternoon Showcase: TBD
Rock Band Performance: TBD

Musical Theater:

Shows: July 30 and 31, 2021 at the Sitka Performing Arts Center. *Later in the season, we will announce performance times, audience information, and options for streaming.*

Nametags:

Your name tag serves as your ID for meals at the cafeteria and all campus activities. There is a \$5 fee to replace a lost nametag.

Health Services & Medication:

In addition to our COVID-19 health services outlined in our [COVID-19 Mitigation Plan](#), there is a registered nurse on call 24 hours a day to provide routine health services to students. Students who take prescription medications should bring their medicine to Camp in its original packaging inside a ziplock bag labeled with the student's name, medication name, dosage directions, and the name and phone number of the prescribing physician. Students are required to turn in all medication to the Camp nurse on the first day and are expected to go to the nurse's office as needed to receive their medication. Medication will be returned to students on the last day of Camp.

Walking directions to the Sitka Performing Arts Center from the Sitka Fine Arts Campus:

From the Hames Center parking lot, walk back to Jeff Davis Street and go right towards the mountains. At Sawmill Creek Road, turn Left. Walk to round-about and take a right onto Lake Street. Walk along Lake Street to the stop sign at the top of the hill next to the Sitka High School sign on your right. Proceed straight through the stop sign, up a small hill and veer Right. The Performing Arts Center is the Silver and Red Building across the parking lot. The lobby entrance faces the woods.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For COVID-19 FAQ updates [click here](#)

REGISTRATION

When do we sign up for camp?

Registration for most of our summer programs begins at midnight AKST on January 1st at www.fineartscamp.org. Our programs fill up quickly so we highly recommend signing up as soon as possible. Registration means providing information about your student and paying a non-refundable deposit to reserve your child's spot. Additional paperwork like the health history form, teacher recommendation and are due throughout the spring. See you child's program page for required paperwork and deadlines. When a program is full, we start a waitlist. Students are accepted off the waitlist based on class availability and housing.

What happens when a program is full? Camp registration is open on a first come, first served basis. When a program is full, we start a waitlist. Students are accepted off the waitlist based on class availability and housing at the discretion of Sitka Fine Arts Camp.

If my student has previously attended camp, does he or she still need to turn in a teacher's recommendation form this year? Yes. We do not keep the Teacher Recommendation forms from year to year. Any educator, teacher, or adult outside the student's family who is familiar with their academic or artistic work can complete the Teacher Recommendation.

What should I do if I cannot access my camp account or forgot my password? Call the camp office 907-747-3085 or email office@fineartscamp.org. Please do not create a new account.

CAMP LIFE & HOMESICKNESS

What does a typical day look like? Each morning and afternoon, students attend classes. After class, students choose from a variety of rec time activities including sports, games, open mics, reading and writing cafes, arts activities and more, run by the counseling staff. During middle school and high school camp, each evening features an Artshare performance put on by the camp faculty. Dormitory students attend a hall meeting each night before lights out to build community and reflect on their day.

How can my student get the most out of camp? The single most important aspect in getting the most out of camp is to attend classes well rested and healthy. Students should get plenty of rest, drink lots of water, and make healthy eating decisions. Parents and guardians can prepare their child before arriving by reminding them that camp is a place to have new experiences and challenges. A big part of the camp experience is learning to have success in a new and different setting. It helps to arrive with an open mind and positive attitude. We have found that students are most successful when given space from home and cell phone/screen use so that they are able to be present in their learning and creativity.

What if my student is homesick? It is not unusual for students of all ages to miss home and family in the first few days of camp, especially if it is a student's first extended time away from home. Camp staff are trained to recognize homesickness and work especially hard to keep students busy and engaged in the camp atmosphere. When homesick campers are able to engage with new friends and activities at camp, they discover that camp is fun and safe, providing them with a new, profound sense of independence and discovery. We recommend that parents allow their child to work through homesickness with limited contact with home (family/friends), so it is easier to engage in the camp environment.

What is the dormitory like for dorm students? Residential students are housed in dormitories on the Sitka Fine Arts Camp Campus. A shared bathroom is a short walk down the hall. Students are housed on floors by gender. Each room generally houses two students, though some rooms are larger. Lights out is at 9:30 pm for middle school camp and at 10:00 pm for high school camp and intensives. Dormitories are unheated in the summer months. Make sure your child packs a warm sleeping bag or warm bedding and extra clothing layers. Summer in Sitka can be chilly.

Can students request roommates for camp? Students may submit the name of one friend on the roommate request portion of the registration form. Sitka Fine Arts Camp honors roommate requests where possible, but they are not guaranteed. Students who attend multiple camps can list one roommate request for each session.

What if my student has dietary restrictions? Our dining hall offers a variety of healthy choices at all meals. SFAC is able to accommodate most dietary restrictions. Be sure to include any dietary restrictions and allergies on the Health History form during registration, as this allows our staff to plan

for the summer. If you are concerned about your child's dietary restrictions at camp, please contact the camp office at 907-747-3085.

What kind of adult supervision do students have? The primary responsibility of all camp staff is the safety and well-being of each student. The counselor to camper ratio is 1:10. Counselors live on student residential halls and provide supervision and guidance for students throughout camp. Students must check in twice a day with their counselor and attendance is taken for each class period.

Who are the counselors? Our counselors are students or recent graduates from various colleges and universities throughout the country. Prior to camp, they participate in intensive training on supporting student health, safety, and well-being. The counseling staff are supervised by our highly experienced residential administrative team.

What is the weather like? In Sitka, it can rain for days on end or be sunny for the entire camp. Be prepared for both extremes. Summer temperatures can range from 40-80 degrees. Dressing in layers is recommended. The average temperature is in the 50s. Residential dormitories can be cold at night. Camp 2021 may also include some outdoor classes and meals. We recommend packing warm layers and bedding.

Do dorm students have the opportunity to do laundry at camp? (TBD for Camp 2021). Yes, dorm students have the option to do laundry. Students should bring quarters and soap is provided. The cost is \$2.50 per load which includes washing and drying.

Can my student receive mail at camp? Yes, please address mail to: Student Name and Session (example: Mary Smith, Middle School Camp), c/o Sitka Fine Arts Camp, 110 College Drive Suite #111, Sitka, AK 99835. SFAC is unable to forward camper mail that arrives after the recipient's camp session.

Is there a camp lost and found? The counseling staff does its best to reconnect students with their missing items during camp. Families are responsible for the shipping and handling expenses should an item need to be returned after the session is over. All Lost and Found items are donated or discarded one week after each camp session ends.

Can friends and family members visit students at camp? (TBD for Camp 2021). In previous summers: family and friends are welcome at the evening art share performances and the final performances.

Can my student be checked out from the campus during camp? (TBD for Camp 2021). In previous summers: Students may be checked out by an authorized adult during approved check-out times. An authorized adult is a parent/guardian or "authorized grown-up," which can be added on the student's CampInTouch account. To check a student out, an authorized adult must meet the student at the Student Support Center in Sweetland Hall, present a valid photo ID to staff, and sign the student out by recording their contact information/anticipated return time. Students must return to campus by the end of the check-out period and sign back in immediately upon their return to campus at the Student Support Center before returning to their hall check-in. Approved check-out times are:

- On normal camp days, from 4:00pm (MS) / 4:30pm (HS) - 6:30pm.

- On Sunday Recreation Day, from 9:00am - 6:00pm.
- On Final Performance days, from 4:00pm (MS) / 4:30pm (HS) - 6:00pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

What is the process for assigning classes? For 2021, we anticipate a class catalog release in early March. We will notify families in advance by email. Students have a week after the release to consider class options and to submit their preferences. There are five class periods a day, and each student will select their top 5 choices for each period. Student priority for class choices is based in part on when students sign up for camp. Students who do not turn in required forms by the deadline will lose their priority status.

Does my student need to bring their instrument to camp for music classes? Yes, students should bring their personal instruments to camp with the exception of: percussion, drums and piano. Rock band students should bring guitars and guitar cords. Camp will provide amplifiers. Percussionist/drummers are required to bring sticks and mallets. If your student plays an instrument that is difficult to transport to camp, contact the camp office during registration to see if any rental instruments are available, office@fineartscamp.org. The cost to rent an available instrument is \$75.00 per camp session.

What type of camera will my student need for photography class? For dark-room photography class, students will be provided with a camera. For digital photography class, students should bring a digital camera with a memory card. Recommended: DSLR camera (Nikon D3500, Canon Rebel, or equivalent). Please contact 907-747-3085 or office@fineartscamp.org for more information.

Can I get school credit? High School Camp students can enroll in University of Alaska Southeast ART S093, which is considered a college preparatory class. The 093 designation does not count toward a college degree, but can be applied toward high school graduation (if the high school allows). Musical Theater Camp students (in grade 9 or higher) can enroll in the University of Alaska THR S219 T01: Theater Performance, which holds 3 college-level credits. The cost for the class is \$90.00. Be sure to contact UAS before the Camp session to make arrangements. Contact UAS for details at 907-747-7700. [Registration Form](#)

CAMP NURSE & MEDICATIONS

What Health Services are on site? A registered nurse is on call 24 hours a day to provide health services to students. In addition, the nurse's office has open hours during all meals and after evening Art Shares. See Our COVID-19 Mitigation plan for more details for Camp 2021.

How does my student take their medication at Camp? Medication should be brought in its original packaging inside a ziplock bag labeled with the student's name, medication name, dosage directions, and the name and phone number of the prescribing physician. Medication should be turned into the Camp nurse upon arrival and students are expected to go to the nurse's office to receive their medication.

TRAVEL

[Click here to see student travel information and requirements.](#)

FINANCIAL AID

Is financial aid available? Need-based financial aid is available. See [this page](#) for more information. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Camp 2021 applications will be reviewed after January 1.

CELL PHONE POLICY

What is the camp cell phone policy?

- Middle School Camp:
 - Like many schools and camps around the country, Sitka Fine Arts Camp is now an electronics-free camp model for its middle school camp. An electronics-free camp allows our students to be present and engaged in their experience and allows camp staff to provide safe supervision of camp students.
 - Students may bring their cell phones to camp, but they must check in their phones to counseling staff at the beginning of camp. Dorm students may check their phone out to call home for 15 minutes before lights out.*
 - Day students are advised to leave their cell phones at home, unless they are needed for travel. Day students who bring their phones to camp may keep their devices in their possession, but are not permitted to use their devices during the camp day (classes, meals, passing periods, rec time, or Art Shares). They may use their cell phone to contact their parent(s)/guardian(s) before or after classes to arrange transportation plans.
 - Students should leave other electronic devices at home. Devices brought to camp will be turned in to counselors at the beginning of camp and

* Students who live on the East Coast can visit the Student Support Center during lunch to call their families.

- High School Camp, Sitka Jazz Workshop & Musical Theater Camp:
 - Students are welcome to bring their cell phones to camp, but are expected to approach cell phones as would an artistic professional. Students may use their phones as required by their teacher for class and practice/outside of class work as well as during evening free time. Dorm students may use their phones to make calls from after Art Share until lights out (excluding hall meetings). Students who use phones inappropriately or outside of these parameters will receive a warning, and afterwards may be confiscated for the remainder of camp.
 - Students should leave other wifi-enabled and gaming devices at home unless needed for travel. Devices brought to camp will be treated with the same policy as cell phones.
- If there is an emergency at home, parents can contact their child by calling the Camp office 907-747-3085.

REFUND POLICY

What is the refund policy?

Tuition is fully refundable, less the non-refundable deposit until May 1. After May 1, tuition is non-refundable. If SFAC cancels camp at any point, tuition is refundable including the deposit. A \$50

Late-Fee will be charged for late payments. Students who have an unpaid tuition balance after May 1 may forfeit their enrollment in the program. Starting in 2021, [Program Protector Insurance](#) is available through Trip Mate during registration.

All SFAC policies and procedures stated in this document are subject to change at any time as determined by SFAC staff, based on the needs of the organization to provide a safe, fun, and sustainable learning environment for our students.