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**CHICAGO CHILDREN'S THEATRE'S SUMMER CAMP AT CCT  
LETS KIDS UNLEASH THEIR CREATIVITY, COLLABORATE &  
HAVE FUN, JULY 13-24 AT WHITNEY YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL**



CHICAGO, February 4, 2015 - If you're looking for a high-energy summer activity for your child filled with imagination, adventure, singing, dancing, acting and creativity, then send them to Chicago Children's Theatre's **Summer Camp CCT**, July 13-24, 2015, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 p.m. at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, 211 S. Laflin St. in Chicago's West Loop neighborhood.

**Summer Camp CCT** offers kids an amazing opportunity to unleash their creativity and bring their imagination to life. Led by a staff of professional Chicago teaching

artists, campers will create an original musical production that they will perform for family and friends on the final day of camp, followed by a potluck lunch. During their two weeks at camp, children will write the script, compose original music, design and build scenery and create their own costumes.



Each day campers participate in creative workshops on theater, movement, music and visual arts. Campers learn to collaborate, working together as a cast to create an original theatrical piece while developing friendships with fellow campers and CCT's teaching artists. Confidence building is key, so **Summer Camp CCT** fosters a supportive environment in which every child contributes to the creative process and ultimately performs in front of a live audience.

"There's a reason we call it play," adds CCT Artistic Director **Jacqueline Russell**. "Campers should come prepared for larger quantities of fun and hilarity." In addition to creating **Summer Camp CCT** and **Camp Red Kite** for children on the autism spectrum, Russell launched the first summer camps at The Old Town School of Folk Music, created Lookingglass Theatre's summer camps, and helped create summer camps at Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

**Summer Camp CCT** is for children ages 5 to 13 years, with separate sessions for ages 5 to 7, 8 to 10, and 11 to 13. The cost is \$650 plus a \$25 registration fee, which is waived if tuition is paid in full when registering. Sign up a sibling and receive 20% off the second registration. Limited financial aid is available.

To register or for more information, call Eva Laporte, Education Manager, (773) 227-0180 x 15 or visit [chicagochildrenstheatre.org/summercamp](http://chicagochildrenstheatre.org/summercamp).



**Here's what parents had to say about last year's Summer Camp CCT**

*"Well planned and staffed. Immensely creative and educational."*

*"Happy to see the entire day was filled with constructive things to do. I was REALLY impressed to see half of the camp were boys."*

*"The staff were friendly, helpful courteous, talented, engaging and did incredible work with the kids."*

*"Had a fantastic time and can't wait to return next year."*



**CCT also offering Camp Red Kite for children on the autism spectrum, June 22-July 10**

In addition to **Summer Camp CCT**, Chicago Children's Theatre's ongoing **Red**

**Kite Project** for offers **Camp Red Kite**, an annual summer arts camp tailored specifically to the unique interests and needs of children on the autism spectrum.

**Camp Red Kite** is led by a team of artists, administrators, and special education teachers dedicated to creating a safe, welcoming, and comfortable environment for children affected by autism. The aim is to foster a shared arts experience that encourages self-expression, social engagement, creative exploration, and above all, FUN!

This summer's **Camp Red Kite** location is Cleveland Elementary School, 3121 W. Byron St. Dates are June 22 through July 10, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 p.m. Registration is now open at [chicagochildrenstheatre.org](http://chicagochildrenstheatre.org) or call Eva Laporte, Education Manager, (773) 227-0180 x 15.

## About Chicago Children's Theatre

**Chicago Children's Theatre** (CCT) focuses on the production of first-rate children's theatre, with top writing, performing and directorial talent and high-quality design and production expertise. CCT aspires to enrich our community through diverse and significant theatrical and educational programming that engages and inspires the child in all of us.

Chicago Children's Theatre is sponsored in part by **ComEd, Goldman Sachs Gives, JPMorgan Chase** and **Target**.

For more information about Chicago Children's Theatre visit [chicagochildrenstheatre.org](http://chicagochildrenstheatre.org), call CCT's dedicated box office line, (872) 222-9555, or the administrative office, (773) 227-0180.

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