

## **SIFF Education Youth Registration Policies**

Registrations are accepted as long as space is available. You will receive a generated purchase confirmation email from the box office at the time of purchase. If a camp is at capacity, the registration link will be removed from the website. If you wish to add your student to the waitlist, please send an email to: [education@siff.net](mailto:education@siff.net).

**Approximately one week before camp**, you will receive an email request to submit detailed student information and a waiver for each of your students. If there are any concerns regarding your registration, we will contact you within two business days.

You are free to re-submit your student's waiver anytime information has changed or you feel you need to make changes to your media permissions or medical information. This most recent version will remain on file with us until the end of the current calendar year.

### **Attendance Expectations**

We expect students to attend every day of the camp in which they enroll, except in the case of illness or emergency.

### **Cancellations**

**Workshops and Camps:** If you cancel your registration after it's been processed but at least two two weeks before the workshop or camp begins, we will refund your tuition. If you cancel your registration with less than the required notice, no refund will be given; however, any tuition paid for the canceled class will become a credit which you may use to transfer to a different class in the same calendar year. We are not able to offer refunds to students who attend the first day of class, but decide not to continue, nor for students dissatisfied with their experience.

**Cancellation by SIFF:** We reserve the right to cancel a workshop or camp if enrollment is insufficient. Any tuition paid will be refunded in full. If there are any concerns, we will contact you at least two weeks prior to the start of camp.

### **Inclement Weather**

On days when Seattle Public Schools are not in session, the call as to whether or not to cancel will be made at least two hours before the camp or workshop is scheduled. Parents will be contacted via email and alerted of the cancellation. The decision will remain in force for the entire day, regardless of changes in the weather or road conditions. We unfortunately cannot provide refunds for single day cancellations of camp. However, if a single-day workshop is canceled due to weather conditions,

refunds will be provided in full. In the case of snow on the roads at the end of a class that has not been canceled, we will do our best to provide extended care free of charge.

**Late Pick-up Policy**

If you are more than 15 minutes late to pick up a student from camp, your student will be charged a \$20 daily fee. Please call the office if you are running late: (206) 464-5830.

**Member Discount**

Current SIFF members will receive a membership discount for registration.

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## **SIFF FILM CAMP FAQs**

If you have a question not addressed by this FAQ, please don't hesitate to contact our Education Manager, Megan Garbayo-López, at [megan.garbayo@siff.net](mailto:megan.garbayo@siff.net).

### **What will my child be doing all day?**

What WON'T your child be doing? Campers will learn about the three stages of film creation: pre-production (creative brainstorming, writing, drawing storyboards), production (using cameras to film, capturing sound, acting), and post-production (editing, sound effects, special effects). We work hard but we also play hard with park runs and fun games to build collaboration skills and get our creative juices flowing.

### **Will food be provided?**

Campers are expected to bring a sack lunch each day. SIFF provides a nutritious snack each afternoon. If your student needs lunch assistance, please email [megan.garbayo@siff.net](mailto:megan.garbayo@siff.net) to make arrangements.

### **What should my child wear?**

Close-toed shoes are a film set safety must! We don't want anyone to smash their toes with a tripod. Our groups do spend time outside filming most days, so please send your camper with any jackets, hats, or other items that are appropriate to the weather expected that day.

### **My child needs accommodations to participate in film camp. How do I make sure their needs are met?**

SIFF Film Camp has a Parent Survey that you must fill out one week prior to camp for us to get to know your child. SIFF Education strives to make our offerings as accessible as possible. For example, campers with social anxiety or sensory needs are welcome to set up a classroom tour with our Education Manager, Megan Garbayo-López prior to camp to familiarize themselves with the space. Please email [megan.garbayo@siff.net](mailto:megan.garbayo@siff.net) with any questions or concerns.

### **My child needs to miss a day of camp. Can I still enroll them?**

We expect students to attend every day of the camp in which they enroll, except in the case of illness or emergency. Please email [megan.garbayo@siff.net](mailto:megan.garbayo@siff.net) if this is a concern.

### **Will I get to see the films my child has created?**

Yes! We will showcase the films on Friday afternoons at 5:00pm in the SIFF Film Center. Friends and family are welcome to join! We also send out links for families to download the films.

### **My child is independent. Do they have to work on a team?**

Filmmaking is all about collaboration. Part of learning to make films is learning to work together. This means staying open to the ideas, talents and inspirations of peers. It means cheering for each and every child's successes both in front and behind the camera. At all ages, this can lead to both quick bonding and also some creative differences. Some nights your child may come home either excited about a new friend or frustrated with some aspect of their project. This is all part of the process. In all cases, students will learn that kindness, inclusiveness, and an openness to stories of all kinds is the heart of youth filmmaking at SIFF. Creativity and a good attitude is the magic potion here.

### **Can my child bring props or costumes from home for their film?**

Yes! Objects can inspire and transform their films. We've seen a beach rock and bandanna lead to a short film about archaeologists, and we've seen a detective hat inspire a brilliant new character. They must be careful to make sure their props and costumes are not mixed into our giant stockpile of stuff because things can get lost very easily. A note on props, violence and creativit

*Two things to avoid:*

1. *Glitter.* It gets all over everything. Please, please don't send glitter!
2. *Toy Guns or Other Play Weapons.* Aside from the lack of creativity that toy guns and weapons bring to the table, campers are often tempted to hit each other with them and it's a lot easier to find creative solutions to their characters and stories without having violence in the mix.

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