

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND GROUP ONE GENERAL INFORMATION

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND GROUP ONE:

Chautauqua Institution website:

www.ciweb.org

Youth Programs brochure:

Available at the Main Gate, the Colonnade Lobby and the Visitor's Center

Welcome! We look forward to seeing you this summer.

PROGRAM HOURS FOR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL: Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

PROGRAM HOURS FOR GROUP ONE: Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00PM Children's Sch.
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM BG Club

TO REGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL/GROUP ONE:

1. Provide payment and basic information (name, gender, age, weeks attending):

January through mid-June:

During the summer season:

Online at www.ciweb.org

Phone: (716) 357-6278, 8:30am - Noon

Phone: (716) 357-6250

In person at Children's School, 8:30am - Noon

Mail: Using Chautauqua's ticket order booklet

Sundays 12-3 pm in the Colonnade Lobby

2. Download the Children's School and/or Group One Information Form to your computer.

Complete the form in its entirety and print three copies to bring with you to Chautauqua.

Please do not mail these forms!

SUNDAY CHECK IN / REGISTRATION HOURS:

12 PM – 3 PM in the lobby of the Colonnade Building

You may check in or register and pay on Sunday instead of Monday morning. Doing so will enable you to bring your child to his/her classroom Monday morning anytime after 8:50am. PARENTS STILL MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL THE FIRST DAY, to meet the teacher and answer any questions she/he might have.

FIRST DAY CHECK IN:

Please arrive at the table under the temple in front of Children's School on Monday mornings beginning at 8:30 AM. Present your completed Children's School/Group One form(s) to our staff in order to check in. Please make sure all requested information is provided. You must check-in before the child can proceed to his/her class. We ask that parents walk their child to the classroom in order to meet the teacher and receive a bus tag, if needed.

If you did not sign up the child in advance, you may take care of payment and complete paperwork at that time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Children's School is made up of six classrooms with two of each age group (3's, 4's & 5's). Each class is staffed with a certified teacher and two to three adult assistant teachers. Group One (children age 6 and/or entering first grade in the fall) is housed on the Children's School campus, in Sheldon Hall of Ed. in the morning, then attend camp at the Boys' & Girls' Club in the afternoons. The Group One teaching staff stay with their class in the afternoons, and are joined by BG Club specialty counselors for waterfront activities, crafts, music and nature.

Children's School and Group One are very fortunate to have continuing close relationships with the Schools of Fine and Performing Arts, The Chautauqua Opera Company, the Chautauqua Theater Company, and the Chautauqua Fire Department, among others. Each summer, our program is greatly enriched by the staff and volunteers of these groups.

A TYPICAL DAY AT CHILDREN'S SCHOOL INCLUDES:

- Developmental play
- Circle time (activities designed to provide a foundation for basic skills such as calendar, counting, days of the week, reading, singing)
- Activity centers (weekly themes such as children's literature, imagination, community helpers, performing arts, animals, ooey gooey, bird, tree & garden)
- Music, Art, Drama/Movement, Library, On-grounds field trips
- Special guest programs
- Snack time
- Outdoor play

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY:

The safety of our children is important to all of us. To that end, we ask that you follow the guidelines below. Vehicular traffic in any areas, except as noted below, is prohibited and is police enforced.

If you are staying on the Chautauqua grounds:

- Children may walk and/or ride a bike with an adult to Children's School
- Children's School has a bus service available for children enrolled in the program (or Group One in the mornings). Take your child to Children's School on his/her first day. The classroom teacher will give your child a bus tag which will state your child's name and bus stop information. Your child must wear the bus tag each day in order to ride the bus. If you have already checked in on Sunday, it is acceptable to ride the bus with your child to school his/her first day. Please pin the bus tag on your child's back each day they attend program. Buses are staffed with adult bus monitors who ensure that the child is met by the responsible adult at the bus stop. An adult must be there to meet the child.

If coming from off the Chautauqua grounds to drop off / pick up:

- You must enter through Turner Gate, turn right at the traffic circle (Palestine), then left on Hurst then a left on Hedding. You may park along Hedding briefly while you walk your child to school.
- For everyone's safety, please do not drive directly to the Children's School building or park in any other areas except as noted above. Please drive carefully and watch for children.
- If you want your child to ride the bus you may park at the Main Gate Welcome Center, walk through the pedestrian gate and wait at the bus stop for the yellow school bus. A free 45 minute walk-in pass (available at the Will Call window) is required for adults without a gate pass.