

Harand Camp of the Theatre Arts

Frequently Asked Questions

What makes Harand Camp of the Theatre Arts special?

At Harand Camp "No Man is an Island" and EVERYONE is a STAR! Established in 1955, Harand was one of the first private camps to combine musical theater with traditional camp. Long considered one of the top theater camps in the country, Harand balances first-rate arts training (in a non-competitive environment), with the fun of sports, activities, and 60+ years of tradition. We are a FAMILY (and also family-run). Harand is considered a second home by thousands of alums worldwide who have built lifelong friendships and cherished memories through our special program. Once a Harander – Always a Harander. Our theater program is also entirely unique to us, from our first session pageant musical revue to our commitment to sharing lead roles so EVERY camper has the chance to shine in the spotlight and also learn how to work as part of the ensemble. Harand Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and received the Program Excellence Award in 2013.

What are the DATES and PRICES for 2019?

- One-Week Session (Workshop): June 21 – 27, 2020; \$1300
- First Session (Pageant): June 21 – July 12, 2020; \$3300
- Second Session (Full-Length Musicals): July 13 – August 2, 2020; \$3400
- Full 6-Week Session (Pageant & Musicals): June 21 – August 2, 2020; \$5900

Does TUITION cover everything? Are there any other fees?

Unlike many camps, our tuition covers almost everything and there are very few additional fees and charges.

- Tuition covers room & board; arts & elective classes; recreational activities; costumes; scripts; supplies; buses for trips; laundry up to \$15 per session. (Parents provide balance for laundry, if any, at check-out.)
- Tuition does NOT include the charter bus to camp (\$35), WI sales tax, medical bills not covered by your insurance, private instrumental/academic instruction (arranged in advance through our office), luggage shipment, or the \$15 refundable key card deposit. There is also a \$50 fee for lost or damaged scripts (second session only and charged after camp only if your camper loses or damages rented materials).
- Personal spending money should also be provided by the family for the camper to use on off-campus trips or for other approved, unforeseen purchases (replenishing toiletries, etc.). We recommend \$50 per 3-week session. The money is placed in our "Mini-Bank" until officially withdrawn by the camper. Records are kept with the balance refunded at check-out.

Are there SCHOLARSHIPS available?

We strive to make the camp experience affordable for all families and offer a variety of discounts, payment plans and scholarships. Need-based scholarships are awarded through the Harand Camp Scholarship Fund (HCSF), a 501c3 organization. The HCSF provides full and partial camps scholarships to young people who have an interest in music, dance, drama, or technical theater, and have financial need. More information and an application can be found [here](#). The deadline to apply is April 15 with awards determined by May 1.

WHERE is Harand Camp located? What is the CAMPUS like?

We are located on the beautiful campus of Carthage College in Kenosha, midway between Chicago and Milwaukee. The campus is an arboretum on the shores of Lake Michigan and features many modern amenities including an Olympic-size indoor swimming pool; basketball, racquetball and sand volleyball courts; dance and fitness studios; a 400-seat state-of-the-art mainstage theater as well as an intimate black box space, air-conditioned classrooms; food by Sodexo; dorm-style living; on-campus security and certified nurse, and more.

I don't live near Kenosha, can I still attend?

Yes! We have campers and staff from all over the country and even overseas. There is a charter bus from Niles, IL (just outside of Chicago) to camp on the first day. We also have campers fly in to Chicago or Milwaukee and we can arrange for a staff member to pick-up the camper at the airport and take him/her to the bus departure point. Please contact the camp office to make arrangements. While the bus is optional, we highly recommend that campers take it if they can as the camp experience begins the moment the bus departs.

HOW MANY campers are there per session?

We pride ourselves on our close-knit, family environment where "no man is an island." Camp size varies from year to year, with sessions having between 70 and 100 campers. Our staff to camper ratio is 1:4 ensuring that all campers get personal attention and feel valued as individuals and cherished members of our family.

This is my FIRST YEAR and I'm nervous that I won't know anyone and will feel left out.

"Make new friends and keep the old." While we do have campers return year after year (and some that continue on as staff members!), there are also many new campers every summer. Haranders are the most loving and welcoming people in the world. Everything we do - from our activity program to shows – fosters a nurturing, family environment where everyone knows and accepts everyone. Our campers and staff are open-hearted and non-competitive and the bonding between both new and returning campers is almost instant.

Can I talk to someone who went to camp?

We would be happy to put you in touch with one of our alums or current families. Please contact us and we will make arrangements. Also be sure to visit our [Testimonials](#) page to read some of our stellar reviews.

Do you require AUDITIONS? Do I have too little/too much experience for your program?

We welcome all levels of experience – from new performers to those working professionally - and do not require auditions for admission. It is our goal for all campers to develop skills in the performing arts and also build self-confidence & self-esteem. No matter the experience level, all campers will have fun, feel supported and challenged, and shine on our stage. At Harand EVERYONE is a STAR!

What is the "PAGEANT" that campers work on during FIRST SESSION?

The pageant is a full-length musical revue based around a specific theme that features the entire camp. Each age group prepares two 10-15 minute sections of non-stop singing and dancing and appears - in our beautiful costumes – no less than 3 times! Parents and campers love the pageant and find it to be a very special and moving event. While the pageant is more heavily focused on singing and dancing, all first-session campers will also prepare a one-act play during drama classes that will be performed on visiting day prior to the pageant.

I'm going SECOND SESSION, what SHOW will I be in?

We do not reveal the shows until the first day of the second session. Specific musicals are chosen close to the start of camp based on the make-up of each cast and then arrangements must be made with the appropriate licensing company (sorry, that means *Wicked* isn't available to us – or any other camp - yet). We also like to keep shows a surprise! Each summer tends to feature a mix of classic and contemporary works and no single show is considered "the best" or "most important." Placement in shows is based on age group and casting is determined during the first week of the session. All campers will perform both a lead role and in the ensemble, ensuring that EVERY camper receives the full musical theater experience. Audiences are wowed by what our campers and staff are able to accomplish in only three weeks. Please take our show survey to let us know your thoughts on specific musicals and what shows you may have already done.

How does the ONE-WEEK PROGRAM work?

The one-week session is a unique program exclusive to new campers, ages 7-12 only. One-weekers are fully integrated into our first session program, enjoying the same classes, recreational activities and cabin bonding as those staying the full three weeks. The week culminates in a Workshop performance featuring selections from the Pageant. This option is perfect for new campers who want to try camp without committing to three weeks. Enrollment in the program is very limited and one-weekers have the option to stay for the rest of the session.

What are the LIVING ARRANGEMENTS? Can I share a ROOM with my friend?

Campers enjoy the comfort of the modern facilities at Carthage College, residing in dorms overlooking Lake Michigan. Upon arrival, campers are divided into "cabins" by age and live together in the dorms (2-3 per room). We honor roommate requests as long as BOTH campers make the request in writing and are the same age.

What is the FOOD like? Can you make accommodations for special dietary needs?

Meals are catered by Sodexo and served 3 times a day in the dining hall. Every meal features many delicious options including a salad bar, soup, hot entrees, pizza & pasta bar, grill items, sandwiches, wraps, fruit, dessert, frozen yogurt, and more. Sodexo can make accommodations for allergies and will even provide gluten-free meals by request. Please notify us of any dietary restrictions (ex: celiac, vegan) or allergies (ex: nuts, fish).

What is the DAILY SCHEDULE at Harand?

Campers spend half the day in theater classes and the other half in activity classes that are selected by the camper on the first night of the session. Evenings and Sundays include a rotating schedule of rehearsals, cabin nights, and all-camp events, trips, and games. View a general [daily schedule](#) and [photos](#) our website!

Who do I CONTACT if I have more questions?

Please call the Harand Camp office at 847.864.1500 or 847.867.1356, or email harandcamp@gmail.com. Please be sure to download and read the [Instruction Book](#) which contains many more details about Harand. You can also get your application and other forms for camp [HERE](#). Thank you for considering Harand Camp of the Theatre Arts for your family. We hope to hear from you soon!