OUTSIDE THE LENS
Summer Camps FAQS

REGISTRATION

1. WHAT IS THE COST OF CAMPS?
Full day camps range from $195 to $409 depending on the length of the camp. Please visit our website to see the cost of each camp.

2. WHEN IS CAMP TUITION DUE?
Camp tuition is due in full at time of checkout.

3. WHAT FORMS OF PAYMENT DO YOU ACCEPT?
We accept payments by credit card through our online registration system. If you would like to pay by check, please contact us at info@outsidethelens.org or (858) 349-7578.

4. DO YOU OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?
Outside the Lens offers a limited number of scholarships for families in need on a first come, first serve basis. We are able to provide scholarships with the support of our donors. To apply for a scholarship, fill out the application here.

If you would like to contribute to our Summer Camp Scholarship fund, please email info@outsidethelens.org. Contributions of any amount make a difference!

5. WHAT IS YOUR CANCELLATION POLICY?
Outside the Lens offers full refunds on summer camp purchases. However, there will be a $25 cancellation fee. Refunds may take up to 3 - 5 business days to process.

PROGRAM

1. WHEN CAN I DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP FOR CAMP?
Drop-off: Students can be dropped off at the start of camps at 9:30 AM. *Note: Some camps begin at 9:00 AM.

Pick-up: Students can be picked up at the end of camps at 3:30 PM. *Note: some camps end at 3:00 PM.

Please refer to our website to see the start and end time of each camp.

2. WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO CAMP?
Note: Please label all items with camper’s name.
Required Items:
• Lunch and snacks (Campers will need to bring a lunch and snack everyday. Outside the Lens does not provide any food or drinks for purchase so please ensure your campers have adequate food and drinks each day.)
• Reusable water bottle
• Sunscreen (Please apply first layer of sunscreen before arriving to camp.)
• Comfortable footwear (Campers will participate in various walks to either photograph or film.)
• Any medications needed during camp such as an inhaler or Epipen.

Recommended Items:
• Backpack to store items
• Hat and sunglasses
• Camera (if child has their own)

3. DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN CAMERA?
Cameras and any other needed equipment will be provided during the camp, but students will be sharing the equipment with other students. If your child has their own camera, we encourage them to bring it.

4. DO I NEED TO HAVE PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE?
Whether you are new at photography, digital media or filmmaking, or wanting to build on what you already know, our camps provide the structure and mentoring to take you to the next level.

5. DO YOU OFFER HALF DAY CAMPS?
At this time, we are only offering full day camps.

6. WHERE ARE CAMPS LOCATED?
Outside the Lens camps are held all over San Diego County. Please refer to our website to see the location of each camp.

7. WHERE IS OUTSIDE THE LENS LOCATED?
Outside the Lens is located in Liberty Station in Point Loma. Our address is 2750 Historic Decatur Road, Suite 103, Barracks 15. We are located between HotSpot Pottery and the Women’s Museum.

8. WHO TEACHES OUTSIDE THE LENS CAMPS?
Outside the Lens’ Media Educators lead summer camp sessions. During the academic school year, our Media Educators teach throughout San Diego Unified School District, and other local school districts. All of our educators have undergone background checks.

Our educators are creative professionals with portfolios in photography and filmmaking, and a passion for art, technology, and education. Their artistic styles and personalities are diverse, but they share a commitment to student success. Meet the staff here.

9. WHAT IS THE CAMPER TO TEACHER RATIO?
We aim to maintain a 5:1 student to teacher ratio. Each camp has 1 to 2 OTL Media Educators who lead curriculum design and primary instruction. Educators are assisted by OTL summer interns and volunteers, who are high school and college students pursuing study in digital media. All of our
interns and volunteers attend an onboarding and training session. All campers will be under the supervision of our OTL staff at all times.

10. WHAT IS THE DROP OFF POLICY?
Please walk your child inside and sign them in each day of camp. Due to parking at certain locations, there are some camps where parents can drive up and drop off. In these cases, an Outside the Lens staff member will have the sign-in sheet available for you.

11. WHAT IS THE PICK UP POLICY?
All campers must be signed out by an adult authorized on the registration form for pick up. Only adults listed on the camp registration form will be allowed to pick up students. Older students will be able to sign themselves out at the end of the day if noted on the registration form.

12. WHAT IF I NEED TO PICK UP MY CHILD EARLY?
During camps, the groups take walks to photograph or film. If you are planning to pick up your child early, please notify the Camp Instructor at drop off in the morning. We will not be able to change camp plans to accommodate early pickups.

13. DO YOU OFFER EARLY DROP OFF OR LATE PICK?
Outside the Lens is offering after care until 4:00 PM (and until 3:30 PM for camps that end at 3:00 PM) for a flat rate fee of $10 per day. Fill out the following form to sign up for after care.

We currently do not offer early drop off.

LOST AND FOUND
We do our best to prevent lost possessions, but to decrease the chances, please:
- Label all belongings with camper’s name and phone number
- Only bring essential items and a backpack to carry them
- Leave significant and sentimental items at home

ILLNESS/INJURY
If your camper becomes sick or injured at camp, an OTL camp instructor will contact you to pick them up. If we are unable to reach you in the event your camper needs medical attention, we will call medical personnel.

If your camper is unable to attend camp due to sickness or injury, please notify the Program Manager at (619) 977-0280.

FEEDBACK
We love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact us at anytime to provide feedback. At the end of your camp week, you will receive a camp evaluation survey. Your feedback is essential in shaping future camp programming and operations.

CONTACT
If you have any additional questions, please contact Outside the Lens at (858) 349-7578 or email info@outsidethelens.org.