

CAMPERSAND FAQs

What is C&! (Campersand) ?

It is a gathering of families who are creating an environment of mathematical play for their kids and themselves. It is an intimate setting with about 30 campers and the supportive community of academic staff, parents, and volunteers who coordinate efforts to make it happen. This is our second year and we like the vibe and closeness of the group and intend to keep it small.

We put on a one week residential camp for kids who love mathematics. It is family camp where parents attend with their campers and sometimes bring along siblings. We encourage and seek the involvement of families

Campers are encouraged to go as fast and deep into subjects as they want but are in a classroom of peers acting their age. Course offerings, like “Analytic Combinatorics” and “The Cosmic Distance Ladder”, are not typical of a standard school curriculum. The advanced material is tailored for sophisticated and engaged kids.

What course are taught at camp?

Take a peek at the [camp's offerings](#) for what we have in store for the curious camper. Courses are open to all campers except for those with Calculus prerequisites. Instructors will take campers as fast and deep as they want.

“Lecture style” is similar to university course with an instructor moderating and leading the discussion. “Lab style” combines round table discussion with hands-on activity to introduce and explore concepts. All courses are academically rigorous with age appropriate playfulness and learning in mind.

Recommended academic preparation prior to camp will be posted by the end of May.

Course designs are in flux; final course material will be at the discretion of the instructors.

What is a day like?

Classes are held in two academic blocks sandwiched between meal times. Eating location is at the campers' choice. During mealtimes campers eat together and social under the supervision of parents. Campers can review the day's class notes, chat about math with instructional staff, mingle with one another, or enjoy some quiet time during meal time

Parents drop off campers after breakfast, pick up campers for lunch, drop them off after lunch, and then pick up campers for dinner and free time in the evening.

During meal time campers eat together and socialize under the supervision of parents. Parents are encouraged to organize after-camp gatherings to hang out and get to know each other.

Here is what a [week at Campersand](#) can look like.

What do parents do while campers are in classes?

There will be some planned talks with the academic staff, but mainly parents gather to socialize or slip away to work.

What is the cost of camp?

Tuition is \$1200 per camper.

There are costs related to lodging and meals.

The lodging options include:

- 1) [University of New Mexico \(UNM\) Family Apartments](#) - \$85/night plus taxes.

Reservations can be made by emailing Marcos Romero at

MRomero@AmericanCampus.com and requesting to make reservations for the Campersand Math Camp Group.

- 2) [Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel](#) - \$104/night plus taxes.

- When reserving on the phone (800) 227-1117, identify yourself as part of **C&** or **Camp for Algorithmic and Mathematical Play** or **Campersand Math Camp** Group to secure the special rate.
- Or use [this reservation link](#).
- This hotel has a free shuttle to/from the airport as well as to/from the UNM campus and the building where the camp takes place.

The meal options include:

UNM has a dining hall with meals costing - breakfast \$6.50, lunch \$8.75, dinner \$8.75. Meals can be purchased in a meal plan or a la cart on site. In addition, close to the UNM campus there are a variety of other meal options.

What do I need to bring to camp?

Great attitude.

We will provide a supply list.

Is Campersand for my child?

Read the [expectations](#) and play with the [exploration problems](#).

How do I apply?

[Click here for application instructions](#).

More questions?

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