

CAMPERSAND 2019 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 50 campers and the supportive community of academic staff, parents, and volunteers who coordinate efforts to make this all happen. This is our third 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 “Rational Points on an Elliptic Curve” and “Geometry through Zometool”, are not typical of a standard school curriculum. The advanced material is tailored for sophisticated and engaged kids.

What courses 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 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 made available.

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

What is a day like?

Classes are held in two academic blocks with one session in the morning and the other after lunch. Parents check out campers for meals. 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.

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.

Lodging and meal expenses are separate.

Lodging:

We have secured a contract with the University of New Mexico to make on-campus housing available for \$85/night plus taxes.

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You need to inform Anita by June 1, 2019 if you intend to stay on campus. This is done through the camp registration packet.

You may choose to secure other accommodations.

Meals:

UNM has a dining hall with approximate meals costs for breakfast \$7.50, lunch \$9.50, dinner \$9.75. Meals can be purchased in a meal plan (arranged with UNM) or a-la-carte at the register.

In addition, there are a variety of other dining choices close to the UNM campus. Sometimes parents just brown bag it.

What do I need to bring to camp?

Great attitude.

We also will provide a packing list.

Is Campersand for my child?

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

How do I apply?

Camp 2019 is FULL. General [application instructions](#) are available for reference.

More questions?

Contact reach out to us - anita@campersand.org