

CAMPERSAND 2023 FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

What is C&! (Campersand)?

It is a gathering of families who come together to make a playful mathematical environment for their kids and themselves. This is a community of academic staff, parents, and volunteers who coordinate all aspects of the camp to make this happen. Last year it was an online gathering, but this year it will be in person.

Campers are encouraged to go as fast and as deep into subjects as they want while being in a classroom of similar-age peers. Course offerings are not typical of a standard school curriculum. They run the range of accessible to advanced. Courses are based on various factors like faculty expertise, past favorites, and campers interests. All subjects are interesting and worthwhile to explore. The material is tailored for sophisticated and engaged kids at the accessible, intermediate, and advanced levels.

This is our sixth year. We love the vibe and intimacy of our group and we want to keep our community lively and curious and share it with you.

When is C&!?

Campersand is July 24 - 28. July 23 and 29 are travel days.

Is C&! for my child?

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

What is the cost of camp?

Tuition is \$1500 per camper or scholar. It is set to cover costs like faculty time, classroom supplies, camp supplies, but it accounts for only part of the equation. Parents, faculty, friends, and families put in countless volunteer hours to make C&! possible. This year is no exception. C&! is a special community, and we are excited to have you join us.

Does my camper have to be vaccinated?

We want to keep our community healthy and safe.

As guests of the University of New Mexico, we operate under their COVID policy and guidelines.

What does the week camp schedule look like?

Classes, clubs, and math stations will run Monday to Friday, approximately 8AM to 5PM with a two-hour lunch break in the middle of the day. Once we finalize a schedule, we'll let you know. For a flavor of the schedule take a look at what [2019](#) was like.

At what times will the camp be held?

The day's schedule is released closer to the camp start date, but here is a good idea of what you can expect. Camp activities for students are scheduled between 8AM and 5PM. There will be morning and afternoon sessions with a lunch break of about 2 hours where campers will be checked out to parents.

While students are in class there will be talks and presentations for parents coordinated by our Parent Program Coordinators.

Dinner is on your own. There are local restaurants that families frequent for sit-in or take out. In the evening campers and parents gather for informal socializing.

Who is teaching?

You'll see some familiar faces from last year as well as some new ones. Everyone has taught young students and chose to come teach you! Check our website for this year's roster.

What courses are taught at camp?

We'll have an array of classes and clubs that are accessible to all campers. Our faculty will be teaching their favorites, while featuring some new offerings. Courses will not be finalized until closer to the camp date. Check our past courses for a flavor of the summer's class offerings.

What if the classes are too easy for my camper?

Faculty have expert knowledge in their field of study and love sharing that knowledge with students. They are able to take a student narrow and deep or explore the wide breadth of that subject matter. Tell them what you find easy and they will peel back a new layer and give you a new lens of perspective. They are always up to doling out more challenges.

All the faculty chose to be here. They have taught young students before and have returned for more.

What do I need for camp?

- Most classes will provide all the needed materials.
- It's always handy to have paper, writing implements (pens, pencils), and a backpack to transport all your goodies during the day.
- Water Bottle
- If special equipment or supplies are needed it will be listed in the course description.
- UNM has free and accessible internet access on campus.
- Interest and a good attitude.

What platform or technology will we be using?

- Since we are meeting in person, we won't be using a digital classroom.
- We'll be using discord for group communication and announcements.
- If your class requires a specific programming language, it will be articulated in the course description.

What do parents do while campers are in classes?

Parents engage in a variety of activities while their campers are in class. Some parents are faculty so they teach. Other parents volunteer in the classroom. Some attend meetings and work their regular jobs - albeit remotely. Throughout the week, the Campers and Parent Program offers lectures, panels, and talks on various topics geared specifically for the parents.

As camper parents themselves, the Parent Program Coordinators have planned a series of talks that address pressing questions relating to their children's education.

We are developing a parent program along the lines of what was presented last year. More details will be shared once they are finalized.

How do I apply?

Look at our [Apply](#) Page on the website. Submitted applications are being reviewed. Applicants will be contacted directly.

More questions?

Reach out and contact us - info@campersand.org