SUMMER 2020 IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION
BURLINGTON, VERMONT

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:
For billing, registration, and general questions, at all times, please call the main office:
- SOCAPA MAIN OFFICE: Toll Free: (800) 718-2787; Int’l and NY Local: (646) 828-3558
- Email: info@socapa.org

After summer sessions start in June, to reach the VT Resident Life office for questions/information about arrival, housing, visiting, things concerning your child’s stay with SOCAPA, please use the following:
- SOCAPA Vermont Office Phone: (800) 718-2787 or (646) 828-3558 ext. 714
- Email: vt@socapa.org

IMPORTANT DATES:
APRIL 1, 2020: FINAL PAYMENT DUE!
For registrations after April 1, full payment is due with registration.
THREE WEEKS prior to arrival: Final Registration Forms DUE!

On-Line Health History Form, Annual Physical and Immunization Form, copy of back and front of Proof of Health Insurance coverage, travel details and photo Due! We will gladly accept these forms any time, but they MUST be turned in no later than three weeks prior to your arrival.

SESSION ONE: June 21 – June 27, 2020 (3-week camps end July 11, 4-weeks end July 18)

June 21, Sunday – SESSION ONE STUDENTS ARRIVE
11-3p Airport Pickups* at Burlington International Airport (BTV)
   Please try to schedule arriving flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
   Our staff will greet students at Baggage Claim.
1-4p Check-in and Registration at Lakeview Residence Hall for final administrative work.
   Students receive room key and roommate assignments and continue to their dorm.
4:30p Program Meetings
5:30p Welcome Dinner
6:30-9p Student Orientation – Tour of Campus & Facilities
   Evening Screening – Sample films from last year

June 22, Monday – CLASSES BEGIN at 9am

June 26, Friday – FINAL SCREENING FOR ONE WEEK STUDENTS
7-9p Final Screening** – Friends & Family Welcome
9-10p Post-screening Party

June 27, Saturday – SESSION ONE, ONE-WEEK STUDENTS DEPART
8-10a Dorm Checkout – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
   Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00p.
   Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.
   Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8am-10am.
SESSION TWO: June 28 – July 11 or 18, 2020

June 28, Sunday – SESSION TWO STUDENTS ARRIVE
8-10a Dorm Checkout – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
   Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00p.
   Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.
   Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8am-10am.

June 29, Monday – CLASSES BEGIN at 9am

July 10, Friday – FINAL SCREENING FOR TWO WEEK STUDENTS
7-9p Final Screening** – Friends & Family Welcome
9-10p Post-screening Party

July 11, Saturday – SESSION TWO, TWO-WEEK STUDENTS DEPART
8-10a Dorm Checkout – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
   Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00p.
   Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.
   Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8am-10am.

July 17, Friday – FINAL SCREENING FOR THREE WEEK STUDENTS
7-9p Final Screening** – Friends & Family Welcome
9-10p Post-screening Party

July 18, Saturday – SESSION TWO, THREE-WEEK STUDENTS DEPART
8-10a Dorm Checkout – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
   Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00p.
   Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.
   Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8am-10am.

SESSION THREE: July 12 – July 18, 2020 (3-week camps end August 1)

July 12, Sunday – SESSION TWO STUDENTS ARRIVE
11-3p Airport Pickups* at Burlington International Airport (BTV)
   Please try to schedule arriving flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
   Our staff will greet students at Baggage Claim.
1-4p Check-in and Registration at Lakeview Residence Hall for final administrative work.
   Students receive room key and roommate assignments and continue to their dorm.
4:30p Program Meetings
5:30p Welcome Dinner
6:30-9p Student Orientation – Tour of Campus & Facilities
   Evening Screening – Sample films from last year

July 13, Monday – CLASSES BEGIN at 9am

July 17, Friday – FINAL SCREENING OF STUDENT WORK

July 18, Saturday – SESSION THREE STUDENTS DEPART
8-10a Dorm Checkout* – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00p.  
Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.  
Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8am-10am.

SESSION FOUR:  July 19 – August 1, 2020

July 19, Sunday – SESSION FOUR STUDENTS ARRIVE
11-3p  **Airport Pickups*** at Burlington International Airport (BTV)  
   Please try to schedule arriving flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.  
   Our staff will greet students at Baggage Claim.  
1-4p  **Check-in and Registration** at Lakeview Residence Hall for final administrative work.  
   Students receive room key and roommate assignments and continue to their dorm.  
4:30p  **Program Meetings**  
5:30p  Welcome Dinner  
6:30-9p  **Student Orientation** – Tour of Campus & Facilities  
   Evening Screening – Sample films from last year

July 20, Monday – CLASSES BEGIN at 9am

July 31, Friday – FINAL SCREENING FOR SESSION FOUR STUDENTS
7-9p  **Final Screening**** – Friends & Family Welcome  
9-10p  **Post-screening Party**

Aug 1, Saturday – SESSION FOUR STUDENTS DEPART
8-10a  **Dorm Checkout** – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups  
   Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00p.  
   Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.  
   Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8am-10am.

Important Information about the schedule provided above:

*Arrival/Departure Details:

- Check-in and Registration is located at Lakeview Residence Hall*.
- If you are dropping your student off, we invite you to bring your child to campus between 1-4pm on the opening Sunday of the program. You can help your child get settled, go out and get necessary supplies, and have a look around campus. Parents should plan to leave about 4:30 pm, which is when program meetings and orientation start. On the final Saturday of the program, pick up is between 8-10am at the student’s dormitory.
- Day Students should plan to attend the activities on the opening Sunday from 4pm – 8pm.
- We service BTV on the opening Sunday and final Saturday of each session only. Please schedule arriving/departing flights between 11am-3pm. There is a $35 transfer fee each way. Flights that arrive/depart outside the recommended time slot may be subject to an additional transfer fee.
- If your child is traveling as an “Unaccompanied Minor,” as designated by the airline, there is an additional fee of $150 round-trip charged by SOCAPA. It is very important that you notify SOCAPA if you have purchased the Unaccompanied Minor service from your airline. We will be able to inform you of the name of the person who will be picking your child up the Friday before your arrival date, but not before. Please note that the airline also charges for this service.
• We will meet students at the baggage claim area for their flight. SOCAPA staff will be wearing a SOCAPA t-shirt and have a sign with the student’s name. There are only two baggage carousels at the Burlington airport, and we are hard to miss. On departure day, we see students to their airline ticket counter, but we cannot accompany them past security.

• Check-out procedure: Students are responsible for cleaning their rooms and returning their room key. Our host university levies an additional fee for a lost room key ($45) and excessive cleaning (from $25 - $100), which will be taken out of the damage deposit held on your credit card prior to camp start.

**Final Showcase Schedule:** The schedule provided above is a rough schedule of the Final Showcase based on years past. The timing of the showcase depends greatly on enrollment, so could start earlier or end later. We will send out more detailed information about the final showcase the week before the show, including the location of each show. Students may either leave with friends or family after the showcase on Friday night or during the scheduled checkout time on Saturday morning. If you plan to check your child out Friday night, please make arrangements with the Resident Life Office prior.

* Registration location may change. Updated information with the specific location for 2020 check-in will be sent out prior to the start of camp.
LOCATION:
SOCAPA’s Vermont Program is hosted at Champlain College, perched in the historic Hill Section, overlooking the breathtaking Lake Champlain and the surrounding Adirondack Mountains. A short walk down the hill and students are immersed in the vibrant arts scene of downtown Burlington. A little further down the hill and you are on the shores of spectacular Lake Champlain. When packing, students should plan for walking excursions and summer fun on the lake!

RESIDENCE HALL: The residence hall, Lakeview Residence Hall, is a modern, traditional-style dormitory looking out over Lake Champlain and the Adirondack Mountains. Male and female students are separated by floor. The residence hall has air conditioning, WiFi, a common area and a game room. Common bathrooms are located in the middle of the hall. A room typically is furnished with a bed, desk, bureau, and light. A Linen Package from Champlain College is included with room & board, which includes a small bath towel, hand towel, washcloth, sheets, a pillow, a pillowcase, and a light blanket. If you get cold easily, you may want to bring an extra blanket. Common areas (bathrooms/hallways/etc) are cleaned daily; students are responsible for keeping their own rooms clean. In front of the residence hall is Finney Quad, an open green space where students are welcome to play frisbee, soccer, and other games during their free time.

DINING HALL: Champlain offers lots of dining options and plenty of variety. The dining rooms offer different menus, themes and types of food. All meals are prepared on-site and are served in an all-you-can-eat buffet-style.

WEEKEND MEALS: Since SOCAPA students have the option of several excursions on Saturdays and Sundays, three weekend meals - lunch and dinner on Saturday and dinner on Sunday - are the responsibility of the students. For instance, they may be given the opportunity to explore the Waterfront area, go shopping on Church Street or visit Stowe Mountain’s outdoor adventure park and Ben and Jerry’s. At mealtimes, students are given the option of eating at inexpensive local restaurants or take-out stands. Prices can vary from four-dollar falafels and slices of pizza to twelve dollar sit down sushi combo dinners. We generally recommend a total of $40-$60 to cover these three weekend meals.

CHECK-IN:
Check-in and Registration will take place between 1pm and 4pm on the first Sunday of the program at Lakeview Residence Hall. You will receive your room key and roommate(s) assignments upon your arrival. It is important that Day Students attend registration and orientation. Please plan to arrive at the Lakeview Residence Hall at 4pm and stay until 8pm.

DAY STUDENTS:
Day students are strongly encouraged to attend Sunday’s registration and orientation (please plan to arrive at 4pm) since we will be handing out the master schedules and covering other valuable information. This orientation will also provide you with a chance to meet your fellow students and teachers/staff. The day student schedule normally runs from Monday – Friday, 8:45-5pm, although there are some days that start earlier, for example shoot days, and some evening and weekend rehearsals as well as casting, shooting, and editing time. If projects finish early, you may on occasion have free time during the afternoon to work on choreography, scenes, story/project ideas, location scouting and editing.

Day students are welcome to join for lunches, which are covered in the meals and activities fee. Day students will receive meal tickets to cover lunches at registration. Any additional meals on campus need to be purchased through the resident life office. In addition, the online Day Student form is required prior to the start of the program.
RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS:

Mail: You can have mail sent to: SOCAPA Summer Program: “Student Name”
C/o Champlain College Event Center
163 South Willard Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Phones/Internet Access: Students have access to the phone in the office for emergencies. Students may bring their cell phones but they must be turned off in all classrooms, editing rooms and screenings or they will be confiscated. Students have access to computer labs during the day and there is free wireless access in the residence halls.

Keys/ID Cards: DO NOT LOSE YOUR KEY! You are expected to have your key in your possession at all times. SOCAPA students and staff must show their key card to gain access to the dining hall to eat and to gain access to the dorm. There is a $45 lost key fee if we need to replace your key.

Security: Though we will be the only group of students in the dormitory, there will be other student groups on campus, so keep your doors locked at all times and valuables in a secure place. In addition, you will not want to leave bags/personal items in classrooms or around campus. When packing, please think about what items you want to bring and how you will keep them safe on campus and be mindful of your belongings at all times.

Laundry: Coin operated washers and dryers are available in the residence hall for your use. A load of wash is $1.25 and a dry cycle is $1.50, approximately.

Spending Money: The room and board fee covers nightly board and three meals a day (less three weekend meals), as well as planned activities on nights and weekends. Students may want to bring spending money for props, snacks or for any shopping he/she may want to do during their stay. We suggest $5-$10 a day for incidentals. Because SOCAPA cannot access money for students if they run out, we highly recommend sending your child with a prepaid/reloadable debit card if they do not have a bankcard already, such as a Visa prepaid card or PayPal prepaid MasterCard. These cards can be used to purchase necessities and withdraw cash. If the student runs out of money, parents can reload the card from home. Please do not send your child with hundreds of dollars in cash. It is not safe. Students should have some cash on them upon arrival, but also this card.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY:
In the event of a medical emergency, students will be taken to the emergency room of The Fletcher Allen Medical Center located on Colchester Avenue, Burlington, VT. Non-emergency cases will be brought to the walk-in care. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately. All students are required to have primary medical coverage and to list emergency contacts on our medical form.
WHAT TO BRING:  

PLEASE LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS!

With a permanent marker, personalized sticker labels, or your preferred method, please label your belongings, particularly all technological items. It reduces our lost and found pile and makes for happy campers and parents when you return home with all your belongings. Please think twice when packing valuable items- Do you need it? Are you responsible with your belongings or do you leave them around?

ALL STUDENTS:

- ALARM CLOCK! You are responsible for being on time for all classes/events.
- Cell phone and charger.
- TOILETRIES: Soap/Shampoo, Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Sunscreen, bug spray
- Laundry Detergent
- Beach towel
- If not renting linen package: x-long twin sheets, blanket, pillow, pillow case, bath towel, wash cloth, etc.
- Comfortable, practical shoes/clothes. You do a lot of walking.
- Nice outfit for showcase festival and dinners on town
- Warm Sweatshirt or Sweater, shorts, rain jacket, umbrella
- Notebook, Pen, and a reusable water bottle
- External hard drive -photo/film programs*
- Spending money (some cash, debit/credit card)

In addition to the above suggestions for all students, please see the program lists below:

Filmmakers:

MANDATORY:
- An external MAC-compatible USB/FireWire hard drive (not one that must plug into wall) of at least 500 Gigs is required so that you can take all your digitized raw footage and project files home with you. It also allows you to edit on any available computer in our editing lab. We recommend a LaCie Rugged. A flash drive will not do.
- Story Ideas, see film assignments in the curriculum section of our website.

RECOMMENDED:
- Laptop computer. For filmmakers, it could be helpful when writing your script but is not necessary; you will have limited access to a computer center.
- Small props and costumes that are necessary for your film idea. Don’t go overboard!
- Music that you think would be good in your film. Bring it on your hard drive, not your mp3 player.
- Any camera that you own that you want to learn how to better use; any film or video work you want to share.

Actors:

- A notebook and pens/pencils.
- A pair of lightweight sneakers/comfortable shoes.
- Comfortable lightweight clothing that you can move freely in and that will not make you self-conscious in movement/yoga classes.
- Interesting, versatile clothes/costumes as you may be asked to play a wide range of roles over the course of the program. A nice suit or dress usually comes in handy. Try to avoid white clothing, as the color white does not translate well to film/video.
- For headshots, a few options of tops. Layers and texture are great. Each should be a solid color- rich, saturated colors that bring out your eyes. Avoid solid white & solid black colors, as well as busy patterns, stripes, polka dots and neons.
- Ideas for a monologue and a short two-person scene, both can be professionally written (from a play or film) and should be between two and three minutes long.
- Make-up, as you generally need to do your own.
- A refillable water bottle.
Photographers:

MANDATORY:
- An external MAC compatible USB/FireWire hard drive (not one that must plug into wall) of at least 500 Gigs is required so that you can take all your digitized raw footage and project files home with you. It also allows you to edit on any available computer in our editing lab. We recommend a LaCie Rugged. A flash drive will not do.
- Comfortable footwear for long walking safari trips around city. Please note that we do not allow open toe sandals/flip flops on photo safaris. Comfortable closed-toe shoes are necessary for the photo safaris.

RECOMMENDED:
- Any camera or photo equipment that you own and want to learn how to better use.
- Tripod if you have one.
- Any photography work that you have done that you want to share (digital, prints or negatives).
- A backpack or carrying bag for photo safari trips. Sunscreen, water bottle, rain gear.

Dancers: Please bring as much of the following as you have. You do not need to go out and get everything on this list, but it will be good for you to have a few of the items.

FOR FEMALE DANCERS:
* All-black, high-waisted booty shorts of an appropriate length with NO logos or symbols on them.
* All-black sports or dance bra(s) with NO oversized logos or symbols on them. Racerback is fine, but ones with thin and/or interesting straps are also encouraged.
* Solid, brightly-colored sports bra if you have it
* All-black bra and all-nude bra (can be in place of sports bras if you don't need as much support)
* All-black leggings
* All-black camisole top or leotard
* All-white camisole or tank top
* Make-up and hair products (INCLUDING fake eyelashes, black mascara, and black eyeliner)
* Accessories such as fishnets, hats, glasses, gloves, ties, bandanas, etc.

FOR MALE DANCERS:
* All-black t-shirt with NO logos or symbols on it
* All-black sweatpants and/or shorts

FOR ALL DANCERS:
* A reusable water bottle
* Jeans and jean shorts you can move in for Hip Hop
* Tap shoes or any other "specialty" shoe for student choreography project (if so desired)
* White long-sleeve, button-down shirt
* All-white t-shirt
* A backpack or dance bag for daily studio trips and location shoots
* Potential music for your choreography assignment (in MP3 format)

MANDATORY:
* Sneakers for Hip Hop
* Nude-colored foot paws and/or half-sole turners for Contemporary, depending on your session

WHAT NOT TO BRING:
- Skateboards
- Scooters
- Roller-skates/rollerblades
- Weapons of any kind, even if they are props
GETTING TO CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE:

**By Car**

**From Interstate 89:** By car, take Exit 14W from Interstate 89 and proceed west on Main street over the hill toward downtown Burlington. Turn left onto South Willard Street (Route 7) at the first stoplight after heading down the hill. The Fireplace Lounge is located in the IDX Student Life Center at 228 South Willard Street.

**From the South via Route 7:** Driving from the South on Route 7: about a mile north of the I-189 interchange bear right around the small rotary and proceed up the hill, staying on Route 7 (which becomes South Willard Street). The Fireplace Lounge is located in the IDX Student Life Center at 228 South Willard Street.

**By Air**
The nearest airport is BTV, Burlington International Airport. BTV is 15 minutes from campus. Take Rte. 2 (Williston Road) west to the Interstate 89 overpass at this point Rte. 2 (Williston Road) becomes Main Street. Continue over the hill toward downtown Burlington. Turn left onto South Willard Street (Route 7) at the first stoplight after heading down the hill. The Fireplace Lounge is located in the IDX Student Life Center at 228 South Willard Street. Our staff does airport pickups on the first and last days of each session. The fee is $35 per airport transfer. We will greet your child at baggage claim when she arrives and make sure she finds her gate when she departs.

**PLACES TO STAY:** If you are dropping off/picking up your child and need accommodations:

**Within walking distance of campus**
Willard Street Inn (800) 577-8712
Lang House on Main Street (802) 652-2500

**Burlington hotels**
Hilton Burlington (802) 658-6500
Courtyard (802) 864-4700
Sheraton Hotel (802) 865-6600