SUMMER 2020 IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION
Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA

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; NY Local: (646) 828-3558
➢ Email: info@socapa.org

Once programs have started in June, to reach the LA Resident Life office for questions/information about arrival, housing, visiting, or anything concerning your child’s stay with SOCAPA, please use the following:
➢ SOCAPA Los Angeles Office Phone: (800) 718-2787 or (646) 828-3558 ext. 710
➢ Email: la@socapa.org

For pick up/drop off purposes, our dorm and offices are located at Braun Hall. Please see the campus map enclosed. The address is: **1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA 90041**. See below for mailing address for participants.

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 14– June 27, 2020 (5-week camps end July 18)

June 14, Sunday – SESSION ONE STUDENTS ARRIVE
11-3p **Airport Pickups*** at LAX and BUR
   Please try to schedule arriving flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
   Our staff will greet students at Baggage Claim.
3-5p **Check-in and Registration** @ Braun Hall.
   Parent drop-offs
5-9p **Student Orientation** – Tour of Campus & Facilities
   Welcome Dinner, Program Meetings
   Evening Screening – Sample student work from last year

June 15, Monday – CLASSES BEGIN

June 26, Friday – STUDENT SHOWCASE**
3-6p **2-week Student Screenings**
6-8p **Post-screening Wrap Party**

June 27, Saturday – SESSION ONE STUDENTS DEPART
8-9:30a **Dorm Checkout** – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
   Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
   Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.
   Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8-9:30am.
   All students must be out of their rooms by 9am.
SESSION TWO: June 28 – July 18, 2020

June 28, Sunday – SESSION TWO STUDENTS ARRIVE
11-3p  **Airport Pickups*** at LAX and BUR
        Please try to schedule arriving flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
        Our staff will pick students up at Baggage Claim.
3-5p  **Check-in and Registration** @ Braun Hall.
        Parent drop-offs.
5-9p  **Student Orientation** – Tour of Campus & Facilities
        Welcome Dinner
        Evening Screening – Sample student work from last year

June 29, Monday – CLASSES BEGIN at 9am

July 17, Friday – FINAL SCREENING** - Friends & Family Welcome
3-6p  **Student Screenings**
6-8p  **Post-screening Wrap Party**

July 18, Saturday – SESSION TWO STUDENTS DEPART
8-9:30a  **Dorm Checkout*** – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
        Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
        Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.
        Parents, please plan to pick students up between 8-9:30am.
        All students must be out of their rooms by 9am.

SESSION THREE: July 19 – July 25, 2020 (3 week camps end August 8)

July 19, Sunday – SESSION THREE STUDENTS ARRIVE
11-3p  **Airport Pickups** at LAX and BUR
        Please try to schedule arriving flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
        Our staff will greet students at Baggage Claim.
3-5p  **Check-in and Registration** @ Braun Hall.
        Parent drop-offs
5-9p  **Student Orientation** – Tour of Campus & Facilities
        Welcome Dinner
        Evening Screening – Sample student work from last year

July 20, Monday – CLASSES BEGIN

July 24, Friday – FINAL SCREENING**- Friends & Family Welcome
3-6p  1wk Student Final Screenings
6-8p  **Post-screening Wrap Party**

July 25, Saturday – SESSION THREE STUDENTS DEPART
8-9:30a  **Dorm Checkout** – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
        Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
        Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.
        Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8-9:30am.
        All students must be out of their rooms by 9am.
SESSION FOUR: July 26-August 8, 2020

July 26, Sunday – SESSION FOUR STUDENTS ARRIVE
11-3p Airport Pickups* at LAX and BUR
    Please try to schedule arriving flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
    Our staff will greet students at Baggage Claim.
3-5p Check-in and Registration @ Braun Hall.
    Parent drop-offs
5-9p Student Orientation – Tour of Campus & Facilities
    Welcome Dinner
    Evening Screening – Sample student work from last year

July 27, Monday – CLASSES BEGIN

August 7, Friday – FINAL SCREENING**- Friends & Family Welcome
3-6p 2wk Student Final Screenings
6-8p Post-screening Wrap Party

August 8, Saturday – SESSION FOUR STUDENTS DEPART
8-9:30a Dorm Checkout – Say Goodbyes -- Airport Drop-offs and Parent Pick-ups
    Please try to schedule departing flights between 11:00am – 3:00pm.
    Our staff will escort students to the airline check-in.
    Parents, if driving, please plan to pick students up between 8-9:30am.
    All students must be out of their rooms by 9am.

A few notes about the schedule above:

*Arrival/Departure Details:

- If you are dropping your student off, we invite you to bring your child to campus between 3-5pm on the opening Sunday of the program. You can help your child get settled, go out and get and necessary supplies, and have a look around campus. Parents should plan to leave about 5pm, which is when program meetings and orientation starts. On the final Saturday of the program, pick up is between 8-9:30am.
- Day Students should plan to attend the activities on the opening Sunday from 4-8pm.
- We service LAX and BUR on the opening Sunday and the final Saturday of the program only. Please schedule arriving and departing flights between 11am - 3pm. Flights that arrive/depart outside the recommended time slot may be subject to an additional transfer fee. Standard airport transfers incur a fee of $75 each way.
- If your child is traveling as an “Unaccompanied Minor,” as designated by the airline, there is an additional fee of $150 roundtrip, $75 each way, charged by SOCAPA. It is very important that you notify SOCAPA if you have purchased the Unaccompanied Minor service (or been required to purchase it) 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 arrival date, but no earlier. Please note that the airline also charges for this service.
- For domestic flights, we will meet the student at the baggage claim area for your flight. For international flights, we will meet students at the exit from customs. SOCAPA staff will be wearing
a SOCAPA t-shirt and have a sign with the student’s name. 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 lost room key ($50) 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 varies significantly according to student enrollment; showcase start and end times may be different than noted above. 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.
LOCATION:

Los Angeles: Students in the Los Angeles Program enjoy the advantages of being in the heart of the filmmaking capital of the world. Chosen as home base by the film industry because of its nonstop sunshine and beautiful scenery, Hollywood has become synonymous with making movies. Not only is Los Angeles the center of the world’s film industry, but it also plays a central role in television, music, fashion and art. Trips are planned to the Walk of Fame, Warner Brothers, the pier, boardwalk and amusement park in Santa Monica and, of course, the beach. Visiting filmmakers and actors from the industry drop by at least once per session to screen and talk about their work.

SOCAPA LA: SOCAPA’s Summer Programs in Los Angeles are hosted at Occidental College, one of the oldest and most beautiful college campuses in the West. Students in the overnight program stay in the Oxy dormitories and partake in the “all you care to eat” meal plan. Oxy’s classic collegiate look and proximity to Studio City has made it a favorite Hollywood location for everything from “The West Wing” to Star Trek III. Oxy also served as the exterior college campus set for “Beverly Hills, 90210.”

RESIDENCE HALL: Dubbed as one of the "period" halls due to the unique architecture, air-conditioned Braun Hall houses 80 residents in single, double and triple rooms on two floors. Each room is furnished with one dresser, desk, and chair per bed. Beds are California Long Twin size (linens and pillow are provided). Each room has a sink and mirror/medicine cabinet. Males and females will be separated by wing or floor. Bathrooms are shared in each wing. If you get cold easily, you may want to bring an extra blanket.

DINING HALL: Monday through Friday, meals are served in The Marketplace in Johnson Student Center, a central gathering place for students. Marketplace food stations offer wood-fired pizza, made-to-order pasta, deli specialties, fresh baked goods and a salad bar. Built in 1926, the dining hall has been restored and features cozy booths and large round tables for group meals.

WEEKEND MEALS: Since SOCAPA students go on full day excursions on Saturdays and Sundays, three weekend meals, usually lunch and dinner on Saturday and dinner Sunday, are the responsibility of the students. For instance, they may go to a live taping, Venice Beach, or downtown Hollywood. At mealtime, students are given the option of eating at inexpensive local restaurants or take-out stands. Prices can vary from two-dollar falafels and slices of pizza to twelve dollar sit down sushi combo dinners. We make it a point to recommend a wide variety of our favorites. We generally recommend a total of $40- $60 to cover these weekend meals.

CHECK-IN:
Check-in and Registration will take place between 3-5pm on the opening Sunday of the program in the reception area of Braun Hall dormitory (#24 on the Occidental Campus Map). You will receive your room key and roommate(s) assignments upon your arrival. Day students are asked to come to registration, arriving by 4 pm.

DAY STUDENTS:
Day students are strongly encouraged to attend Sunday’s registration and orientation (please arrive by 4pm) since we will be handing out the master schedules and covering 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, 8:45am -5pm, although there are some evening and weekend rehearsals as well as casting, shooting, and editing time. In addition, some days may begin a bit earlier, so please always refer to your schedule. Day students, through the meals and activities fee, have purchased lunches in the cafeteria for the duration of their SOCAPA program. Day students will receive their meal card at registration; there is an additional $50 charge if this is not returned at the end of the program so hold onto it! We also require the online Day Student form to be completed before the start of the program.
RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS:
Mail: You can have mail sent to you at the following “Care Of” address:
ATTN: SOCAPA Summer Programs, Student’s Name
c/o Conference Services Office
Occidental College
1600 Campus Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90041-3314

Phones/Internet: 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.** There will be a computer lab provided with Internet access and free wireless access in the residence halls.

Laundry: Card operated washers and dryers are located in your dormitory (about $3 for a wash and dry; must put value on meal card). The washer requires High Efficiency detergent.

What happens if I get locked out or lose my key? **DO NOT LOSE YOUR KEY!** You are expected to have your key card in your possession at all times. Though an Occidental staff person can let you into your room, they will not always be available to do so immediately. There is a $50 lost key fee if we need to replace your key card, so please take the necessary precautions to avoid this charge.

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.

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 and $40-$60 for weekend meals. 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 nearest ER. Parents will be notified immediately. **All students are required to have primary medical coverage and to list emergency contacts on our medical form.**
There are several emergency rooms within 10 miles of our campus including: Huntington Memorial Hospital, Glendale Memorial Hospital, Glendale Adventist Medical Center and Verdugo Hills Hospital
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
- Laundry Detergent
- Beach towel

- Comfortable, practical shoes/clothes. You do a lot of walking.
- Nice outfit for showcase festival and dinners on town
- Warm sweatshirt or sweater, shorts
- 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 work.
- 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 (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.

Screenwriters:

- A Laptop computer is required as part of the program.
- Story ideas.
- Any previous writing/screenwriting you would like to share.
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 negs).
- 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
* Nude-colored foot paws and/or half-sole turners for Contemporary, depending on your session

Musicians:

- Your instrument (s) and amp and any necessary wires/cords.
- Tuners, pics, capos, etc. Items you use in your playing.
- Working songs/lyrics/music of your own.
- Stage/dramatic make up for photo shoots and video.
- A variety of clothes for performances, photo shoots, and video.
- Your laptop computer that may have recording and editing software (not required).

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

Getting to Occidental College:
BY AIR:
Our staff offers airport pickups at LAX and BUR on the first and last days of each session. We will greet your child at baggage claim wearing SOCAPA t-shirts or holding a sign with his/her name when he/she arrives and make sure he/she finds his/her gate when he/she departs. We service LAX International Airport and Burbank in Los Angeles. There is a nominal fee of $75 per airport transfer.

BY CAR: Occidental College is located at: 1600 Campus Rd., Los Angeles CA 90041
From West Los Angeles
Take the San Diego Freeway (I-405) north to the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) east.
Follow the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) east to downtown Los Angeles to the Harbor Freeway (I-110) north, toward Pasadena.
Continue on the Harbor Freeway (I-110) north to the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and go north toward Bakersfield.
Continue on the Golden State Freeway (I-5) north to the Glendale Freeway (I-2) going toward Glendale.
From the Glendale Freeway (I-2) north, take the Verdugo Road exit.
Turn left at the end of the off-ramp onto Eagle Rock Boulevard.
Continue on Eagle Rock Boulevard and pass five stoplights to Westdale Avenue.
Turn right at Westdale Avenue and follow it until it ends at Campus Road.
At Campus Road, turn left and follow the signs to Visitor Parking

From Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley
Take the Foothill Freeway (I-210) west to its merger with the Ventura Freeway (I-134).
Follow the Ventura Freeway (I-134) west to the Colorado/Figueroa Boulevard exit.
Follow the Colorado Boulevard part of the exit and stay on Colorado to Eagle Rock Boulevard (about one mile).
Turn left on Eagle Rock Boulevard and continue past four traffic lights to Westdale Avenue.
Turn left on Westdale and follow it until it ends at Campus Road.
Turn left at Campus Road and follow the signs to Visitor Parking
(Note: From the Inland Empire and other points east, you can take I-10 to I-210 and then follow the directions above.)

From the San Fernando Valley
Take the Ventura Freeway East (I-134) through Glendale to the Harvey Drive Exit.
Turn right at the end of the off-ramp and then turn left at the first light onto Broadway.
Follow Broadway east for three blocks as it travels under the freeway and then merges into Colorado Boulevard.
Continue on Colorado Boulevard to Eagle Rock Boulevard.
Turn right onto Eagle Rock Boulevard and continue four traffic lights to Westdale Avenue.
Turn left at Westdale Avenue and follow it until it ends at Campus Road.
At Campus Road, turn left and follow the signs to Visitor Parking.

From Downtown Los Angeles
Take the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and go north toward Bakersfield.
Continue on the Golden State Freeway (I-5) north to the Glendale Freeway (I-2) going toward Glendale.
From the Glendale Freeway (I-2) north, take the Verdugo Road exit.
Turn left at the end of the off-ramp onto Eagle Rock Boulevard.
Continue on Eagle Rock Boulevard and pass five stoplights to Westdale Avenue.
Turn right at Westdale Avenue and follow it until it ends at Campus Road.
Turn left at Campus Road and follow the signs to Visitor Parking

From Northern California
Take U.S. I-101 south or the Golden State Freeway (I-5) south to the Ventura Freeway (I-134) east.
Take the Ventura Freeway East (I-134) through Glendale to the Harvey Drive Exit.
Turn right at the end of the off-ramp and then left at the light onto Broadway.
Follow Broadway as it merges into Colorado Boulevard.
Continue on Colorado Boulevard to Eagle Rock Boulevard.
Turn right onto Eagle Rock Boulevard and continue four traffic lights to Westdale Avenue.
Turn left at Westdale Avenue and follow it until it ends at Campus Road. Turn left and follow signs to Visitor Parking.
PLACES TO STAY
If you are dropping off/picking up your child and need accommodations, they can be found locally in either Glendale to the west or Pasadena to the east. Mention that you are visiting Occidental College—they may have an Oxy rate!

Courtyard by Marriott - Pasadena
(626) 403-7600
Sheraton Inn - Pasadena
(626) 449-4000
Westin Hotel - Pasadena
(626) 792-2727
Hilton Pasadena
(626) 577-1000
Hilton Glendale
(818) 956-5466
Best Western Eagle Rock Inn - LA
(323) 256-7711
Vagabond Inn - Glendale
(818) 240-1700
Arroyo Vista Inn - South Pasadena
(323) 478-7300
Comfort Inn – Old Town Pasadena
(323) 256-1199
Regency Inn – Eagle Rock
(323) 257-8168