

# American Youth Circus Festival 2009

## The American Youth Circus Organization presents...

Four action-packed days for youth, their families, coaches, and circus educators from around the world to network, teach, learn, and exchange ideas through a comprehensive mix of circus-related workshops and social activities.

- Study with top youth circus instructors
- Learn new skills; Try something new
- Share your talents
- Build your circus network & community

Festival participants will experience an overnight circus camp atmosphere with professional skill instruction and in-depth adult programming.

The festival is open to chaperoned youth up to age 17 and adults ages 18+. Current AYCO membership is required to attend the festival. Everyone may join by visiting the festival website at [www.americanyouthcircus.org](http://www.americanyouthcircus.org).

### Sample workshops:

- Flying Trapeze
- Clowning
- Juggling
- Rigging & Safety
- Social Circus
- High Wire
- Rolling Globe
- Circus Bike
- Fabric / Lyra
- Mini-Trampoline
- Non-Profit Mgmt.
- Circus Make-Up
- German Gym Wheel
- Panel Discussions
- Movement , Group Games, Circus Yoga
- Static, Swinging, & Triple Trapeze
- Unicycle
- Ground Skills

August 19-23, 2009  
Island Lake Camp  
Starrucca, PA



### Island Lake Camp, Starrucca, PA

Nestled on 550 acres in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania, Island Lake Camp provides a rich recreational and learning environment for festival participants of all circus skill and experience levels. Typical August weather: high: 76°F; low: 58°F.

The facilities include the circus pavilion; indoor & outdoor gymnasiums; gymnastics pavilion; two dance studios; arts & crafts pavilion; indoor & outdoor flying trapeze rigs; cafeteria-style, air-conditioned dining hall; non-heated, dormitory-style housing; and an outdoor heated swimming pool with certified lifeguards.

For the first time in festival history all programming, accommodations, and meals are located on-site with one all-inclusive festival price.

### Accommodations & Meals

Community housing is provided in gender-specific cabins with 17 beds, covered porches, and screened glass windows. Shared bathrooms include two stalls, two showers, and three sinks. Ample cubbies and hanging space, plus a dresser and an outlet next to each bed, are provided. Youth attendees are grouped according to gender, age, and grade as of Sept. 2009.

A list of area hotels is available on the festival website for one-day pass holders.

All food is prepared on the premises using local produce and dairy. Several entrée choices, including a vegetarian option, are provided at each meal.

### Festival Pricing

One all-inclusive registration price includes 4-nights accommodations; 12 meals from dinner August 19 through lunch August 23; circus facility & equipment use; all workshops, activities, show-cases; and a festival t-shirt, as applicable.

To register visit the festival website at [www.americanyouthcircus.org](http://www.americanyouthcircus.org).

\$475	4-day Participating Pass — includes meals, lodging, workshops, and festival t-shirt
\$250	4-day Non-Participating Pass — includes meals and lodging.
\$105	1-day Pass — includes meals and workshops; no lodging.
\$12	Bedding/Towel Rental (optional; flat rate)
<b>Early Registration Discount</b>	
\$450	Send full payment <i>on or before July 24th</i> and save \$25 on 4-day Participating Passes only.

Fees do not include transportation to and from the festival and/or airport pick-up and return.

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A non-refundable deposit of \$50 per participant must accompany each registration to hold placement. Prior to July 24th payments are refundable minus the deposit. Cancellations after July 24th are non-refundable.

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### Transportation Logistics:

Fly into Newark Liberty Int'l Airport, Newark NJ; Syracuse Hancock Int'l Airport, Syracuse, NY; or Greater Binghamton Airport, Binghamton, NY.

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## Showcase Your Act!

Light up the center ring at the 2009 AYCO Festival Youth Showcase. Perform for our supportive, talented, and worldly youth circus community on Thursday and Friday evenings of the festival. Participants with a complete and well-rehearsed act are welcome to apply. Visit the AYCO website for the Youth Showcase Application and information.

Working on an act that won't be ready in time to showcase? We welcome all unfinished acts to our special "Works in Progress Revealed" workshop. Receive helpful feedback, suggestions, and encouragement. We can't wait to see and support what you've been creating!

### Pre-Festival Intensives (TBD)

**Wednesday, August 19**

**9:00AM—12:30PM and 1:30 PM—5:00 PM**

Come a day early for more focused and specialized instruction. Visit the festival website for information.

### A typical festival day

7:30—8:00 Early Rise Stretch (optional)

8:00—8:45 Breakfast

9:00—5:30 Workshops/Lunch/Recreational Time

5:45—6:30 Dinner

6:30—9:45 Evening Activities (samples: Showcases / Fire Circle / Skill Share / Ice Cream Social / Movies / Dance / Scavenger Hunt)

10:00 Lights Out

*Subject to change*

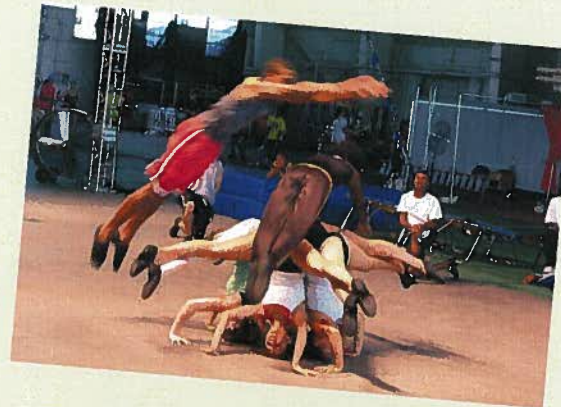
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To that end AYCO:

- Produces the biennial AYCO Festival
- Fosters communication among circus arts educators and organizations
- Provides circus arts coaches with training procedures and guidelines for safety standards
- Provides support for artistic performers wishing to pursue or expand their circus careers
- Promotes youth circus activities through positive media coverage and a bi-annual newsletter
- Provides circus related educational materials to schools and educators



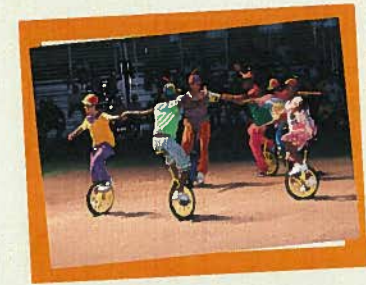
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