

CAMP SCRIPPS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. When should I arrive?

If you are coming on Thursday, especially if you are a New Camper, it's best to arrive before Tea Time so you can attend the New Camper Orientation. Otherwise, plan to arrive between 10:30 am and 6:00 pm. On other days, registration is from 8:00-11:00 am. If circumstances require a later arrival, please contact the [Alumnae Office](#) to make arrangements. Day Campers are encouraged to join us for Breakfast or as soon as their schedule permits and to stay as long as they want.

2. I've never attended Camp; what if I don't know anyone?

It can be uncomfortable attending a new adventure. Additionally, Camp has been running for 30 years and many Scripps alumnae have attended for years and have bonded. So, it can be particularly uncomfortable walking into a room of chattering Campers who are obviously friends. Here's the secret, those people are friends that you haven't yet met. Jump in! Within a few hours, you will have connections and shared stories. We want you to join us and celebrate the friendships Camp creates.

3. What should I wear?

There are no formal occasions at Camp! Bring comfortable clothes and shoes (dining is generally across campus.) T-shirts, shorts, slacks, and casual dresses prevail. Many events are outdoors, and if it is at night, you will need a sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket. You might want to bring something that makes you feel fabulous for the Saturday night dinner and Grand Finale afterward. There is also a Friday night costume event. The theme changes each year, so please see the details in the What to Bring document. (Dragonfly accouterments are always admired.)

4. What will the weather be like?

We anticipate the weather will be very hot but with cooler evenings, normally dry, but we did have the edge of a monsoon one year and temperatures vary these days. Check local listings before you pack!

5. Can I get a ride to/from the airport to campus?

Members of the Creative Caucus try to provide rides from the Ontario Airport or Claremont Train Station for new campers looking for transportation. Returning campers may be accommodated if their arrival matches one of our New Campers. Reach out to the [Alumnae Office](#) and they can put you in touch with the Welcoming Committee.

6. Where will I park to unload, and to keep my car from blowing up from the heat?

You can unload on Platt Boulevard (behind Browning) or off Amherst Avenue in the alley between the back of Dorsey/Browning and Frankel/Mary Routt. There will be volunteers to welcome you in both locations. This is for short-term/loading and unloading parking purposes only and you will need to move your car to long-term parking after unloading.

Long-term parking is in the Tiernan underground parking garage under Alumnae Field. The entrance is at the south end of the Alumnae Field off North Mills Avenue (see Campus Map.) The parking gate will be up, so no access code is required.

7. Which room should I choose?

Well, here's one hint – things can get pretty loud and wild in the dorm public areas, including fairly late at night, so if you want to take an afternoon nap, sleep late, or get to sleep early, you might consider choosing a room as far as possible from the living and rec rooms – maybe even bring earplugs! We are hoping to confine Chaotic Shenanigans (especially late at night) to The Hangout, but you know how we Campers are. Other considerations include upstairs or down and the distance from the bathrooms. There is an elevator in Dorsey to the second floor which also connects to Browning's second floor, both of which are mostly accessible, but watch for small stairs on floor plans. There is also a lift in Browning to reach most 1st-floor rooms. There are steps down to get to most 1st floor rooms in Browning except those in the first corridor. More information about choosing rooms is available on the **Registration page**.

8. What about internet access?

Scripps has total Wi-Fi internet access, and information on using it will be in the packet when you arrive – no advance requests for access are necessary.

9. There are kitchens?

Yes, 2 in each dorm. The one in our main dorm first floor is used for our daily breakfast hospitality, morning coffee, etc. Otherwise, feel free to bring and store your favorite food, snacks, and beverages. Just please remove them at the end of Camp.

10. Do I have to attend every workshop?

No. Remember the motto, "Everything possible, nothing required." You can sleep in, read trashy novels, sit under a favorite tree, do all three, or none of those things. Camp is a chance to rest and renew.

11. There's an Art Studio? Really?

Well, kinda – we have boxes of craft supplies that have been donated over the years, and we set up tables in one of the dorm rec rooms. Workshops that are scheduled in that space have priority, but at all other times, the space is an open studio.

12. What's with the workshop limits and sign-up sheets?

Workshops may have limited numbers for a variety of reasons – space, supplies, or something less tangible. If the presenter has requested that numbers be limited, there will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Dorsey Hall Foyer (usually after dinner the day before). No sign-up sheet means the event is open to all. Please look for these and sign up for workshops in which you are interested—otherwise, everything might not be possible, and that would be sad.

13. What's this Grand Finale on Saturday night?

The Saturday night Grand Finale is a chance to share your creative side. After dinner, we have a procession to our temporary art gallery and share the enjoyment of pieces created by Campers. Remember to drop your artwork at Balch Hall on Saturday afternoon any time after lunch. There will be name tags available, so be sure to attach them to your pieces. The set-up crew will then organize them into a pleasing display starting at 3:15. After dinner, at around 7:30-8:00, we'll enjoy the art show, and performances begin at 8! There's a microphone for poetry, musical, and spoken-word performances – please sign up on the sheet posted in the dorm lobby if you want to be part of the program. We especially encourage performances stemming from workshops in which you participated.

14. What's the closing ceremony?

After Sunday brunch, we gather in a circle and share final thoughts (three words that describe our experience). A basket of rosemary (for remembrance) is passed around and each Camper selects a sprig as she speaks.