CIRCLE Tuition and Explanation: 2027

Phase 1: The CIRCLE Application Process
NO program fee.
Dates: late-October through mid-December

Phase 2: Pre-Camp Correspondence Course
$2895, due by January 11th
Dates: early January through end of May

Phase 3: At-Camp CIRCLE Session
$4325, due by March 8th
Dates: 3 weeks total in summer (sessions TBD)

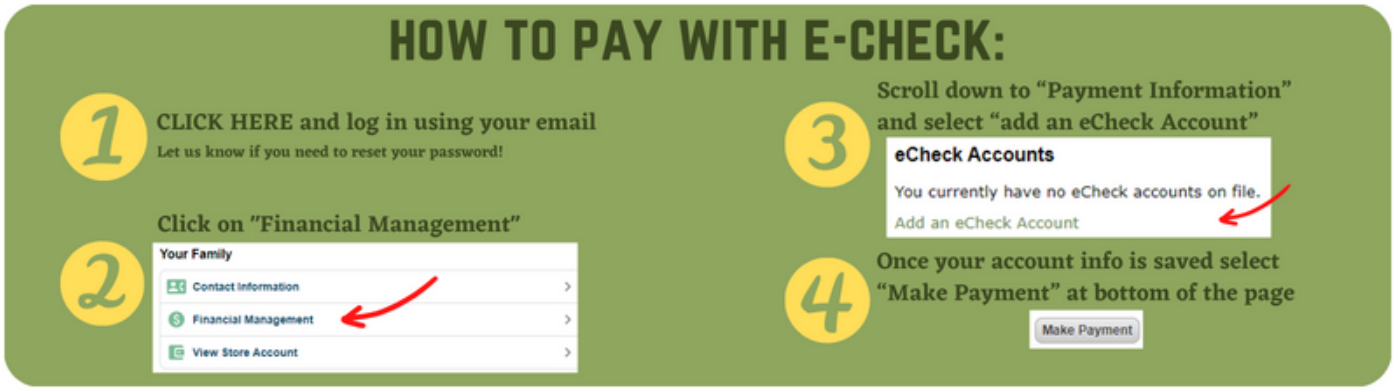
Tuition Payment Options

Payment options: eCheck/ACH, personal check or credit card…

**Although we are happy to receive a check in the mail to avoid any extra fees, this year we are highly recommending eCheck/ACH payments due to the increasing rate of check fraud via snail mail.

If paying by eCheck/ACH or credit card online…

- **P**lease know that there is a minimal service fee of 1% attached to all electronic check payments.
- All credit card transactions will be charged an additional 3% service fee to cover the cost of the credit card fees incurred by each transaction.



If you choose to pay by eCheck or Credit Card:

- Follow the same directions as the eCheck above and select credit card instead of eCheck.
- Please note that the "Make Payment" button does not show up until you have entered a banking account or credit card to your page.

If you choose to pay by check… Please address checks to Camp Augusta and send to:

Camp Augusta
17530 Lake Vera Road
Nevada City, CA 95959

If you are having any difficulties whatsoever with tuition payments, please contact the good folks in the office at Camp Augusta: ***office@campaugusta.org***. If the cost of CIRCLE feels prohibitive to you/your child's enrollment in the program, please reach out to the CIRCLE email to discuss potential options.

Tuition Refunds

The tuition for the pre-camp and at-camp portions of camp are billed and considered separately. Admittance into the at-camp portion of CIRCLE is conditional upon the participant's presence, persistence, and performance in the pre-camp portion of CIRCLE. **Admission to the pre-camp portion does not necessarily guarantee continuance to the at-camp portion:** if assignments are habitually late, of poor quality effort, or the participant drops out of consistent communication, there will be an intervention process to see if the CIRCLEr will things turn around - first directly with the teen, and then including the parents in the conversation. CIRCLE is an active, participant-driven program - the effort to communicate and find solutions must come from the teen, not the parents.

If for whatever reason the teen is not 'doing CIRCLE,' there will be a process for exiting CIRCLE during or after the pre-camp portion, and not attending the three weeks at camp. This has happened before, and we expect it to happen again. We understand that if this happens it does not reflect on the teen's character nor their ability to succeed in other programs… It's usually a matter of timing and balancing other priorities in life, and readiness for the high level of communication, independence, and responsibility expected. **Families will be refunded the at-camp tuition if their teen does not move forward to the at-camp part of CIRCLE.**

What Does the CIRCLE Tuition Pay For?

We have found that some parents and CIRCLErs are interested in more details about what, exactly, the CIRCLE tuition pays for and how. Below you will find a detailed breakdown of the costs that your CIRCLE tuition covers, by percentage of total tuition paid:

- CIRCLE Leader wages (50%)
- Camp-wide program activities (11%)
- Insurance (5%)
- Training (2%)
- Transportation (3%)
- Small amount of taxes (1%)
- Office staff wages + computers (5%)
- Utilities (4%)
- Food (10%)
- Site upkeep and maintenance (10%)

Camp is cheaper for a CIRCLEr than a summer camper, BY FAR!