

Five Eighth Seams – Summer Camp FAQ (2026)

Which camp is best for my child?

We have a little something for everyone — every age and every gender. Sewing Camps focus on crafts like bags, pillows, and fun projects. Fashion Camps focus on garments and learning to use patterns. Quilting Camps focus on creating a quilt and learning quilting basics. Advanced/Specialty Camps (plushies, sleep masks, pajama pants) are great for kids ready for more detailed projects.

Can my child repeat the same camp?

Absolutely! There is nothing wrong with retaking the same camp — we change projects and make each session fun and interesting. We encourage repeating beginner camps because repetition builds confidence, comfort with the machines, and stronger skills over time.

How do age groups work?

For rising 1st–4th graders, we handle more of the prep work (cutting, some ironing) so kids can focus on learning the machine and finishing projects. Prep work can make or break a project and takes time and care. For 5th–8th graders, students learn more of the prep process themselves (measuring, cutting, pressing, problem-solving). Teen Camp and Fashion Camp 2 are more skill-focused; students are expected to do more of the behind-the-scenes work.

Does my child need sewing experience?

Nope! Beginner-friendly camps are designed for students with little to no experience. We meet kids where they are and help them build skills at their own pace.

Are supplies and machines included?

Yes! All camps include materials and use of our sewing machines unless otherwise noted in the class description.

Can my child attend two camps in the same day?

Yes, as long as times don't overlap. We do not provide lunch, and our teachers need a mid-day break. If your child is enrolled in both a morning and afternoon camp, you may need to meet your child mid-day for lunch and a short break. Afternoon to late-afternoon pairings tend to work best.

Can parents stay during camp?

We kindly ask that parents do not stay during camp. We have a lot going on in the studio and need your child's full attention for safety and learning. It can also be uncomfortable for other children to have unfamiliar adults in the space, so camp is a closed environment. If a parent must stay for medical or special circumstances, prior approval and a completed background check are required. All Five Eighth Seams employees undergo background checks.

Can my child bring food or drinks?

We prefer water only in the sewing area. If your child brings food or snacks, they must be eaten at a separate table away from machines and supplies. Due to the pace of camp, there may not always be time for snack breaks.

Discipline & safety policy

Safety is our top priority. If we feel a child is not being safe with machines, tools, or in the studio environment, a parent will be contacted immediately. We take the safety of every student and staff member very seriously.

Pick-up policy (all ages)

Please come all the way to the classroom to pick up your child and check out with the teacher before leaving. This applies to all ages and helps us ensure every child leaves safely with the correct adult.

Cancellation & attendance policy (camps)

Full payment is required to reserve your spot. Camps are non-refundable for non-emergency cancellations. Emergencies/illness: a possible makeup may be offered during our monthly emergency session with teacher approval. Because camps are multi-day and project-based, we do not offer makeups or refunds for missed days once a camp has started. Weather refunds/credits are only issued for official store closure, mandatory evacuation, or a state of emergency.

Project classes (non-camp) refund policy

Refunds up to 48 hours before class only if your spot is filled; otherwise a 50% refund. No refunds within 48 hours.

How do I register?

All camps are available for registration on our website. Each camp listing includes a direct sign-up link.