

Scottish Sessions Youth FAQ

Q: Pinewoods Scottish Sessions welcomes dancers of all ages. What's changing?

A: Not a lot. We have always had a small number of people under the age of 18 at camp. This has included staff being welcome to bring their children to enable them (the staff) to attend, and high-school/college age dancers being accepted on a case-by-case basis. This year, Boston Branch has decided to be clear about welcoming younger members of our community and make it easier for parents in the community to attend.

Q: What do you mean by *dancers*?

A: Scottish Sessions is an event for Scottish dance and music. No particular level of proficiency is required, but we request that youth applying already be dancers. This could mean they attend local classes or SCD events with some regularity, or that they are confident participants in a related dance tradition such as ECD, Contra, or ceilidh dance who are excited to learn and participate in SCD. If they're new to SCD and might like to try it, please see below.

Q: I am a student under the age of 18 who has been taking Scottish Dance classes at college. Can I attend?

A: Welcome! We will need a signed Responsibility Form from your parents, and, if they aren't attending, they will need to assign a Guardian who will also have to sign the form.

Q: I'd like to bring my baby to camp, can I?

A: Yes, absolutely! If your baby is young enough they don't count against the attendance limit at camp (we are still awaiting clarification on the age from PCI), they will be accepted with you. If they do count against the limit, see below.

Q: I'd like to bring my child who has never danced before but I think would have fun, can I?

A: Pinewoods Scottish Sessions is an event for dance and music, and as such we will prioritize children who will fully participate in camp activities. That said, we recognize that bringing your new dancer child might enable you to attend when you otherwise couldn't and will hopefully positively introduce your child to our community. You are welcome to apply for your new dancer child. If we receive enough applications to fill camp, new dancer children will be placed at the end of the wait list. If this happens, you may choose to attend without them or withdraw and have your deposit refunded.

Q: Will there be any children's programming or daycare?

A: No. Young dancers should be prepared to participate in regular programming; the session will not be providing any special youth-oriented programming.

Q: Is Scottish Sessions turning into a *Family Camp*?

A: No. Scottish Sessions is still a primarily adult space that welcomes some non-adults. We expect parents to understand this. Attendees should remember that the Event policy prohibits supplying alcohol to or consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Q: How should children apply?

A: Parents, to make our records easier, please fill out a separate online application form on behalf of each child. Once you select “Under 18” you will be asked to give us some more details on their age.

Q: Are there any other rules for children?

A: PCI requires that campers under the age of 18 be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be responsible for them at all times. We will require a signed Responsibility Form. There are also some additional waterfront safety rules for campers under 18.

Q: How much does it cost for children to attend?

Age	Session I	Session II	Both Sessions
13+	\$410	\$530	\$890
4-12	\$310	\$380	\$640
2-3	TBD*	TBD*	TBD*
0-1	\$25	\$40	\$60

Please note there are scholarships available from PCI and SDCEA as well as the Kitchen Work Exchange which may help defer cost. These are mostly aimed at older teens.

* Pricing for this age group is dependent on confirmation from PCI whether they count against the attendance limit. Expect pricing around \$25/night if they do not, and close to the 4-12 price if they do.

Q: I have a question not answered here, what should I do?

A: Email us at scdpinewoods@gmail.com