

ABOUT SUMMER STEPS WITH STEP AFRIKA! 2026

Summer Steps with Step Afrika! is a one-week camp that immerses students in stepping and the South African Gumboot Dance, introduces other dance and art traditions, builds self-confidence and self-expression, and allows participants to have fun in the steps they create for their culminating performance! Launched in August 2007, Summer Steps is based on Step Afrika!'s award-winning arts education programs and serves up to 150 young students annually.

During camp, **students will work to:**

- Create a 4 to 5-minute performance in daily collaboration with the critically acclaimed artists of Step Afrika!
- Learn and exhibit the core values of stepping: teamwork, commitment, and discipline
- Understand the connection between stepping and academic achievement and become inspired to continue to higher education.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:30am - 8:55am	Participant Check-In
9:00am - 9:30am	Warm-Up
9:35am - 11:30am	Stepping and Performance Training
11:35am - 12:40pm	Lunch and Special Activity of the Day
12:45pm - 3:25pm	Stepping and Performance Training
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Participant Check-Out

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY
1:00pm - 1:25pm	Participant Check-In
1:30 pm - 1:55pm	Warm-Up
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Final Rehearsal
4:05pm - 5:10pm	Food Break, T-Shirt Dispersal
5:15pm - 5:55pm	Doors Open, Audience Seated
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Culminating Performance

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CAMP DATES

Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 7, 2026
Culminating Performance:
Saturday, August 8, 2026

LOCATION

Arena Stage
1101 Sixth Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

CAMP ELIGIBILITY

Rising 4th – 12th graders (students who will be in 4th – 12th grade for the 2026-2027 academic year) are welcome to participate in Summer Steps with Step Afrika!, 2026.

DROP-OFF, PICK-UP, & TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from all camp sessions and performances is the sole responsibility of the participant's guardian(s). All participants should be picked up no later than 4:00 pm and will incur a late fee if picked up after.

Participants should be dropped off and picked up at the main entrance to Arena Stage on 1101 6th St, SW, Washington, DC 20024. For participants arriving by Metro, the closest station is Waterfront on the Green Line, a short, five-minute walk to Arena Stage.

LUNCH, SNACKS

Lunch will not be provided. Step Afrika! Will provide students with water bottles and nutritious snacks throughout the day

TUITION

Tuition for Summer Steps with Step Afrika! is \$350

- Registration Fee: \$50 (non-refundable) due to checkout
- Tuition: \$300, which can be paid in full or in installments through our *payment plan

*Payment in three installments is possible!

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REFUND, WITHDRAWAL POLICY

The \$50 registration fee is non-refundable. To learn about tuition reimbursement or having your tuition transferred to another camper, reach out to summersteps@stepafrika.org.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Step Afrika! Will provide a limited number of scholarships/needs-based spots (15) for Summer Steps with Step Afrika! 2026. Scholarships will cover no more than \$300 towards the enrollment, Families will still be expected to pay the \$50 Registration Fee. Please email summersteps@stepafrika.org if you would like to be considered for a scholarship.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS POLICY

Post registration, Step Afrika! will provide a Health and Wellness form to all participant guardians that must be completed by June 1, 2026. Guardians must indicate any special health conditions, including any required medication and activity limitations, that Step Afrika! should be aware of. Guardians must state that they are aware of and accept the risk inherent in the program activity and give consent in advance for medical treatment at an appropriate facility in case of illness or injury. Guardians must authorize Camp staff to administer basic first aid and obtain emergency medical services as necessary.

INSURANCE

Except for Step Afrika! Staff, Step Afrika! is not responsible for procuring any such insurance coverage of Summer Steps with Step Afrika! participants. This includes but is not limited to all forms of general liability, and/or medical insurance. On behalf of Step Afrika!, the guardian must discharge and release Step Afrika! Staff, its partners, and their respective trustees, directors, officers, employees, and agents for all liability for illness, injury, loss, damage, obligation, or penalties that may be sustained by the participant in connection with this project.

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FORCE MAJEURE

This program and the obligation of Step Afrika! are subject to conditions beyond its reasonable control such as illness, accidents, or delays in Step Afrika! transportation or otherwise, failure of instrument or equipment, public emergency, fire, flood strikes, riots, etc. If the presentation of Summer Steps with Step Afrika! is prevented for any of the above reasons, Step Afrika! shall not be under any obligation to compensate or refund for any services or expenses incurred in connection with such activity.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Guardians give permission to Step Afrika!, camp facilities, its partner agents, and employees to record or photograph their child as a participant. Guardians must recognize that neither they nor their child will be compensated for such photography which, if used, will be utilized for archival, educational, social media, or publicity purposes.

ALL NOTICES TO STEP AFRIKA! SHALL BE EMAILED TO SUMMERSTEPS@STEPAFRIKA.ORG.