

FAQs

Bing Educator Summer Session 2023

What can I expect from this three-day session?

Throughout the three days, there will be formal presentations, small group discussions, a tour of the school, informal and formal dialogue, classroom observations, reflections, and hands-on experiences. We strive to provide a warm and welcoming environment that allows for connection and collaboration among participants. The topic for this summer session will be related to the importance of imagination in young children's lives and educational journeys. There will be ample opportunities to be in the Bing classrooms and time to reflect on one's role in the early childhood field.

Who should attend Bing's summer session?

Bing aspires to foster a broader community dedicated to improving the lives of young children and their families. The session is intended for professionals involved in early childhood education, including but not limited to teachers, directors, professors, instructors, childcare providers and education consultants.

Where will the summer session take place?

Bing is located on Stanford University Campus at 850 Escondido Rd., Stanford, CA. We will be spending most of our time at the Tower House next door to the main school (860 Escondido Rd.). Built in 1876 and rededicated in 2009 for Bing's use, the Tower House is a beautiful, historic space to gather for the summer session.

What is the cost?

The three-day program costs \$750 and includes a course workbook, extra paper, and pens, catered meals, and beverages and snacks throughout the day. Not included in the cost is lodging or transportation. Cancellation refunds are available until May 1, 2023. No refunds will be provided after May 1. Please contact Emma Vallarino with questions about the fees (emmam@stanford.edu).

Will meals be provided?

As part of the experience, a catered lunch will be served each day. On top of this, a catered dinner will be provided on Wednesday evening, and a light continental breakfast will be served on Thursday and Friday mornings. There will also be snacks provided throughout the three days. All meals will have a vegetarian option. Please inform us of any dietary restrictions, particularly food allergies, in advance and we will try our best to accommodate these restrictions.

Are professional development hours or credits available?

For those of you who are interested in receiving an optional 2 units/20 PD hours from the Stanford Continuing Studies Program, there is an additional fee of \$75, payable in cash or check (made out to Bing Nursery School). There is a short form to fill out, and you can notify us of your interest before or at any time during the session. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance marking 20 hours of professional development.

What ages of children does the session focus on?

Bing serves children ages 2-5 years old and the session will reflect this, with a stronger focus on the 3-5 age group.

Where can I stay?

If you are traveling from out of town, lodging is available around Stanford's campus. Please connect with us if you need guidance on choosing a lodging option and we would be happy to help.

What should I wear?

Please dress in clothing that is comfortable to move in, as we will be walking throughout the classrooms and engaging in many hands-on activities. The Tower House has air conditioning, but we will be outside a fair amount and it can be warm this time of year so plan to dress accordingly.

Is parking available?

Our dedicated Bing lot is for parent use only, but there will be parking available for participants near Bing. Due to limited spaces, we appreciate carpooling or ride-sharing if possible. We will reach out to participants about transportation plans so we can plan for everyone to arrive smoothly.

What should I do to prepare for the session?

As the session approaches, we may send participants prompts or readings in preparation for the session.