Summer 2016

Dear Theatre Arts Camper,

On behalf of camp director Nathan Wyman and his staff, I am delighted to welcome you to this year’s Theatre Arts Camp Junior. We all look forward to seeing you at Northern Illinois University on Sunday, July 10. The theme of this year’s camp is Ancient Greece: Myths and Madness!

Camp registration is scheduled for 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. and is a two-step process this year. First, park in the lot immediately south of the Music Building and carry your luggage to the Gilbert Hall residence dorm, which is just across Gilbert Dr. There you will collect your room key and check into your room. After checking in at Gilbert, walk to the Concert Hall lobby of the Music Building to pick up registration materials and meet the camp staff.

There is an orientation meeting for campers immediately after registration at 3:30 p.m. on the Gilbert Terrace (rain location: inside the Gilbert cafeteria). Parents are welcome but are not required to stay. On Friday, July 15, parents and friends are invited to a final performance in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium in the Holmes Student Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. If parents are unable to attend the performance, they can meet campers at the residence hall at about 8:30 p.m. to pick up their camper and his/her belongings.

Production assignments take place on Sunday evening; rehearsals are held every day. Campers attend daily acting classes, warm-up sessions, and improvisation exercises. In addition, campers have a choice of daily workshops; see the enclosed form. It is important that you return this form to us as soon as possible, as assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. As always, we are planning a camp talent show, so bring your guitar, trumpet, or tap shoes and volunteer for a number. Participation is optional. It’s always lots of fun! Your final camp schedule and workshop assignments will be handed out at registration on Sunday.

Enclosed with this letter are a general information sheet, a workshop form, rules for campers, final payment information and a health/consent form. Parents, complete the health/consent form and return with the balance of payment by June 17 (receipt deadline), to: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115. Note: NIU’s security policy does not allow our office to retain credit card information. If you plan to pay the balance by credit card, you must provide this information on the balance of payment form. Campers, don’t forget to send your workshop choices form! IMPORTANT NOTE: We must have the health/consent form before the start of camp. The camp registration fee covers the cost of room and board and all materials and activities of the camp. I would like to remind parents whose children have been promised scholarship support that they are responsible for the unpaid balance of payment.

Website: You will find maps and directions, along with the forms and other paperwork on our website at www.artscamps.niu.edu.

Visitors: If parents or other relatives want to pick up campers during the week for any reason, I must have a letter detailing the name of the person/s, as well as the date and times of pick up and drop off. You may mail this ahead of time or drop it off at registration. Be prepared to show identification at the time of pick-up.

Rules: Enclosed are the camper rules. Campers, please read these carefully ahead of time, as they will be strictly enforced by the camp staff.

Medicine: Our counselors are instructed not to provide campers with any medicines, not even routine over-the-counter products. If your child is likely to need any medications, please make sure these are included with his/her toiletries. For any serious medical problems, parents will be consulted by telephone as soon as possible and the camper will be attended by a person with medical training. All medical bills are the responsibility of parents; bills will be sent home at the conclusion of the camp.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are unable to attend the camp. And feel free to call with any questions or concerns. My number is (815) 753-1450.

Sincerely,

Josh Anderson
Director, Summer in the Arts at Northern

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