

FAQ's - Parents

The Children's Theatre Workshop, youth division of The Performing Arts Training Studio, inc.
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This information page is designed to clarify some of the terms, logistics and responsibilities associated with a camper's participation in TCTW. We want the campers and their families to enjoy this experience to the fullest! If you have questions or concerns please email thechildrenstheatreworkshop@yahoo.com

Who can attend TCTW summer camp? - For our flagship program at Howard University accepted ages are 7-16. For our Little Thespians Summer Camp accepted ages are 5-6. Persons who are capable of experiencing the rigours of high physical movement and vocalization. Except under special circumstances, TCTW cannot accommodate guests in any class.

How are photos and video used? - TCTW reserves the right to use photos and video taken during our programs for promotional purposes only.

Holiday Closings? - During summer sessions TCTW is closed on July 4th. During the school year TCTW is closed during Thanksgiving weekend and the DC Public Schools Spring break.

Who is the staff? - A core of professional staff assists TCTW to achieve its goals. All of the staff are selected from college level theatre students and professionals in the WDC area.

How many campers per staff member? We maintain a 8-10 to 1 camper/staff ratio.

What about Parent Involvement? - Parents are invited to volunteer during the final production week. We encourage you to participate in TCTW where you can. Children notice when their parents are involved and interested in what they are doing

What about summer program confirmation? - The student is registered upon receipt of the \$100 registration fee along with the registration form. Please note space limited and students are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.

What's the cell phone policy? We realize we live in the technology age and thus most campers have cell phones. TCTW does not allow campers to use cell phones during classes (except for emergency).

Can I sell tickets to the final production? Ticket sales are not required for the program. However, please do encourage your family and friends to see your young person strut their stuff!

Are rehearsals and classes closed? Rehearsals and classes are closed. We have found that having family members in classes and rehearsals easily distracts the campers. Only the camp Director may give permission for guests to view the rehearsal and class process. If you have any questions regarding this, please direct them to the camp Director.

Are there any additional fees? The Tuition Fee covers the student's instruction, rehearsal and participation in the show, camp t-shirt, and one all camp photo. Additional fees are for the optional headshot photograph, DVD of final production and tickets to see the final production.

Refund policy - There are no refunds of tuition after May 31st. \$100 of the total tuition is non refundable.

How is casting conducted for the Summer Camp? - Any TCTW student may audition for a lead or specialty role. Campers are cast approximately 2 weeks after the first day of the program. Casting is by audition. When campers are not performing their lead or specialty parts they will be in the ensemble. All campers are guaranteed an ensemble role in the production.

Any tips for Rehearsal and Production Weeks? This is an exciting and hectic week! Everyone is gearing up for opening, sets are loaded into the theatre, costumes are finalized and the students begin rehearsing on the actual stage. Please keep your child in camp during these weeks. It's very stressful on campers to miss since we cover a lot of material each day. There are rehearsals every day during the week. In addition, Stage Crew (including props, flyrails, spotlight operators and microphone people) some Chaperones, Dressers & Make-up people must learn their jobs and cues this week.

Can Parents take video or photographs? Video Cameras are not allowed into the theatre. Due to copyright laws, video and/or audio recording of nearly all TCTW shows is strictly prohibited. If an unauthorized photographer should bring a video or still camera into the theatre it will be confiscated and held at the box office until the show is over. Flash photography is not allowed anywhere in the theatre.

Miscellaneous information:

- Campers are responsible for staying safe and their own belongings. Please do not bring valuables to camp. All personal items (cell phones, games, etc.) need to be labeled with the child's first and last name. We get quite a collection of great stuff after camp that people have left behind.
- Please remember that all staff members and backstage assistants (chaperones, stage crew, etc.) are to be treated with respect.
- You also need to know that during Production Week the show may not look like it is coming together. Don't worry, it will!
- No parents, friends, family members, etc. are allowed backstage before, during or after the performance unless they are scheduled to work that show. Please meet your performers in the lobby after the show as no performer is allowed to come to the lobby during intermission or during the performance.
- NO FOOD, DRINKS (except water in sealed water bottles) CANDY, GUM or JUICES ARE ALLOWED IN Classes or the THEATRE OR BACKSTAGE!!
- TCTW is not responsible for the performers before the scheduled camp time. Please plan and arrange rides, food and supervision accordingly.