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Drama Camps - Newsletter July 22, 2010

Dear Drama Families!

Welcome to Session 2!

The new session has begun with a roaring start. Our returning campers from Session 1 have welcomed the new campers who are now joining us for session 2 - and everyone is excited about our next 3 theatrical productions!

- Campers are busy ! -
- learning songs for their shows
 - swimming on Tues, Wed & Thursdays
 - working on character development
 - playing theatre games
 - and beginning the set design process.

We enjoyed a change of venue on Wednesday when we visited Kean University and saw "Stone Soup & Other Stories". The campers had a great time!

Next week our YMCA will be hosting a **125th Anniversary Camp Carnival** celebration on **Wednesday, July 28th**. All camps will be traveling to the Maplecrest Park where our Teen and Pre-Teen campers will be hosting this carnival as one of their community service projects.

Each camper will be going home with a special gift on this day to ensure that they remember their part in our Y history.

The rain date for this event will be for Friday, July 30th.

We are thrilled that our Session 1 campers were featured in an article this week on the Maplewood Patch! Click here to see the article and all of the cool photos!

http://maplewood_patch.com/articles/a-little-bit-of-drama

"To me, theater is about paradise, perhaps a lost or utopian paradise, but a paradise anyway."

Ivo van Hove --- Director

Reminders:

Costumes are due on Monday July 26th. Please remember, costume components may be painted, cut, or decorated according to your camper's desire!

Next week we have a field trip on Wednesday, July 28th to Maplecrest Park at 11:30am until 12:45pm - where we will be visiting the YMCA's 125th Anniversary Camp Carnival, hosted by our Teen Adventure Camp! *Please* pack a labeled, disposable brown bag lunch and disposable water bottle.

Thank you!

Drama Camp 2010 Production Schedule

Thurs, July 15th

5:45pm Drama 1 - The 3 Nanny Goats Gruff

6:15pm Drama 2 - Character Matters II

7:00pm Drama 3 - Disney's Aristocats

Thurs, August 5th

5:45pm Drama 1 - Stone Soup

6:15pm Drama 2 - Coyote Steals Summer

7:00pm Drama 3 - A Year with Frog & Toad

Thurs, August 26th

5:45pm Drama 1 - The Three Piggy Opera

6:15pm Drama 2 - Friendly Neighborhood Helpers

7:00pm Drama 3 - Disney's Aladdin

**** Remember there is NO PM Care on Show days, and all campers must be picked up by 4pm.***



Friendly - but Important Reminders

- ** Please pack an **ice pack or frozen water bottle** in your child's lunch.
- ** Any missing items will be in our camp lost and found box located in the Loft.
- ** Please make sure that your child arrives to camp each swim day - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays - **with their swim suit on and sunscreen applied.**
- ** If you are not signed up for AM Care, you may not bring your child before 8:45am.
- ** After Camp care is from 3:30pm-6:30pm. If you have not chosen a curbside aftercare pick-up time, you must park and come inside to pick up your child.
- ** **AM Drop-Off:** You must sign your child IN and OUT of camp. A Staff member will be available for curbside drop off in the front of SOPAC from 7:15am-9:10am. Please remain in your vehicle for drop off, as this will move the line smoothly. We will come directly to your vehicle to sign in your camper and escort him/her into SOPAC. If you drop off after 9:10am, you must come inside the building to drop off your child!
- ** **PM Pick-Up:** For those children not attending PM Care, pickup is from 3:15pm- 3:35pm. Pickup is at the front entrance of SOPAC where you dropped off. **Please remain in your vehicle** to keep the lines moving smoothly and efficiently. One staff member will greet you at your car window with a sign out sheet for you to sign. A different staff member will escort your child directly to your car, and we will travel down the line of cars in this fashion. Please be patient as we will work very hard to make sure that all children are sent home as quickly as possible. If anyone other than a parent or authorized contact person will be picking up your child, we require a signed note from the parent/guardian before we release him/her. Please provide the name and phone number of that person. If the Alternate Pick Up Form has not been received by our camp staff, this will delay your pick up process! We will ask unfamiliar persons for identification before we release your child to them.
- ** Please remember that there is **NO PARKING or DOUBLE PARKING** around the SOPAC circle, and all cars lining up for drop off/pick up must form a single file line. THANK YOU!
- ** **There will be no aftercare on show nights. All campers in enrolled in After care must be picked up by 4pm on July 15th, August 5th, and August 26th.**
- ** Please be sure to be out of the building by 6:30pm SHARP. If you pick up at 6:30pm or after, you will be charged a late fee of \$15 per 15 minute interval.
- ** Email is our primary source of communication. Please be sure to use written communication with us, as we want to give you our fullest attention! All emails sent to Miss Lisa will be passed along to your Camp Coordinators, so feel free to send a direct note into camp for your Coordinator if you wish! We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you!
- ** Flip Flops are not allowed at camp. Sporty sandals, with back straps are OK. **Sneakers are preferred.**
- ** **NO ELECTRONIC GAMES OR DEVICES ARE ALLOWED AT CAMP - This includes CELL PHONES!**

Thank you and please contact us with your questions, ideas or concerns,

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