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Drama Camps - Newsletter July 1, 2010

Hello Camp Families!!!

Our first week at our brand new camp site was amazing and we are thrilled to be at SOPAC this summer! Our main camp area is the Third Floor Loft space, but we are also utilizing the Mezzanine Hallways and Dressing Rooms for various activities. These great spaces give us a lot of flexibility and allow us to show your campers what it is like to produce a play in a professional way! One other advantage of our location is the close proximity to the South Orange pool & park. The campers are enjoying their leisurely walks back & forth between the two locations. Truly the most exciting part is yet to come, when we rehearse and perform on the SOPAC Main Stage!!!

Thank you for your patience at drop off and pick up times this week as we have been adjusting our procedures. We are working closely with SOPAC to clear the circle area during pick up time. As of next Monday, July 5th we have a new plan in place for drop off and pick ups. Please see the reminders on the 2nd page for details on our plan!!!

Swim levels have been determined and lessons have started. Without a doubt we will see the children progress during their time at camp.

Roles have been assigned, and scripts and costume requests have been handed out. **VERY IMPORTANT** - Campers must remember to bring their scripts to camp each day and **Costumes are due Tues, July 6th**. Campers are being encouraged to be creative and make their characters "their own". Every role is critical to the success of a show and we are equally supportive of each and every part of the whole. All campers will be involved in EVERY aspect of each production, and *learn the importance* of each aspect of pulling together the entire production.

"From the start it has been the theatre's business to entertain people... it needs no other passport than fun!"
- Bertolt Brecht, playwright.

COSTUMES DUE TUESDAY, JULY 6th!

Clothing sent in for costumes may be painted, cut, glued, and re-constructed to fit each of the camper's characters as your camper creates their own costume!

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,

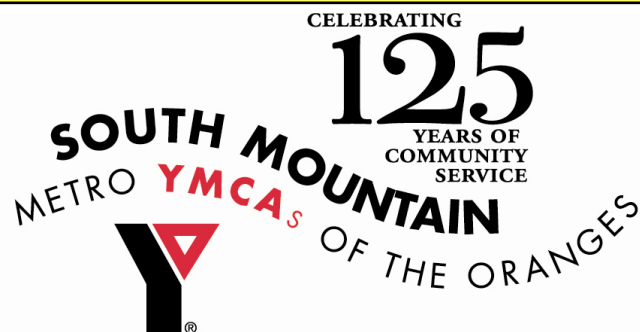
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