



Twin City Theater Academy

Location: Biddeford Middle School
25 Tiger Drive, Biddeford ME 04005

Camp Phone: (207) 205-3048 (*program hours only*)

SPR Office: (207) 283-3139 (*M-F, 9:00AM-1:00PM*)

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Welcome to the 2024 Summer Season with Twin City Theater Academy!

We can't wait to see everyone this summer for our **tenth anniversary season** of Twin City Theater Academy! This summer we are excited to offer the following four amazing productions:

CAMP 1 Anastasia-Youth Edition: June 17-28, 2024

CAMP 2 Footloose the Musical-Youth Edition: July 8-19, 2024

CAMP 3 Crazy for You-Youth Edition: July 22-August 2, 2024

CAMP 4 The SpongeBob Musical-Youth Edition: August 5-16, 2024

CONTACTS, HOURS, AND LOCATION

CAMP CELL PHONE: 207-205-3048

This number can be used to contact camp staff during program hours. This number is not used off-season or outside camp hours. Voicemail is available if staff cannot answer straight away.

SPR OFFICE: 207-283-3139

Call for any program questions, account updates, and for registration/payment assistance. This number is used for any changes that need to be made to your enrollment form, including adding new names to your pick up list. Office hours are 9:00am-1:00pm, Monday-Friday.

CAMP LOCATION: BIDDEFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL - 25 TIGER DRIVE, BIDDEFORD

Once you turn on to Tiger Dr., Biddeford Intermediate School will be the first building on your left. Continue on to find the Middle School and its large parking lot. Use the main entrance and walk to the left towards the auditorium for check-in.

ARRIVAL

Campers may check in starting at 7:30am. Please walk your camper to the check in table. Important camp updates and reminders are also typically posted here. *Please read on for more info about our daily rehearsal schedule.*

PICK UP

All campers are picked up at 4:00pm. **A photo ID is required everyday.** Please always be prepared to present a photo ID in case the staff person does not recognize you. Only pre-approved people from your enrollment form will be permitted to sign out your camper. Updates to the approved pick up list are made in advance through the SPR Main Office. Camp staff cannot assist with pick up person updates.

CAMP LIFE: WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHAT TO BRING

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING TO CAMP

- **Please wear closed-toed shoes** – these are required for safety reasons during choreography and rehearsals! *Open-toed shoes are not allowed.*
- Layers – the theater is air-conditioned and can sometimes get chilly
- Water bottle
- Snacks (extra snacks on show day)
- Cold Lunch (see School Department Lunch option info below)
- Script and Pencil for notes (we will provide at camp)
- Change of clothes (optional and recommended for younger campers)
- *Enthusiasm and a smile!*

DAILY ROUTINE

Rehearsals and theater-focused activities begin each day at 8:30am and run through 4:00pm. **If you need to arrive late, check out early, or you have a mid-day appointment** just let the camp staff know ahead of time. Each day's routine will depend on rehearsal needs. Weather-permitting, the group has outside play time around their lunch break.

PARTICIPANT GROUPS

Our multi-age program includes performers from 2nd grade to 10th grade and provides a great opportunity for mentorship and for participants to learn from each other. There will be certain times during the day when participants will be divided into groups for activity and rehearsal purposes.

LUNCHES AND SCHOOL SYSTEM MEAL PROGRAM

- The Biddeford School District summer meal program is available to TCTA participants at no additional cost. All campers will have options for breakfast (served 8:00-8:30am) and lunch (11:30am-12:00pm). Menus may be available at camp.
- *Families electing to use the school lunch program please indicate to staff at drop off that their child will need a lunch.*
- If your child is not interested in participating in this program, *please send a lunch.*
- Be sure to send water and snacks for our morning and afternoon snack times.

SUNSCREEN

Spray-on sunscreen is provided at camp. If you desire a different type of sunscreen for your child, please make sure this is provided and labeled with your child's name on it.

EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS

All participants with prescriptions for inhalers, EpiPens, and Benadryl tablets must drop off the medication and corresponding action plan at the SPR Office the week before camp begins. Your child will not be able to attend camp if these are not received in advance. Medications and medical paperwork may not be dropped off at camp directly. Here is a link to the SPR Full Medical Policy: https://sacome.myrec.com/forms/5483_medical_waiver.pdf

AUDITIONS

Auditions take place on the first day of camp. Participants do not need to prepare songs in advance and all audition material is provided. The campers will participate in workshops to learn songs, choreography, and script passages prior to audition. Our cast assignments are typically announced on the second day.

CASTING

The following is an excerpt from an excellent resource on navigating the process of auditions and casting. With the number of participants enrolled in each production this summer, we thought this would be helpful to share as you discuss your child's assignment with them at home:



*MTI's Parents' Guide to the Magic of Theatre,
"Family Matters"*

"Announcing the Cast: The announcement of the cast can be a difficult time if the role offered does not meet your child's expectations.

Making the Best of Casting Decisions

Trust the Director's judgement. The director is casting an ensemble, not just one or two "lead" roles. It's important for the cast to understand the importance of working together as an ensemble and to see the production as a whole, not as individual parts that seem less or more important than others.

Remind your child that everyone's contribution is important and valued. Let your child brainstorm ideas for characteristics for his or her role... or take the role to another level by encouraging your child to create a "back story" for his or character... But also, remember the director might have specific character qualities in mind.

Remember: the authors [of the musical] created every character for a reason, and each role impacts the entire production."



SPR POLICY ON REFUNDS

Families have one business day following casting to withdraw from the production and be eligible for a 50% refund. Updates must be sent to the SPR Main Office by 1:00pm.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM LINKS FOR REHEARSAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTION INFO

Below you will find Google Classroom links for each show. We encourage you to join the class, and if your child is old enough, they may join as well. We will be adding helpful links throughout the summer to the online classrooms as each show gets underway. You will find choreography videos so students can practice at home, a digital copy of the script, links to rehearsal tracks, costume inspiration boards, and more. This is a safe way to share information with parents and campers! Updates will be added throughout the summer to the classrooms: check back for the lunch schedule and dress up day information!

Please note: this requires a Gmail email account that is separate from a school Gmail account to access the classrooms.

ANASTASIA

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjgxODkzMjAyNDg2?cjc=3x7de7r>

Code: 3x7de7r

FOOTLOOSE

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjgxODkzMzE4NTIz?cjc=2vigy2z>

Code: 2vigy2z

CRAZY FOR YOU

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjgzMjg1Njg4NjA5?cjc=initwue>

Code: initwue

SPONGEBOB

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjgzMjg1NTg1MTY0?cjc=agcjecw>

Code: agcjecw

DRESS REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE DAY COSTUME/APPAREL NEEDS

- **Performers:** Please refer to your Google Classroom for recommendations on dance shoes, footwear, and costume inspiration/reference boards. Any special additional costume information about your child's character will be available by Tuesday of the first week of camp. Please make sure your child has black shorts and a black tank/tee to wear under costumes that will stay on during changes.
- **Tech Campers:** These students should wear all-black, and please have your child wear or bring pants instead of shorts.

Personal items: For the performance, if your child brings any personal items such as a hairbrush, comb, make up, etc., please make sure these are sent to camp in a sealed bag labeled with your child's name. For hygienic reasons, campers may not share these items.

WE RECOMMEND EVERYTHING BE LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

DRESS REHEARSAL DAY

Open dress rehearsals are held on the second Thursday of camp (the day before the show). These are typically held at 1:00pm. Recreation department summer camps in Saco, Biddeford, and the Kennebunks have been invited to attend. It's a great opportunity for our campers to perform before a small audience before the big show!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY PERFORMANCE

Each camp will culminate with a performance on the final Friday at 4:30pm. Doors open at 4:15pm. Shows are free and open to the public. We typically expect large audiences at our performances. *Check-Out is still required on production days and campers should be signed out directly before the performance with check-out staff.*

CONCESSIONS AND DONATIONS

This summer, TCTA will be offering concessions at each show and accepting donations. All purchases are cash only.

We hope this info will help prepare you and your child for our program, and please call the SPR Office if you have any additional questions.

Thank you for your support this season and we look forward to seeing everyone on stage this summer!

The Saco Parks and Recreation Department



Production Photography with Maureen Grandmaison Photography!

Twin City Theater Academy is thrilled to partner again this season with Maureen Grandmaison Photography. Throughout the summer, Maureen will be attending either the dress rehearsal or final performance to capture the magic on stage. Families will have the option to purchase digital downloads from an online gallery of the production. Students/parents can select which ones they want from the gallery: there is no limit to how many you can choose of your child! Once you have selected your favorites, share the list with Maureen; once payment is received, she will send photos back as a download to print/post. The digital download option is \$30.00 per show. Discounts will be available to families with multiple children attending, participants in tech camp, and families purchasing packages for all 4 productions this season. **FMI on ordering:** please see the flyer on the next page from the studio for details and **email questions to maureengrandmaisonphotography@gmail.com.**



HOW TO ORDER DIGITALS

Hello everyone! I am super excited to share images from the musical with you all! This year, I am doing things a bit differently, so here are the simple instructions for downloading your favorites!

- 1. Click the link to the gallery*
- 2. Click the heart on the images you want to add to your favorites list (at this point you will be asked to add your email)*
- 3. Once you have selected your favorites, click "share with photographer". (do send a message with your full name and the name of your student if not you!)*
- 4. Once I receive payment (\$30) I will send your favorites list back to you as a high resolution digital download!*

HOW TO PAY

- 1. Cash*
- 2. Venmo @Maureen-Grandmaison*
- 3. Personal check made out to Maureen Grandmaison*