



Washington Little Theater Company's Summer Drama Camp

Camp Rules

Camp Dates June 1st – 14th

The purpose of our Summer Drama Camp program is for kids to have fun enjoying the experience of participating in live theater. Over the years we have found the following rules help ensure a fun, enjoyable, and educational atmosphere for everyone throughout camp.

Camp Rules

1. Arrive on time for drop-off/pickup

The Student Pickup and Sign In/Out Process

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2. Dress appropriately

Be prepared for costume changes

Please do not cut/dye hair during camp

3. Be respectful and encouraging

4. Commit to learning your lines

5. Devices must be silenced and put away during class times

Disruptive devices may be sent to the "Device Dungeon"

Communication during class times

6. Students must respect and obey all camp leaders & volunteers

The 3-Strike System

1. Arrive on time for drop-off/pickup

Junior Camp time for grades 3-7 is 9am-12pm. Senior Camp time for grades 8-12 is 1pm-4pm. Students must arrive 15 minutes before their class time to ensure class begins on time. Class will not wait for late students. Please arrive at pickup time or no later than 15 minutes after pickup time. We try to end camp promptly, but some days class may go up to 15 minutes late. This is a normal part of camp and is sometimes required for the best camp experience.

The Student Pickup and Sign In/Out Process

At the end of class times, after the camp director has dismissed class, students must remain seated until called by name when their pickup arrives.

The first time parents drop off/pick up their child they will be required to sign them in/out. On subsequent days our volunteer will recognize you and sign your initials instead so you don't have to leave your car. Children will only be released to authorized pick-up people. Parents may add/remove additional pickup people at any time by speaking with our check-in volunteer or contacting the camp director. Each time a new pickup person comes to take a child, they must speak with our check-in/out volunteer to identify themselves. Students old enough to drive may sign themselves in/out.

2. Dress appropriately

Acting in theater can sometimes be a very movement-heavy activity, and students may be moving around a lot or very quickly at times. Please ensure all shirts, pants, skirts, etc fit appropriately (are not too loose, tight, or revealing) when sitting, running, crawling, lying down, etc. Students are required to wear close-toed shoes, such as sneakers, throughout camp unless specifically instructed otherwise for costuming purposes.

Be prepared for costume changes

During Week 2's dress rehearsals and performances students will have to change into costumes, sometimes multiple times throughout a show. In order to make this process easier on everyone and help keep costumes cleaner, we require all students to wear an Under Costume Outfit (UCO) during these times. This outfit is comprised of a white, black, or skintone tanktop/camisole and lightweight/sports shorts that are worn under your costume. If you have questions about this, speak with the camp director or costumer.

Please do not cut/dye hair during camp

Hair can be an important part of a character in theater. For this reason, we require any hair cuts or dyes to be done



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either before the first day of camp or wait until after the last day. If there is a reason why this change absolutely must happen during camp, please speak to the camp directors prior to the change. Significant hair changes during camp may result in the student's role being reassigned, if necessary.

3. Be respectful and encouraging

Camp is supposed to be fun for everyone. Theater is inherently a team activity, and therefore students should be uplifting, encouraging, and cheer for their fellow student's successes. While it's fun to joke and tease with friends, students should be mindful not to pick on others. Bad language of any sort will not be tolerated during camp.

4. Commit to learning your lines

The weekend between Week 1 and Week 2 of camp is the most important time for students to work on memorizing their lines. We ask that parents please ensure your child will have sufficient time to do this and we encourage parents, grandparents, and siblings to help during this time.

5. Devices must be silenced and put away during class times

Devices (whether phones, smart watches, videogames, etc) are fine and fun before and after camp and at snack time, but they are strictly forbidden during class times. Every student is given a basket during camp with their name where they can keep their personal items like phones during class times. Devices should be kept in these baskets during class (if a student brings a bag or backpack, they may store their device there instead). Devices should not be kept on person. *Occasionally, teen leaders or student assistants may be allowed to have their device for camp-related reasons. This is at the Camp director's discretion on a case-by-case basis.*

Disruptive devices may be sent to the "Device Dungeon"

Students who are called out for having their device during class times may have their device taken by the camp directors until the end of class that day. This is at the camp director's discretion.

Communication during class times

Parents should contact the Lead Camp Director Jason LeBlanc (706-401-4240) if they need to reach their child for an emergency during camp times as **students will not have their devices with them during class times**. Students may always ask the camp directors to contact their parents, at which they will always be allowed to either use their own device or the director's phone to do so.

6. Students must respect and obey all camp leaders & volunteers

Our staff are all volunteers and they work hard to make camp happen so students can have fun and learn. They have all acted and worked as crew in main productions and know what they are talking about. They are encouraging and cheering for students, so when they tell a student to do or not do something it is ultimately for the student's good. This goes for all of our volunteers, not just the main camp directors; it includes our adult helpers, student crew assistants, and teen leaders.

The 3-Strike System

Students who misbehave will be given verbal warnings and corrections. Further bad behavior will be dealt with on a three strike system. Warnings and strikes may be given by any of our volunteers (directors, adult helpers, student crew assistants, and teen leaders). Parents will always be notified at the end of each camp day if their child has received a strike.

- **Strike One:** The first instance of continued disobedience or disrespect after verbal warnings will result in Strike One.
- **Strike Two:** Continued misbehavior will result in Strike Two.
- **Strike Three:** If Strike Three is reached, the Camp Director will immediately call the student's parents during camp and may require the student be picked up.
- **Further Infractions:** If a student continues to cause problems after three strikes, they will receive severe consequences, up to potentially being removed from camp and/or barred from attending in future year(s). *We truly don't want this to ever happen!*