

TO: Parents and Campers
FROM: Kelly Russell, Camp Director

I hope this correspondence finds each of you doing well and looking forward to our Annual Summer Theatre Workshop: *"Camp on the Coast"* at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The Department of Theatre & Dance and the University are looking forward to your time with us from June 16 through 28. Enclosed you will find important information to assist in your preparations. In addition, these materials should provide answers to questions you might have concerning camp. We have assembled a staff and faculty of the most experienced, professional caliber to assure your safety and guidance during your stay with us in Corpus Christi. Our guest directors are busy making final script selections. The Acting Instructors are preparing for classes. Campus dorms and the dining hall are gearing up for your arrival. It should be a wonderful summer of theatre!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID SAFETY

Getting vaccinated is the best way you can do your part in the fight against COVID-19, and that includes staying up to date with the latest available booster shots. If you haven't done so yet, we strongly urge you to get vaccinated now or get the latest COVID booster shot so that you're protected, and we can all enjoy camp to its fullest.

REGISTRATION

Registration and Dorm Check-In will be Sunday, June 16 between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm at The Camden-Miramar Recreation Room. (see attached map) If you are arriving by car, please do not unload luggage when you arrive. After registration you will drive around the corner to move into your dorm.

Dorm Check-Out will be Friday, June 28. Luggage will be stored in the Center for the Arts, and students will leave at approximately 4:00 p.m. after our final performance, strike, and awards.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Parents (or High Schools) are responsible for transportation to and from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi at the beginning and end of camp. Students arriving at Corpus Christi International Airport should email Kelly Russell by June 1 to arrange for transportation from the airport.

Kelly.Russell@tamucc.edu Please include the airline, flight # and arrival time. Also include the return flight information.

COMMUTERS

Commuters must arrive on time each day for class (9:00 a.m.). If you are not in class at 9:00 a.m. your parents will be notified immediately. You may come earlier and eat breakfast with the rest of camp if you wish—the cost of breakfast is covered in your tuition. Commuters are required to eat lunch and dinner on campus. Once you arrive each day, you **MAY NOT** drive your car until you leave campus at the end of the session. You **MAY NOT**, for any reason, transport a residential camper in your vehicle. Doing so will result in your suspension from camp without a refund.

HOUSING

Male and female students will be housed in separate areas of the dormitory. Access to living areas of the opposite gender will be absolutely prohibited at all times. Violation of this rule will result in suspension from the camp. The Camden/Miramar staff will issue dorm keys at registration. Lost keys will cost the student \$50 to replace.

Individuals staying in the dorms who bring their own cars will surrender their car keys to the Camp Director after Registration. The Camp Director will return keys during check-out. Students will never be allowed to ride in a car with anyone other than camp staff...and then only in the case of an emergency (trip to the hospital, doctor, etc.)

We have an excellent faculty and staff that will supervise the campers at all times. There are eight college counselors who will accompany campers to the dining hall, rehearsals, the dorms, and social activities. At no time during the day will students be left un-chaperoned. A strict dorm curfew will be enforced, and an adult dorm supervisor will be on-site throughout the camp, along with the counselors.

Laundry facilities are available on the weekend in the dorms. Campers will need to bring their own detergent.

MEALS

Meals will be provided for all campers, and are included in the tuition price, both for commuters and for those staying in the dorms. You may bring extra money for additional snacks and food.

CAMPER SAFETY AND GUIDELINES

The camp will have strict rules regarding curfew, class attendance, rehearsal etiquette, and behavior. Rule violations may result in a phone call to parents, restrictions on social activities, or suspension from camp. If a student is sent home for rule violations, his/her tuition will not be refunded. (see Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast Student and Parent Handbook* attachment)

CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency, parents can get a message to students by calling one of the following numbers.

Department Office (361) 825-3077 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon. – Fri.
Kelly Russell-Camp Director Office: (361) 825-5992, Cell: (972) 965-6707

Mail can be sent to campers at the following address:

Student's Name—Camp on the Coast
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5724
Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5724

AUDITIONS

It is not necessary to prepare a monologue for the auditions. All of the directors will conduct theatre exercises and cold readings to cast their shows.

HELPFUL PACKING TIPS

Please use this checklist and be sure to bring everything mentioned. The following is a list of what you will need for your residential stay in the Miramar dorms:

- ❖ Pillow, pillowcase and bed sheets for a single/twin bed. If you don't have a fitted mattress sheet, bring a twin cover sheet to tuck under the mattress.
- ❖ Ethernet cord (for internet in the dorms). Wi-Fi is not available in the dorms.
- ❖ Blanket (you may get cold)
- ❖ Extra pillows if needed.
- ❖ Toiletries, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, bath soap, sunscreen, insect repellent, etc.
- ❖ Towels & wash cloths
- ❖ Bathrobe, slippers/shower shoes
- ❖ Laundry detergent/softeners, etc. Washers and dryers are available on Sunday.
- ❖ Enough clothes to last the two weeks under guidelines of appropriate attire.
- ❖ Bring clothing and shoes to wear during physical fitness, rehearsals, and general walking.
- ❖ Light jacket
- ❖ Three meals will be provided daily. However, you can bring your own snacks for your room.
- ❖ Water bottles because it is summer, and you will get thirsty.
- ❖ Swimwear, under guidelines of appropriate attire. No cut-offs are allowed.
- ❖ An umbrella

FOR ACTING STUDENTS ONLY

Please bring appropriate footwear that is closed-toed. No flip flops in rehearsals or on stage please. The following items will give you appropriate attire for movement classes and rehearsals: dance wear or workout clothes and appropriate footwear (a pair of tennis shoes, dance shoes or jazz shoes). Men should also bring a white collared shirt and black pants, and women a white blouse and black skirt (knee length or longer).

SPENDING MONEY

You can spend a lot or a little. Your total fees for the workshop will cover your room and board. If you eat extra and want snacks, you'll have to pay for them (except during scheduled recreational activities). The university bookstore has souvenirs you may want to purchase.

Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast*

2024 Tentative Schedule

Sunday, June 16

2:00-4:00	Registration/Dorm Check-In
4:50	Campers meet counselors downstairs to go to the Dining Hall
5:00-5:45	Dinner in the TAMUCC Dining Hall
5:45-6:00	Staff Introductions in the Warren Theatre
6:00-9:00	Tech Students Meet in the Weil Gallery for a Workshop
6:00-7:30	Audition Rotation 1
7:30-9:00	Audition Rotation 2
9:10	Meeting with Dorm Counselors—Rules with Ms. Peterson & Dr. Allen (Warren Theatre) Directors and Teachers Meet with Kelly (Wilson Theatre)
10:00	Students to their floors
10:30	Lights out

Monday, June 17

8:00-8:45	Breakfast
9:00-12:00	Tech Students meet in the CA Lobby for a Facilities Tour and Safety Workshop
9:00-10:30	Audition Rotation 3
10:30-12:00	Audition Rotation 4
12:00-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:00	Audition Rotation 5
3:00-4:30	Audition Rotation 6
4:30-4:55	Campers Meet in Warren Theatre for General Assembly
4:30-6:15	Directors & Teachers Cast in Bay Hall Conference Room, BH 359
5:00-6:15	Dinner
6:30-6:45	General Assembly/Announcement of Company Lists, Warren Theatre
6:45-9:00	Rehearsal
9:30	Students to their floors
10:00	Students in their own rooms
10:30	Lights out

Tuesday, June 18

8:00-8:45	Breakfast
9:00-12:00	Student Classes (Acting, Movement, Improvisation, Technical Theatre)
11:00-12:00	Workshop for Teachers Taught by Alison Frost, Bay Hall Conference Room
12:00-1:15	Lunch
1:30-4:45	Rehearsal
4:45-5:00	General Assembly-Warren Theatre
5:00-6:15	Dinner
6:30-7:30	Teacher Workshop with Kelly & Dr. Allen, Bay Hall Conference Room
6:30-9:00	Rehearsal
9:30	Students to their floors
10:00	Students in their own rooms
10:30	Lights out

Wednesday, June 19

8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Student Classes
11:00-12:00 Workshop for Teachers Taught by Kathy Powdrell, BH Conf.
12:00-1:15 Lunch
1:30-4:45 Rehearsal
4:45-5:00 General Assembly-Warren Theatre
5:00-6:15 Dinner
6:30-7:30 Teacher Workshop with Kelly & Dr. Allen, Bay Hall Conference Room
6:30-9:00 Rehearsal
9:30 Students to their floors
10:00 Students in their own rooms
10:30 Lights out

Thursday, June 20

8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Student Classes
11:00-12:00 Workshop for Teachers Taught by Steward Savage, Bay Hall Conference Room
12:00-1:15 Lunch
1:30-4:45 Rehearsal
4:45-5:00 General Assembly-Warren Theatre
5:00-6:15 Dinner
6:30-7:30 Teacher Workshop with Kelly & Dr. Allen, Bay Hall Conference Room
6:30-9:00 Rehearsal
9:30 Students to their floors
10:00 Students in their own rooms
10:30 Lights out

Friday, June 21

8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Student Classes
11:00-12:00 Workshop for Teachers Taught by Andy Reynolds, Bay Hall Conference Room
12:00-1:15 Lunch
1:30-4:45 Rehearsal
4:45-5:00 General Assembly-Warren Theatre
5:00-6:15 Dinner
6:30-7:30 Teacher Workshop with Kelly, Bay Hall Conference Room
6:30-9:00 Rehearsal
9:30 Students to their floors
10:00 Students in their own rooms
10:30 Lights out

Saturday, June 22

8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Rehearsal
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-4:45 Rehearsal
4:45-5:00 General Assembly-Warren Theatre
5:00-6:15 Dinner
7:00-9:45 Camp Dance for Students/Teachers & Directors have dinner off-campus
10:00 Students to their floors/10:30 Lights out

Sunday, June 23

8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Laundry time at the dorms/laundry facility
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-4:00 Swimming at University Pool & Improv Games in the Center for the Arts
4:00-5:00 Change for rehearsals
5:00-6:15 Dinner
6:30-9:30 Rehearsals
10:00-10:30 Students to their floors
10:30 Lights out

Monday, June 24

8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Student Classes (Acting, Movement, Voice & Diction, Master Class)
11:00-12:00 Workshop for Teachers Taught by Daniel Gambill, Bay Hall Conference Room
12:00-1:15 Lunch
1:30-4:45 Rehearsal
4:45-5:00 General Assembly-Warren Theatre
5:00-6:15 Dinner
6:30-9:00 Rehearsal
6:30-7:30 Teacher Workshop with Kelly & Dr. Allen, Bay Hall Conference Room
9:30 Students to their floors
10:00 Students in their own rooms
10:30 Lights out

Tuesday, June 25

8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Student Classes
11:00-12:00 Workshop for Teachers Taught by Cy Scroggins, Bay Hall Conference Room
12:00-1:15 Lunch
1:30-4:45 Rehearsal
4:45-5:00 General Assembly-Warren Theatre
5:00-6:15 Dinner
6:30-7:30 Teacher Workshop with Kelly & Dr. Allen, Bay Hall Conference Room
6:30-9:00 Rehearsal
9:30 Students to their floors

10:00 Students in their own rooms
10:30 Lights out

Wednesday, June 26

8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Student Classes (Acting, Movement, Voice & Diction, Master Class)
12:00-1:15 Lunch
1:30-4:30 Tech rehearsal for *Show 1* in Warren/Tech rehearsal for *Show 2* in Wilson
4:45-5:00 General Assembly-Warren Theatre
5:00-6:15 Dinner
6:30-9:30 Tech for *Show 3* in Warren/Tech rehearsal for *Show 4* in Wilson
9:30 Students to their dorm floors
10:00 Students in their own rooms
10:30 Lights out

Thursday, June 27

8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Tech rehearsal for *Show 5* in Warren/Tech rehearsal for *Show 6* in Wilson
12:00-1:15 Lunch
1:30 *Show 6* Dress Rehearsal
2:30 *Show 5* Dress Rehearsal
3:30 *Show 4* Dress Rehearsal
4:30 General Assembly-Warren Theatre
5:00-6:15 Dinner
6:30 *Show 3* Dress Rehearsal
7:30 *Show 2* Dress Rehearsal
8:30 *Show 1* Dress Rehearsal
9:30 Students to their dorm floors
10:00 Students in their own rooms
10:30 Lights out

Friday, June 28

8:00-9:30 Breakfast for campers Center for the Arts-Weil Gallery
8:00-10:00 Dorm Check-Out (Luggage stored in the Center for the Arts)
10:00 *Show 2* Performance in Wilson, *Show 1* Performance in Warren
11:15 *Show 4* Performance in Wilson, *Show 3* Performance in Warren
12:30-1:30 Lunch for campers
1:30 *Show 6* Performance in Wilson, *Show 5* Performance in Warren
3:00 Strike, Awards, and Camp Video
4:00 Campers depart

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Student and Parent
Handbook

Summer 2024

Student Guidelines

Responsibilities

1. To adapt and learn from a university environment.
2. To comply with all university, housing, and program rules.
3. To attend all classes and activities on time.
4. To meet with counselors, teachers, tutors, and staff when scheduled.
5. To keep room and personal belongings neat, clean and orderly at all times.
6. To pay for repairs or replacements of any damaged property.
7. To complete and update medical history, residence, and any pertinent information as soon as changes are in effect.
8. During any Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* Program events/activities, to not wander away from the group, or proceed anywhere without informing proper staff.
9. During the Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast*, to remain on campus at all times unless accompanied by a staff member, parent, or guardian.
10. Smoking or any tobacco products are not allowed.
11. Program policy prohibits the use or possession of alcohol, controlled or illegal substances or weapons of any kind while enrolled in the program.
12. The use of drugs is prohibited unless under the medical supervision of the University Health Center or a physician.
13. All prescribed medications must be registered with the Camp Director.
14. Clothing which depicts drugs, alcohol, satanic, vulgar, pornographic material, and/or gang related activity will not be allowed.
15. To respect all fellow students, program staff, and university personnel.
16. Over-display of affection will not be allowed. This includes kissing, excessive hugging, and caressing, etc.
17. No Walkie-talkies or Family Radio (FRS or GMRS) devices will be allowed to be used by participants during any Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* activity.
18. No electronic devices (cell phones, MP3 players, video games) will be allowed to be used by participants during any classes, meetings, or rehearsals.

Standard of Conduct & Ethics

Behavior

Participants are expected to behave in accordance to standards which contribute positively to a learning environment. This behavior is essential for the development of respect, trust, and leadership abilities that are promoted by Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast*, and any negative behavior will not be tolerated.

Campus

As you know, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hosting the Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* and has provided access to the university's resources and facilities. With this in mind, we ask that all participants respect the privilege that has been given by ensuring that at each activity, event, or during the Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* that we respect and care for the facilities by making certain we clean our area, abide by the university policies and procedures, and those of the Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* Program.

Attire

Attire should not interfere with or distract from the positive learning environment we support. Therefore any attire which depicts drugs, alcohol, satanic, vulgar, pornographic or gang-related material will not be allowed. The manner in which each participant presents himself/herself is important for many reasons—most importantly to provide a clean and safe learning environment for all participants.

Residential Staff

When the participants reside at the Miramar Dormitory there will be summer residential staff that will facilitate, monitor and maintain all events and activities during the duration of their stay.

Campers are to abide by the rules and regulations provided by the residential staff at all times. Any violations will be subject to review by the Director.

Miramar Dormitory

Throughout the duration of the Campers' stay at the Miramar Dorms each individual participant is responsible for maintaining the appearance of their area which includes their assigned room and building. Any damages shall be the responsibility of the participant and parent(s)/guardian(s).

Safety

The safety and welfare of each participant and the group as a whole is a top priority for Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast*. We ask that each participant regard safety in the same manner. To maintain safety at all times we also ask each participant to behave in a manner that will promote safety by making sure other participants abide by our safety rules:

1. No participant shall cause harm to themselves or others.
2. All participants shall be cautious in their daily activities.
3. No participant may wander around the campus without a Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* Staff escort.
4. All accidents or incidences must be reported immediately to Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* Staff. (No matter what time it is.)
5. All rules and regulations shall be followed to ensure maximum efforts towards a safe environment.

Medical History & Insurance

In order for *Camp on the Coast* to provide the maximum effort in safety, we require that each parent/guardian provide their son's/daughter's current medical history and insurance information. Those forms must be completed prior to your son's/daughter's entrance into the Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* and should be updated as information changes. As for the medical insurance/Medicaid/Medicare information, these should include all physicians and policy numbers. Students should submit a copy of the card or information with all telephone numbers. Parents of students without medical insurance must provide a letter claiming financial responsibility for any emergency medical expenses that may arise during the camp.

The medical history should include a list of medications being taken and amount of dosages, as well as a list of all allergies. Please ensure that all documentation remain current and accurate should a medical emergency occur and your child needs immediate medical attention.

During Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* any participants taking medications will be responsible for taking their own appropriate and timely doses and keep safely from others.

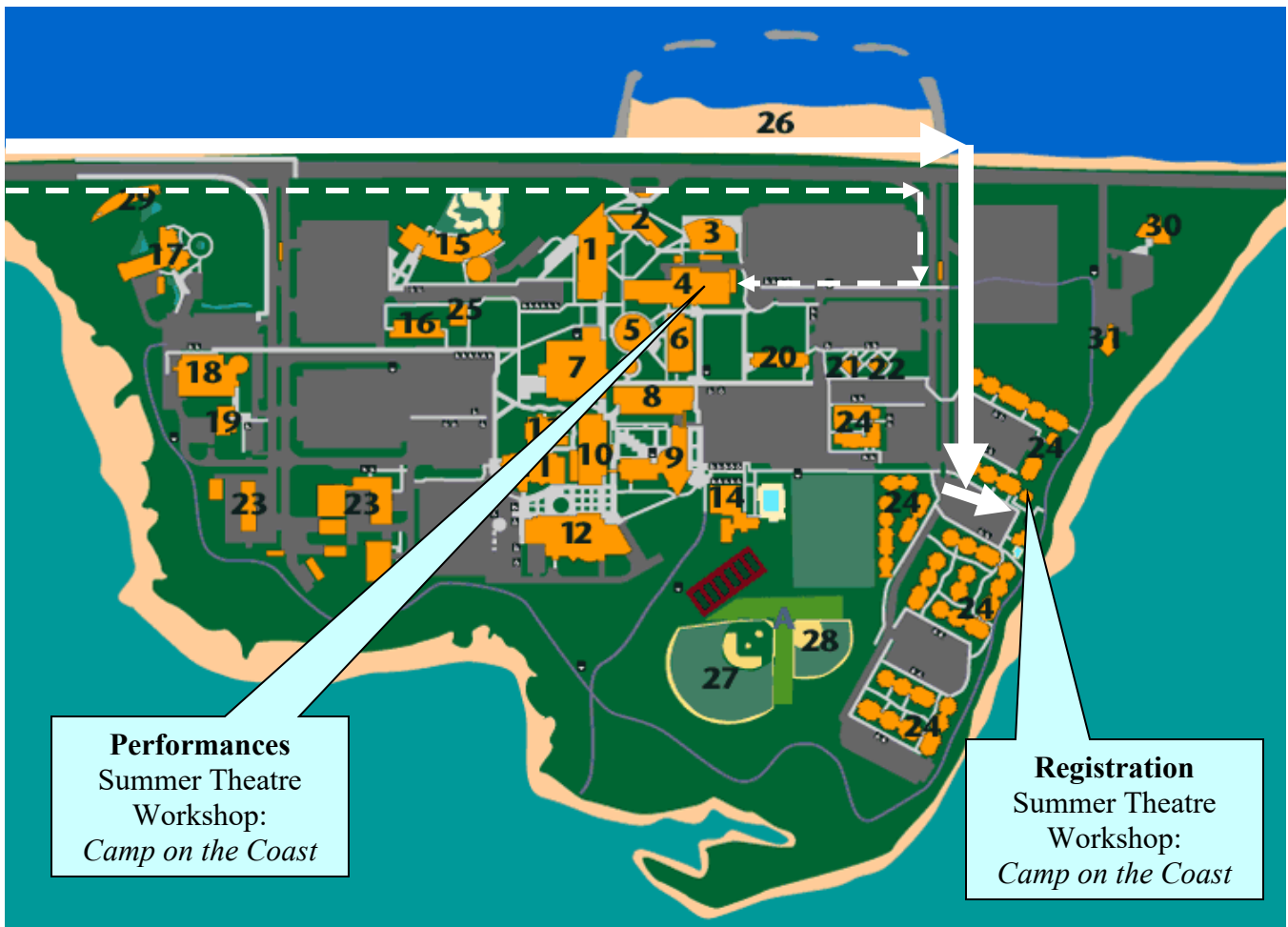
Release of Participant

While your son/daughter is in our care, we request that any time your son/daughter must leave early that you notify the camp director and fill out the pick-up/drop-off authorization form prior to our releasing him/her.

Emergencies

In case of emergencies, we have requested various forms to be provided for Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast*. These forms are to allow the Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* Program to provide medical attention for your child in the event of an accident or medical emergency. Should there be a medical emergency our procedures are as follows:

- If any medical emergency or accident occurs a member of the Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* Staff should be notified immediately.
- The Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* Staff is to notify the Director immediately. Director will notify family as soon as possible.
- Depending on the situation, emergency medical facility will be called through 911 or participant transported to hospital, or first aid will be rendered by trained University Personnel.
- Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast* Staff will fill out incident report with information regarding accident.



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Direction to Summer Theatre Workshop: *Camp on the Coast*

Registration (follow the bold arrows)



1. You will approach the campus by coming down Ocean Drive. (On the map, it is the road at the top of the page.)
2. You will take the second entrance into the campus (right turn on Sand Dollar Dr.), which is past the enormous new Performing Arts Center (3), the building with big columns and lots of glass.
3. Drive to the second stop sign and take a left into the second parking lot on the left. Registration will take place in the Camden-Miramar Recreation Room. It is in the last single level building at the end of this parking lot on the left.

Performances (follow the dotted arrows)



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3. Drive to the first intersection and take a right. The Center for the Arts is the building at the end of this road. Parking is available to the right. All performances will be in the Warren or Wilson Theatres in the Center for the Arts building. Ushers will be available to direct you to the appropriate theatre.