

PARENT HANDBOOK & FORMS

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY • COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION & THEATRE

CAMP STARS

THEATRE SUMMER CAMP



**For Grades 3 through 12
July 5th - July 31st, 2016**

**JSU Campus - Rose E. McCoy Auditorium
(Corner of Prentiss & Lynch Streets)
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Website: www.jsums.edu/speechandtheatre**

CAMP STARS HANDBOOK –Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for choosing Camp Stars in the Department of Speech & Theatre at Jackson State University. Our goal is to provide every camper with a fantastic camp experience. We want to help the youth of our community better appreciate the arts. We are dedicated to helping them learn more about themselves, be able to positively express themselves, and receive training that can be utilized not only in theatre but also in life. We hope that CAMP STARS Theatre Camp becomes a yearly tradition for your family.

On the following pages you will find information about your camper's experience at Camp Stars. Please read them thoroughly. Fill out and return forms via mail or at **Parent Orientation Sunday July 3rd, 2016 at 3pm, Rose McCoy Auditorium, Room 102**. If you have any further questions or concerns, call or email our office Monday through Friday 9:00 am- 5:00 pm at **(601) 979-4309/ (601) 979-2872** or e-mail Camp Director, Nadia Bodie-Smith nadia.c.bodie@jsums.edu OR mark.g.henderson@jsums.edu

I. Registration Form

This form provides contact /emergency information, your child's interests and shirt size.

II. Release and Indemnification Agreement Form

This form is an Insurance Liability Release form required by the University, and must be signed and dated.

III. Media Consent Form – Consent form to use pictures taken during camp for future publicity.

IV. Letter to my Teacher AND Letter to my Child's Teacher

This form provides you and your child an opportunity to communicate with the camp teachers. This letter is very important because teachers gain valuable insights that help them facilitate a positive experience for each camper. Please complete your respective sides.

V. Photo Identification Form & Concessions Form

The Photo Identification Form is used to authorize specific individuals to pick-up your child at camp. Please be sure to list parent/guardian names on the Photo Identification Form. Only people listed on this form will be able to pick-up your child. The Concession Form allows parents to pay in advance for campers to purchase snacks during the day.

To complete registration these five (5) forms must be completed.

Tuition: Our office must receive the \$400 camp tuition **by June 30th**. The first \$100 of the camp tuition acts as a non-refundable deposit. An additional fee of \$5.70 may apply to cover student insurance for the duration of camp. An unpaid balance will result in the loss of your child's space at camp. Please send your balance due as soon as possible to:

Department of Speech Communication & Theatre
Jackson State University
Box 17126 Jackson, MS 39217.

Make Checks/Money Orders Payable to: JSU Dept of Speech & Theatre (Camp Stars)

Thank you for your attention to these important details. We look forward to seeing you and your child this summer!

Sincerely,

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TUITION

\$400 (includes lunch). Additional fee of \$5.70 may apply to cover student insurance for the duration of camp.

Payable by cash, check or money order.

STUDENTS

Camp Stars students will be instructed in two groups: 3-6 graders and 7-12 graders, July 5-31, M thru F, 9am-5pm with classes offered in: Dance, Creative Writing, Acting for the Stage & Film, and Prop Construction. Drop-off begins at 8:15am and pickup ends at 5:30pm.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

Camp Stars will make every effort to help your child have a wonderful camp experience. Parents can help by informing us in advance by calling the Camp Director, Dr. Nadia Bodie-Smith at 601-979-4309 or by including information on the registration form about specific behavioral, health-related, emotional, or other issues that affect your child. With sufficient notice, we can contact parents in advance of arrival at camp to discuss strategies to aid in their child's success.

Teamwork is a big part of the camp experience. Many of our activities are designed to give campers the opportunity to take a step out of their comfort zone (i.e. improvisational dance, team building activities, etc.).

Camper Behavior Management is implemented with care and respect by our staff. There are times when a camper's behavior detracts from the overall experience of the group by requiring excessive one-on-one attention from the staff. As a commitment to the success and enjoyment of camp by each camper, we want you to know our usual steps for redirecting challenging behavior.

- Teachers will talk about the specific undesirable behavior with the camper and together make a verbal corrective plan for success. Camp teachers will let the Camp Director as needed.
- If the behavior continues, the Camp Director will have a conversation with the camper and create a plan for change. If behavior still continues the Camp Director will call the camper's home, explain what has happened, let a parent/guardian know the approaches that we have tried, and ask for advice with the situation ("what do you do at home when ____ occurs?" "Is there something that might be causing this behavior?" "Do you have any suggestions?") Partnering with parents is a successful strategy.
- If the behavior continues after these steps, the Camp Director will involve the parent in a face-to-face conversation with the camper.
- If none of these strategies are successful and the behavior continues, campers will be removed from camp activities and parents will be asked to pick up their child from camp without a refund. This, of course, is not our preference, but for the well-being and safety of the whole group, or as a logical consequence for continued inappropriate behavior, dismissal from camp may be required.
- There are also some behaviors that may result in immediate dismissal from the camp program. These include, but are not limited to: physical violence, possessing alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, damage or theft of property, sexual misconduct and bullying.

Develop Realistic Expectations

Developing realistic expectations about camp is very important. Parents can sometimes over-glamorize the camp experience. ("Honey, you're going to have the best time of your whole life!" or "You'll make the greatest friends you've ever met!") Going to camp will be fun and worthwhile, but it is important to make sure your child understands it may not be fun every minute. There may be problems to solve, feelings of worry and/or insecurities to work on and these problems and feelings are normal. Go ahead and talk about the fun they'll have, but also discuss rainy days; about liking some people more than others (both campers and teachers); about making choices at camp; and how it can be tough to not get your way when a group is making decisions together. Discuss worries they might

have about not being “good” at an activity or about making friends. By doing this you help children understand their feelings, so they are better able to recognize and cope with them.

Visit Camp Early

Many children fare better at camp if they are able to see the facilities beforehand. Consider taking a trip to visit us in the Rose McCoy Auditorium during an Open House or make an appointment, so your child will have an opportunity to see the facilities. Cautious children especially need to know: where the bathrooms are; where they will sit, where the Dining Hall is and how they’ll get food. **If interested in a tour of the facilities, contact Camp Director, Dr. Nadia Bodie-Smith at 601-979-4309 to schedule an appointment. Also see Department website: www.jsums.edu/speechandtheatre**

GENERAL ATTIRE

Clothing

Please make sure that your camper’s clothes provide adequate coverage for their active time at camp. Students will be painting and building scenery in set design class and will need shoes that provide complete coverage of the foot. In dance class students need to wear clothes conducive to movement, eg. Sweat pants. *Spaghetti strap tank tops, string bikinis, short shorts, shirts that do not cover the midriff, and pants that reveal undergarments do not belong at camp.* Clothing with inappropriate or disrespectful logos/topics, such as alcohol or tobacco, should also be left at home.

What Not to Bring

Our program is focused on collaborative group efforts. Many electronic items distract campers and can create conflict. We ask that campers refrain from using *radios, cell phones, electronic games and I Pods*, during classes. Also, *knives, weapons of any kind, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, inappropriate reading material and/or valuables* are not permitted.

CHECK-IN

Campers are expected to check-in at the lobby area of the Rose McCoy Auditorium every day of camp.

Drop Off

Parents are asked to drop off campers between 8:15am-9:00am. Camp staff will greet you in the Rose McCoy Auditorium Lobby. If campers are running late, please check in with camp staff in the lobby, and they will assist the camper in getting to the appropriate class session.

Pick Up

Parents are asked to pick up campers between 5:00pm-5:30pm. Camp staff will wait with camper in the Rose McCoy Lobby. If parents are running late, please call the main office and let us know (601-979-2426).

Refund Policy

If camper must withdraw from camp during the first week, any tuition paid will be refunded, minus the \$100 deposit. If camper must withdraw during the second week, 50% of tuition will be refunded, minus the \$100 deposit. No refunds will be issued after the second week of camp. If camper is dismissed from camp because of behavior, there will be no refund.

Transportation

All families must provide their own transportation to and from camp. Driving directions can be obtained from our department website: www.jsums.edu/speechandtheatre then click on Contact Us.

Camper Health

If camper takes medication, please let us know on registration form and bring medication in its original container with camper’s name.

Insurance

All campers at Camp Stars are covered by the camp's accident policy, which is secondary coverage to the family's own insurance. Parents may be asked to pay a one-time fee of \$5.70 for individual insurance for their child.

Meals

Lunch period is one hour long. Well-balanced, healthy meals will be provided for all campers. If your child has specific needs, please let us know. Campers sit as a group with Camp Teachers and/or Assistants for all meals. Additional snacks will be available for sale every day at the concessions booth.

Lost & Found Items

We will make every effort to return lost and found items while your child is at camp. Please label items plainly with your child's name to help staff identify the owner of lost and found items (cell phones, mp3 players, etc). Unclaimed items will be brought to the check-in/out area in the lobby at the end of each day. Please look to see if your child is missing any items. After one month, any unclaimed items will be donated to the Department's Prop & Costume Shop. *Camp Stars in the Department of Speech Communication & Theatre is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles.*

WHILE AT CAMP - Camp Schedule

Working with (4) Teachers and (8) Assistants, CAMP STARS will be held over a four-week period beginning July 6-31 from 9am-5pm from Monday to Friday. Students will be split up into two groups determined by grade levels - GROUP 1 (STARS) and GROUP 2 (GALAXIES). These two groups will have (4) hour and ten minute class sessions per day with three (10) minute breaks and an hour-long lunch break. From Monday to Thursday students will attend classes in Acting for the Stage & Film, Dance, Creative Writing, and Prop Design & Construction until 3:20pm. The rest of the day is spent rehearsing for the end of camp production.

Fridays are a departure from the normal schedule because students will participate in workshops, and fun, confidence-building activities for the first half of the day, hosted by theatre artists/professionals and faculty. Past workshops and activities have included: rock climbing, summer Olympics, fencing, stage combat, and horseback riding. After lunch, students will rehearse and prepare for the end of camp production. The students will be integral to mounting the production from the writing of the script, building of set, props, costume design, lighting design, and acting/dancing for the performance.

TIME	SCHEDULE	GROUP 1 (3-6grades STARS)	GROUP 2 (7-12 Galaxies)
8:15 - 9:00am	Drop off - ALL	DROP OFF / WARM UPS Joseph Henderson /Melissa Newell -Asst.	
9:00 - 10:10am	1st Session	ACTING Jasmine Rivera (Teacher) Rm 117 P. Studio	CREATIVE WRITING Prince Duren (Teacher) Rm 102
10:10 - 10:20am	Break (10mins.)	BREAK - Lobby	BREAK - Lobby
10:20 - 11:30am	2nd Session	DANCE Mickey Nixon (Teacher)	ACTING Jasmine Rivera (Teacher) Rm 117 P. Studio
11:30 - 11:40am	Break (10 mins.)	BREAK - Lobby	BREAK - Lobby
11:40 - 12:50pm	3rd Session	CREATIVE WRITING Prince Duren (Teacher) Rm 102	PROPS JacQuela Carter-Hulitt (Teacher) Rm 201
1:00 - 1:45pm	LUNCH	Heritage Cafeteria -ALL	
2:00 - 3:10pm	4th Session	PROP DESIGN JacQuela Carter-Hulitt (Teacher) Rm 201	DANCE Mickey Nixon (Teacher)
3:10 - 3:20pm	Break (10 mins.)		
3:20 - 5:00pm	REHEARSAL	CAMP PRODUCTION REHEARSAL Director / Choreographer - Mainstage	
5:00-5:30pm	Pick- up	PICK - UP Nadia Bodie Smithl (Camp Director)	

CAMP FACULTY

Mark G. Henderson (Dept.Chair//MADDDRAMA Founder), a proud son of Canton, MS, Dr. Mark Henderson received his doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS), a Masters from Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI), and a Bachelor's from Jackson State University (Jackson, MS). He is currently serving as Interim chair of the department and teaches Training the Speaking Voice, Rhetoric and Senior Seminar. This fall, he will be directing, *The Color Purple*. He believes that "Any civilization that does not embrace the arts isn't civilized."

Nadia Bodie-Smith (Camp Director/Coordinator of Theatre Studies), is an Assistant Professor of Theatre and Coordinator of Theatre Studies in the Department of Speech & Theatre. Dr. Bodie-Smith holds a PhD in Fine arts with concentrations in Acting/Directing and Arts Administration from Texas Tech University (Texas), an M.A. in Theatre Arts from Bowling Green State University (Ohio), a B.A. in Music/Vocal Performance from Florida Memorial University (Miami). Her most recent directing projects at JSU include *Harlem Renaissance*, *Karma*, *Damn Yankees* and *Ruined*. She most recently costume designed *The Color Purple*, *Freeman*, *Damn Yankees*, and *Antigone* and *Black Nativity*. She teaches courses in Acting, Theatre History, and Costume Design & Makeup. She hopes that her role as an educator will provide an environment to motivate and inspire great leaders, open-minded, creative thinkers and free spirits who laugh a little too loud.

JacQuela Carter-Hulitt (Properties Design), a native of Jackson, MS, and a senior Theatre major with a minor in Biology Pre-Med, this is JacQuela's second year with Camp STARS. Last year she was nominated as a Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) acting nominee for her role as Nettie in *The Color Purple*. This fall she was nominated by KCACTF for her set design for the production of *Ruined*. She is thankful for her passion for Theatre Arts and enjoys teaching.

Prince Duren (Creative Writing), Happy to begin his first year at Camp STARS, Prince was born in Itta Bena, Mississippi, and graduated from Jackson State University with a degree in Mass Communication, a concentration in Broadcast Journalism and a minor in English. While in college, Prince was drawn and exposed to a new world called theatre. He completed his MFA training in Playwriting from the University of Arkansas. It was here where he learned the art of creating and performing for the stage. During his matriculation, he performed in productions such as: *Waiting to Be Invited* (Palmeroy Bateman). *Anonymous* (Pascal). *Exonerated* (Delbert Tibbs).

Ashia Kendrick (Acting Faculty), is a native of Gulfport, MS. and a graduate of Jackson State University with a B.A. in Sociology. Ashia began her pursuit of acting during her matriculation at JSU when she joined MADDDRAMA Performance Troupe. During her tenure at Jackson State University she served as an assistant stage manager, properties manager, and crew chief for several main stage productions; appearing in *Freeman*, *Before it Hits Home* and *The Drums of Sweetwater*. Upon graduation she was offered a professional acting internship at New Stage Theater where she began to perform in every aspect of theatre and became committed to pursuing acting. She has most recently been seen in *Race*, *Mahalia: A Gospel Musical*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *9 Parts of Desire*, and *The Great Gatsby*. Beginning this fall, Her daily affirmation is, "The power to define is the power to destroy." This is Ashia's third year with Camp STARS.

Marcus Yates (Dance Faculty), from Greenwood, MS., Marcus is a recent alumni of the JSU Family. During his matriculation at Jackson State, he participated in Dance Ensemble, MADDDRAMA Performance Troupe serving as Dance Coordinator, Insatiable Modeling Squad, and Out Spoken. Inspirations include Alvin Ailey, Sean Bankhead, Judith Jamison, Luam, Danny Tidwell, Jamie Thompson. Dance background includes: Jazz, Modern, Hip-Hop, Contemporary. This is Marcus' third year with Camp STARS.

AFTER CAMP

Evaluations

At the end of camp, parents and campers will receive instructions of how to complete a camp evaluation. Please take the time to give us feedback. If you see or hear of a problem with any part of our program or staff, please contact the Camp Director immediately, so that corrections can be made. We take all feedback that we receive very seriously and welcome your input as we strive to continually improve our program. We also enjoy passing on positive comments to the camp assistants who work very hard to create a positive experience for every camper. If you'd like to speak to someone directly about your evaluation, please call the Camp Director, Nadia Bodie-Smith at 601-979-4309.

Contributions

Feel free to show your appreciation by making a donation to the Camp Stars Scholarship Fund. We hope to raise funds to send children to camp each year.

Keep up with us during the year!

The Department of Speech & Theatre at JSU produces (3) shows in the Fall semester and (1) in the Spring semester. We host numerous workshops and produce student directed projects. We welcome you to be a part of our audience for spectacular performances and workshops during the year. Remember to check out our website for show information and upcoming events: www.jsums.edu/speechandtheatre and click on Calendar or Upcoming Productions.

Because we want to support our campers' interest in theatre, we will provide two complimentary tickets to all of our shows to our campers. Just give your name at our box office before each show, and tickets will be provided free of charge. They can be mailed to you by request. Purchasing additional tickets are available for sale online. Visit our website and click on Box Office.



Registration Form

Jackson State University. College of Liberal Arts

Department of Speech Communication & Theatre

CAMP STARS

Student Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____ Work Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Areas of Interest (circle): Dance Creative Writing Acting Make Up Set Design Prop Design

Shirt size (circle one): small medium large x-large xx-large xxx-large

Food & Health Concerns/Special Needs: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check or Money Order

Please make checks payable to: JSU Dept. of Speech & Theatre (Camp Stars)

Mail To: Dept. of Speech Communication & Theatre

Jackson State University

Box 17126

Jackson, MS 39217

Mail check along with Registration Form, Media Release Form, and Release and Indemnification Agreement Form

Or drop by main office, located on the Jackson State University Campus in the Rose E. McCoy Auditorium

Phone: 601-979-4309 / 601-979-2872 / Fax: 601-979-9072

Camp Director e-mail: nadia.c.bodie@jsums.edu

Dept. Chair e-mail: mark.g.henderson@jsums.edu

Dept. Website: www.jsums.edu/speechandtheatre

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of the opportunity to participate and/or travel for CAMP STARS and to receive the benefit of services rendered by the Administrators, faculty, staff, agents, and other representatives of Jackson State University, the undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees as follows:

I acknowledge that activities conducted in the course of the program, event, activity, or travel may entail known or unanticipated risks which could result in harm to me or third parties or damage to property.

I certify that I have no medical physical conditions which could interfere with my safety or the safety of others in connection with my participation in the activity, and I hereby assume and agree to bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition, whether or not disclosed to the University. My participation in the activity is purely voluntary.

I understand that this release is related to non-essential services, and I have the choice not to sign the release. However if I choose not to sign it, I cannot participate in the non-essential activity or program. Non-essential activities include those which a person has or had the option not to participate, and this specifically includes transportation provided by anyone, including myself. I agree that other options are available to me aside from the one that requires this release. Potential other options include, but are not limited to, finding alternate forms of transportation, not participating in the nonessential event, and purchasing insurance for personal property or other harm rather than attempting to hold Jackson State University or its employees responsible for any such damages.

I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE UNIVERSITY, AS WELL AS ALL COMMUNITY PARTNER AGENCIES, THEIR EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND ASSIGNS, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY CHILDREN, MY PARENTS, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND ESTATE FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION WHICH IN ANY WAY RELATE TO OR ARISE OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM/ACTIVITY OR MY USE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES, INCLUDING ANY SUCH CLAIMS ALLEGING NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY. I AGREE NOT TO DEMAND OR BRING ANY LEGAL ACTION, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF OR ANY DEPENDENT, AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY OR ITS AGENTS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT, ACTIVITY, OR PROGRAM.

I am eighteen (18) years of age or older and am competent to execute this agreement. If the participant is not eighteen (18) years of age, this release must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

(Only if Student is not eighteen (18) years of age)



Media Consent Form

I, _____, hereby consent to Jackson State University to take or have taken by others, photographs, digital images and/or audio and/or video footage (the images) of the individual named below, and to store the images, make copies of the images and publish the images in any form, in whole or in part, and distribute them in any medium including, but not limited to, print media, the Internet, CD-Rom, other multi-media uses or graphic representation, cinematography or video.

I consent to the images being used by the University or provided to others for the following purposes only:

- ☐ General news or promotion of the University on TV, Radio or in Newspapers, in trade and other journals and on websites and the internet.
- ☐ The production of resources/programs that will assist the University in its educational mission,
- ☐ Promoting and advertising the resulting educational products/ resources,

Jackson State University undertakes not to use the images in any way that would cause embarrassment or misrepresent the intent of the individual's participation.

I understand that neither any representatives nor I will be paid for giving this permission and I hereby waive any claim that I or we may have or may have had for remuneration, residuals, royalties or any other payment in respect of use of the images.

I agree that Jackson State University shall not be bound to make any use of the images.

Participant's name (please print) _____

Participant's signature _____ Date _____

*****For participants under 18 years of age*****

Parent/Caregiver name (please print) _____

Parent/Caregiver name signature _____ Date _____

A Letter to My Camp Teacher

(to be completed by camper)

My name is _____ My friends call me _____

When I get to camp I will be _____ years old. My birthday is on _____

I have finished the _____ grade at school

I have _____ brothers. Their ages are _____

I have _____ sisters. Their ages are _____

In my spare time, the things I do are

I am good at

I want to come to camp because

The activities I want to do at camp this summer are

I get along with friends that

I would like to have a teacher who

Anything else you want to tell your teacher?

Campers who have been to CAMP STARS before or other summer camps

While at camp last summer, the things that helped me most were

I most enjoyed

I least enjoyed

A Letter to My Child's Teacher

Camper Name _____ Nickname _____

This is my child's _____ year at Jackson State University and _____ year at Camp Stars.

I want them to go to camp because

While at camp I hope they will

One skill area I think my child may have an aptitude for is

My child is most happy when

They are most unhappy when

They are enthusiastic about

They are not fond of

They are likely to be afraid of

My child's peer interactions

They live at home with _ Mom _ Dad _ Brother(s) _ Sister(s) _ Other _____

My child has been diagnosed as having some special needs such as learning disabilities, emotional or behavior problems? If so, how can we best deal with these? _____

My child is currently taking the following medications

My child has the following dietary needs

Any further comments?

Additional information or confidential data should be listed on a separate sheet and addressed to the Camp Director.

***Complete this form and mail it in with payment or at Parent Orientation
(One per camper)***

Camper's Name _____

Photo Identification

Photo Identification is required for pick-up from Camp

The following people are allowed to pick-up my child from Camp Stars.

Camper's Name _____

Your Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone Number _____

Cell/Pager/Other _____

Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone Number _____

Cell/Pager/Other _____

Camp Stars Concessions Card

Parents can pay in advance for campers to purchase snacks during the day

Camper Name _____

Deposit Amount \$ _____

Date Amount Spent Balance _____

We encourage you to leave any remaining balance at the end of the session and donate it to the summer camp scholarship fund. Thanks!