

June 17, 2019

Dear Student/Parent,

I have summarized the festival handbook into the following three pages. Please reference the handbook for more detailed information. If you have any questions, please give me a call or email.

Chaperones

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Online Resources

www.schooltheatre.org/events/festival - is the website for the festival you can find most of the following information there. You can access the 2019 festival guide here as well.

[Guide Book App](#) – • Download the “GuideBook” app on your phone. Once downloaded, search for “International Thespian Festival 2019”. This will give you access to all conference information; including Workshop, IE, Audition, and Performance schedules.

Schedule overview

International Thespian Festival (June 24th - June 30th)

Monday	6:00 a.m.	All <i>Bring It On</i> Students meet at Olathe East High School
	7:00 a.m.	Non-BIO meet at Olathe East High School (Westside parking lot)
	7:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Drive to Lincoln, NE / Eat Lunch (Bring money for lunch)
	11:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Check into Festival and Dorms
	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Workshops & College Auditions
	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner (Residence hall cafeteria)
	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	College Auditions
	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremony
	12:00 a.m.	Curfew
Tuesday	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Residence hall cafeteria)
	9:00 - Noon	Playworks & College Auditions
	9:00 - 6:00 p.m.	NEIS Presentations
	Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Residence hall cafeteria)
	1:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Workshops & College/Scholarship Auditions
	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner (Residence hall cafeteria)
	7:30 - 10:30 p.m.	Mainstage show
	10:30 - 12:30 a.m.	Dance, reception
	12:30 a.m.	Curfew
Wednesday–Saturday	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast (Residence hall cafeteria)
	10:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Main stage shows
	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch (Residence hall cafeteria)
	2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Workshops, One-Acts, Auditions
	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Dinner (Residence hall cafeteria)
	8:00 - 10:30 p.m.	Mainstage shows
	10:30 - 12:30 a.m.	Dance, reception, improv, and other sponsored activities.
	12:30 a.m.	Curfew
Sunday	7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Check out of dorms & Breakfast
	9:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Drive to Olathe East High School

Housing

We will be staying in the dorms at the University of Nebraska. Sheets, pillows, pillowcases, soap, washcloths, and towels are furnished in the dorms. Clean towels and washcloths are also provided daily. The dorms include laundry facilities.

The residence halls are air-conditioned, so students are encouraged to bring extra blankets in case they get cool. The students will be asked to report any missing or damaged items to Mr. Shafer.

Room Assignments:

Girls

Room 1: Zoey Johnson, Melinda Johns, & Ashley Hendricks
Room 2: Jessica Chitwood, McKenna Shaw, & Josie Anderson
Room 3: Paige Wright, Annelise Mock, Bre Kristian
Room 4: Maddie Bragg & Ashley Elliot-Rowe
Room 5: Liv Hollan & Elise Bowles
Room 6: Addison Landes & Willa Walberg
Room 7: Kenzie Lennard & Joslyn Tapia
Room 8: Izzie Petersen & Desiree Pitts

Boys

Room 1: Austin Rios & Josh Hungerbeeler

Meals

Students will eat three meals a day in the residence hall cafeterias. Our first meal will begin with Monday dinner and conclude with Sunday breakfast. ***Please bring money for lunch Monday (a sack lunch will also work). We will stop for lunch on our way to Lincoln before registering at the Festival.***

Money

Little to no money is needed at Festival, some students do bring a small amount of money to purchase snacks from vending machines or souvenirs such as t-shirts or scripts being sold by vendors in the Lied Center.

What to pack

During Festival week, you may encounter any type of weather, from hot and humid to cold and rainy. Please only bring clothes that would be appropriate for school.

Suggested items

Audition Sheet Music	Hair Dryer	Shower Shoes
I.E. Accompaniment	Blanket	Extra Socks
Headshots/Resumes	Reusable Water Bottle	Walking Shoes
Backpack	Phone Charger	Umbrella

For Workshops

Clothes for movement (Dance/Stage Combat, Etc.)
Dance shoes
Notebook

Do not bring

In-line skates
Skateboards

Optional Items

Eveningwear for Mainstage shows
Costumes for dances

Dance Themes: (Dressing according to the dance themes is fun but **not** required)

Thursday night – Red Costume

In honor of BC/EFA, the dance theme tonight will be **Red Costume**. Will you be Little Red Riding Hood, Santa Claus, a flapper, or a red whatever?

Friday night – Groovin' with the '60s

Miscellaneous

Programs. Each student will receive a printed program in his or her registration packet at the Festival. The week's timetable, workshop descriptions, and performance schedule is listed here. Additional copies are sold at the Thespian desk in the lower lobby of the Lied Center.

Badges. Each student will receive an identification badge that must be worn for admission to all Festival activities.

Exhibits. Commercial, college, and university exhibits will be displayed in the upper two lobbies of the Lied Center. Vendors will be selling theatre-related items.

Auction. On Friday night the International Thespian Officers will host a Theatre Themed auction.

Security information

Campus police will be on duty at all times.

Alcohol/drugs/weapons/tobacco. Students who consume drugs or alcohol or who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol during Festival week will be returned home. UNL is a smoke-free campus; smoking is not permitted in any campus building. Students bringing weapons of any type onto campus will be sent home immediately.

Curfew. Students must be in their assigned dormitories by 12:00 a.m. and in their assigned dorm rooms by 12:30 a.m. Quiet hours—with lights out—begin at 1:00 a.m. Dorm doors will be locked at 10:00 p.m. to insure students' safety. UNL guards will be on duty from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. to allow students to enter the dorms. A 24-hour desk clerk will be on duty in each dorm; students entering dorms late must be cleared by the clerk. Students arriving after the curfew will not be able to enter the dorms until they report to security personnel and notify Mr. Shafer. Students missing curfew will meet with Mr. Shafer and security personnel the next day at 8:00 a.m.

Residence halls. Students & chaperones will not be permitted on dorm floors housing students of the opposite sex.

Emergencies. Emergency incoming telephone calls must be channeled through the 24-hour desk at (402) 472-1010. Reference must be made to the student's attendance at Thespian Festival.

Health center. Students requiring emergency medical attention during the day will be directed to UNL's health center. Hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. After-hours medical emergencies will be taken to the Bryan LGH West Hospital, 2300 South 16th Street, (402) 475-1011. Students are to report illness to Mr. Shafer.

Festival attendance. All students are required to attend the events scheduled during Festival week. Students are not permitted—under any circumstances—to leave the UNL campus.

Property damage. Students are not allowed to remove UNL property from residence hall rooms and are to keep their rooms locked. Students are not permitted to post messages on dorm windows. Students will be responsible to UNL for damage to their room or to university property. The Festival will bill the student, the parents, and/or the school for damage fees not collected at check-out. For safety reasons, students may not remove screens from dorm rooms or lounge windows. Students removing screens will be fined \$50 and will be required to replace the screens immediately. Students repeating the offense will be sent home. Prior to check-out, students are asked to clean their rooms and the hall lounges to the condition in which they were found at check-in.

University regulations. Beverages and food are not permitted at any time in the auditorium, classrooms, or lobbies of the Lied Center or the UNL theatres. The burning of incense is prohibited in residence hall lounges and sleeping rooms. Students are not allowed to have fireworks on campus. Students are not permitted to play "boom boxes" (radios, cassettes, CD's, etc.) in their rooms after 1:00 a.m. Students are not permitted to use chalk on the UNL sidewalks. During performances, use of cameras and recording devices are prohibited in the Lied Center and UNL theatres. Students are guests of the University and should conduct themselves graciously. Respect for other students, UNL staff and students, and local citizens is expected of all Festival participants. Excessive noise and improper language will not be tolerated. Students should walk on sidewalks (not in the streets) and avoid campus parking structures. Skateboards and in-line skates are not permitted on campus. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Thespian Festival, LLC are not responsible for loss or breakage of personal effects, money, or valuables.

Violations. *Students violating Festival security rules and regulations will meet with Mr. Shafer and security personnel at the 8:00 a.m. security meeting in the Abel Hall snack bar. If a student is sent home from the Festival for any reason, the parents, guardians, or next of kin will be financially responsible for all costs incurred in returning the student home.*

Questions

If you have any questions, please call me at 785-760-3032. You may also email at eshaferoe@olatheschools.org. I look forward to a wonderful experience at the International Thespian Festival!

Sincerely,
Eddie Shafer