

NOR Junior Theatre

The North of the River Junior Theatre Program has been a part of the North of the River Recreation and Park District since its inception in 1968 when Don Harrelson approached the District about starting a theatre group for youth in the community. Auditions for the first production, *Toby Tyler*, were held in January of 1969 with Don Harrelson directing.

NOR JT offers the youth in our community a positive and safe environment where they can learn how to communicate their thoughts and ideas, and where they are accepted for who they are and are free to express themselves. NOR JT encourages creativity, builds social interaction skills, and gives the youth confidence to explore and learn about themselves, various cultures, history, and their community. NORJT also teaches them the importance of responsibility and commitment by working together as a community with a common goal through involvement with set design, props, costumes design, student directing, choreography, sound, lights, working backstage, and more. More importantly, NORJT fosters a FUN environment in which our youth can use their imaginations. It is a parent participation program and parents are highly encouraged to be involved.

General Information

Junior Theatre rehearses and performs plays throughout each year. Be a part of this fun and energetic group of young actors. No Experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun. Rehearsals at the Veterans Hall, 400 Norris Rd, Monday-Thursday from 6:00-8:00 pm, and some Saturdays as needed (your child is only there the evenings/times his/her scene is scheduled to rehearse.)

1. Pay Registration Fees at the time of Registration/Auditions. Auditions help the director determine where to place each actor within the program. All who Audition are Cast. There will be a Parent/Actor Orientation prior to the beginning of rehearsals.
2. Letters are sent out to each child the week after the audition with the role assigned and the date for the Parent/Actor Orientation.
3. Costs Involved
 - a. Required Costs involved: Registration Fee: \$75 non-district residents/\$60 district residents (district residents live in the 93308, 93312, & 93314 Zip Code), Costumes/props: varies by show
 - b. Optional Costs: Pictures, DVDs, T-Shirts.
4. No Experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun. Come prepared to sing a solo, or in a group if the show is a musical. Wear casual, comfortable clothing and shoes. May read from the script and learn a few dance steps. Your child will be free to go after the audition. We help all younger children who cannot read, and they do not have to sing.
5. Rehearsals are Monday-Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm, unless otherwise noted on the schedule. There may be some Saturday rehearsals. Your child may rehearse as little as once a week or as much as four times a week depending upon the role assigned. It may also be for as little as one-half hour or as much as two hours at a time. Tech Week rehearsals are Mandatory for every actor unless previously cleared with the Director.
6. You must notify the director/assistant director if your actor will be missing a rehearsal. Acceptable reasons to miss rehearsals are:
 - a. Illness
 - b. Family emergency

- c. Mandated school and church functions
 - d. Conflicts listed on Audition Sheet
 - e. Previously discussed with Director
7. Homework, books, crayons, etc. may be brought to rehearsal. We will have a designated table at rehearsals for homework. Homework is not considered an acceptable reason to miss rehearsal.
 8. Do not allow your actor to bring electronic devices to rehearsal. They are a distraction and we cannot be responsible for lost or stolen property. Cell phones must be kept in book bags, purses, or pockets. If items are brought to rehearsals or cell phones become an issue, they will be confiscated by the director and returned to the actor at the time his/her rehearsal is over. There will be a cell phone/electronic device bucket at each rehearsal for this purpose.
 9. Actors who are brought to rehearsal by an adult must be signed in and out by the adult. You must come into the rehearsal area; Do not drop your actor off, and your actor is not allowed to wait outside for you. Do not sign your actor out when you sign him/her in. Actors who drive must also sign in and out.
 10. This is a parent participation program. Parents should volunteer to help with Supervision of Actors, Building Sets, Props, Painting, Tech, Costumes, Make-Up, Hair, etc....

Call 392-2000 for more information regarding our program.

NOR Junior Theatre message line 392-2052, ext 203
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