

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawk Theatre Company

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Rockwall-Heath High School Theatre Texas Thespian State Festival November 18 - 20, 2021

The following pages contain important information concerning our upcoming trip to the Texas Thespians State Festival. Enclosed you will find a breakdown of fees, Festival information, and general policies for individuals taking the trip. If you have questions concerning the trip, please feel free to email Mrs. Kimmis.

Your student has the opportunity to attend the 2021-2022 Texas Thespian State Festival this year. This will take place at the Gaylord Hotel in Grapevine from November 18-20, 2021. Thespian Festival is **not** just an excuse to miss school, it is a celebration of theatre and a fantastic learning opportunity. Students should only go if they are committed to attending at least 5 workshops a day and submitting a written assignment about each workshop upon our return. Information about the festival can be found at <https://www.texasthespians.org/ttsf.html> including packing lists, student expectations, festival fees, and hotel information.

Fee Calculator

Registration: \$175

Hotel Room: \$90

IE Competition: \$15

STO application: \$15

College Audition: \$15

Scholarship Application: \$15

Total Cost for Your Student: _____

Dinner will be provided at the event, but lunches will not. Please also send students with money to buy lunch for themselves each day. There will also be many vendors and shops that students like to shop at and may wish to buy from.

If you would like your student to attend, the first payment of \$50 is due September 3rd. Your student must be paid in full by November 18th to attend.

By signing below you agree to allow your student to fully participate at the Texas Thespians State Festival. You agree to pay the full amount for your student by November 18th and that your student will also have money to pay for their lunches while attending the festival.

Parent Signature

Student Name

A Special Note: No doubt everyone is fully aware of the great responsibilities of any sponsoring agency in transporting and supervising a great number of students. It is obvious that there must be some rather definite policies set up governing these trips. It is doubtful that you would want your child taken on any trip that was not properly supervised with every precaution taken for their safety and proper conduct. In order to properly do this, it may become necessary, at times, to sacrifice individual interests and desires for the welfare of the group and liberties cannot be granted that could be given if only one or two students were involved.

The following rules are for the general welfare of the whole group and are not intended to take anything away from the trip in any way:

- * Students should strive to look neat at all times. The **school dress code will be enforced** during the trip; no sloppy or torn clothing will be allowed nor will T-shirts that advertise or suggest alcohol, tobacco or drugs, etc. Short shorts, tube tops, and bare shoulders are also not acceptable.
- * We are guests of the hotel and any damage to their facility must be paid for by the people doing the damage. We care enough to put you in the nicest hotels, so let's treat the hotel and its employees with respect. **Check your room upon arrival and report any damage to the front desk immediately so that you will not be charged for it.**
- * Do not prevent anyone from sleeping in a bed. You all paid the same price to sleep in a bed...not a chair or bath tub!
- * Not at any time or any place should you be in a group of less than three members. Do not leave the hotel area for any reason. ***Violators will be sent home at parent expense.***
- * **Refer to school handbook on policies concerning drugs and alcohol.** This is a school sponsored trip and all school regulations will be followed. No consumption of alcohol, smoking, dipping, vaping, chewing or spitting tobacco at any time. **IF YOU ARE FOUND WITH DRUGS, E-CIGARETTES OR ALCOHOL, YOU WILL BE SENT HOME AT PARENT EXPENSE.**
- * No water guns or water balloons in the hotel. Shaving cream and other toiletries are to stay with you and not used to harm others.
- * Profanity or improper language will not be tolerated. ***No hazing or harassment will be tolerated at any time.***
- * **If you are caught stealing you will be subject to any local laws and policies, you will also then be subject to any possible school consequences.**
- * **There will not be mixed company in any hotel room at any time.** You are free to hang out at the hotel common areas, such as the lobby.
- * **Luggage:** You will be allowed one piece of luggage, and one carry-on. You should make sure that all luggage has a tag on it and make sure that all of your personal items are clearly identified. You may bring one carry-on onto the bus but it must fit in the seat with you. You are also allowed one personal item, like a purse. A backpack is highly recommended.
- * **Bus Conduct:** Students will number off each time we get on the bus within our usual numbering system. This makes it easy to keep track of everyone. Please keep the bus neat and clean at all times and be on your absolute best behavior. Students will respect the authority of the bus driver, adult chaperones, and directors.
- * **Room Assignments:** Room assignments and keys will be distributed upon arrival at the hotel on Thursday. You will stay on the bus until the directors have checked in. Be patient during this process as this may take some time. You are responsible for your own luggage so be sure that you put your name and address on each piece. You are responsible for keeping up with your room key and for getting your luggage back to the bus at the assigned time. Don't rely on any one else to do it for you. **FOR YOUR SAFETY, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ROOM PAST CURFEW FOR ANY REASON. IF YOU ARE FOUND OUT OF YOUR ROOM PAST CURFEW, YOU WILL BE SENT HOME AT YOUR PARENT'S EXPENSE.**
- * **Meals/Spending Money:** Dinners are provided but lunches are not. Students need **Students, please be careful with your money!!**
- * **Prescription Medication:** All Rockwall ISD guidelines about prescription medication will be followed during the trip. All prescription medication should be reported to the school nurse prior to leaving for the trip.
- * **Students Sent Home:** If any student is sent home due to poor behavior and/or violating the rules for this trip, it will be at their parent/guardian's expense.