

JUNIOR ACTOR/ACTOR TRAINING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where is the Utah Shakespeare Festival and how do I get my child there?

A: The Utah Shakespeare Festival is part of Southern Utah University (SUU), located in Cedar City, Utah. Cedar City is located in southern Utah on Interstate 15, midway between Las Vegas and Salt Lake City.

Greyhound Bus Lines stop in Cedar City, and the municipal airport is served by SkyWest Airlines (a Delta Connection). There are also shuttle services that runs along I-15 that make stops in Cedar City.

Q: When and where do we arrive

A: Your first stop is Founder's Hall (SUU Housing), located at 224 South 300 West, Cedar City, UT 84720. Free parking is available. Check-in is from 8:30-10:00am Mountain Daylight Time. Students who are not staying in on-campus housing, please be at the dorm by 10am the first day.

Q: What about campers who are arriving by plane/bus/shuttle?

A: We're happy to pick up campers from various drop-off locations in Cedar City. Just be sure to let us know when and where you'll need a pick-up. Send us an email (summerclasses@bard.org) with your travel plans.

Q: How many campers and staff do you have each session?

A: Classes usually have about 30 students, 2 main instructors, 6 chaperones, and 10 acting coaches.

Q: Who looks after my child?

A: Lots of us! During the day campers will spend most of their time together as a group, supervised by the two main instructors. When campers are in the dorms, there is one chaperone assigned to each dorm room. All of our chaperones have passed background checks and our interview process.

Q: Where will my child be staying?

A: Students stay in the SUU Founder's Hall. These University dorms provide in-house kitchens, including a microwave, fridge, and stove. Each dorm has 5 bedrooms (with beds for 2 people in each room), and three bathrooms. General linens are provided: towels, a pillow and 2 flat sheets on the bed. If a fitted sheet is needed, students will need to bring their own. The beds are size Twin XL- however, most regular twin sheets should fit on the beds.

Q: How many kids to a room and how are room assignments decided?

A: Depending on the number of students staying in the dorms, most students will be sharing a room with 1 roommate, or have a room to themselves. There can be up to 10 students in one unit. One room is always reserved for a chaperone. Dorms are

divided by gender and rooms are assigned by age. If you'd like to room with a friend, please send us an email at summerclasses@bard.org.

Q: If I come with a friend, can we request to room together?

A: Yes, although most of our students come to camp not knowing anyone. If you would like to room with someone specific, please email us (summerclasses@bard.org) after you have applied to make the request. We must receive the request from both parties to honor the roommate request.

Q: Can my child call home? Do you allow cell phones?

A: Yes, absolutely! Campers are welcome to bring cell phones. (But they must be set to silent and put away during all activities and when asked.) If campers don't have a cell phone, we will provide them with a phone if they need to call home.

Q: What will my child be eating?

A: Three all-you-can-eat meals a day are provided as part of the tuition. The cafeteria is a short walk across the street from the dorms. Breakfast is available each morning from 8:00-8:45 a.m. The class will generally have lunch between 12-1 p.m. and dinner between 5-6 p.m. Since there is very little free time at the dorms, and we want encourage students to stay healthy during their stay, **sending large quantities of soda, candy, or other foods is not appropriate.** Students will be expected to attend lunch and dinner as part of class.

Q: What should my child wear?

A: Standard dress is casual and comfortable. The days are warm and the nights are cool. You will need exercise clothes since we will have the opportunity to work on stage combat and physical conditioning. You will want dress-up clothes to wear to the Festival Productions.

For the performance on the last day, we will provide the students with a camp t-shirt to wear. We do not wear costumes. For pants, what we suggest is something in black in which you can move comfortably. Please do not select anything on which there are words printed. Also, it would be nice to have some shoes other than athletic shoes or sandals. Ballet slippers or dance shoes are good. Most important is that you can move easily in the clothes and shoes, and that they are nondescript in appearance.

Q: What is the weather like in Cedar City?

A: Cedar City has a summer temperature range of between seventy and ninety degrees and a beautiful high altitude (5,800 feet) climate that includes sunny days and an occasional thundershower. Moisturizers, lip balm, and especially sunscreen are essential items in our dry summer climate. **IMPORTANT:** Dehydration is the most common cause of students feeling ill. We highly suggest bringing a refillable water bottle. Bottled water is also available for purchase around campus.

Q: Can parents attend the final camp performance?

A: Yes, we encourage all family and friends to attend the campers' performance on the last day of camp. The performance will begin at 10:00a.m.

Q: How and where do I pick my child up at the end of the week?

A: Campers will check out of their dorm room first thing Saturday morning. They will store their luggage in a main area of their unit and then proceed to the Theatre for the performance. Parents are encouraged to attend the performance and will be free to collect their camper and their camper's luggage as soon as the performance is over, usually around 11:30.

Q: Does my child have to memorize a monologue before the camp starts to be prepared for the audition?

A: Yes! We will email your students four monologues they can choose from to memorize a couple weeks before class begins. (Look for this email in their inbox around July 8th.) They can pick one of those four monologues - regardless of gender. There are no exceptions - this is to keep it fair for all students. Please email summerclasses@bard.org if you have any questions.