

21ST ANNUAL ILLINOIS THESPIAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: TALENT

(THESPIANS ACHIEVING LEADING ENTERTAINING NEGOTIATING TOGETHER)

The Illinois Thespian Board would like to invite you and six of your Thespians to attend the twenty first annual student leadership conference, TALENT, on Friday, September 11, and Saturday, September 12, 2009 at St. Joseph-Ogden High School, St. Joseph, Illinois.

What is TALENT? In some ways it's hard to describe. Sure, there's the leadership training that focuses on working in groups, time management and dealing with stress. But TALENT is much more. TALENT is networking for both students and sponsors. Last year, more than 20 schools from across the state attended the weekend workshop.

TALENT is also finding out what other schools do with their Thespian troupes in terms of fundraising, initiations and troupe officer roles. You also learn more about the International Thespian Society and what it has to offer you, such as the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Goals for TALENT are:

- to meet Thespians from across the state
- to improve communication skills
- to examine leadership qualities and skills
- to gather new ideas to take back to your troupe

A wide variety of activities are planned for Friday and Saturday. Friday evening activities include ice breakers, improvs and sharing about your school. Saturday activities involve group sessions on communication and leadership skills and Thespianism. While the students are in group sessions, the adults will have an opportunity to network as well as participate in a workshop (TBA). CPDU's will be available.

Who Should Come To TALENT?

Troupe directors and six of their troupe members may attend TALENT. The six student delegates may be a mix of troupe officers and potential student leaders. This is a great opportunity for directors to get students really hooked on theatre and to set the tone for the rest of the school year.

STATE BOARD MEMBERS/TALENT FACILITATORS DO NOT COUNT AS ONE OF THE SIX DELEGATE LIMIT PER SCHOOL.

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Please call (708-697-5506/school; 708-829-3694/home) or e-mail (jsmith@ridgenet.org) with any questions--if you're interested but the registration deadline is a problem, I'm sure we can work something out.

TALENT XXI OVERVIEW

FRIDAY, September 11

7:30-8:30 pm registration
8:30-9:30 pm troupe introductions
9:30-10:45 pm ice breakers, games
10:45-11:55 pm snacks and socializing
midnight lights out!

SATURDAY, September 12

7:00-8:00 am breakfast
8:00-11:30 am groupings, workshops
11:30-12:30 am working lunch
12:30- 2:30 pm group work
2:30 pm closing activities and on the road!

Cost For Workshop: \$35 per person (includes Friday night snack, Saturday breakfast and lunch)

What To Bring To TALENT:

Personals:

sleeping bags, pillows, air mattresses,
soap, shampoo, towels, sleep wear, change
of clothes

For Display:

School banner displayed on a pieces of
standard size poster board (include
production posters, programs, pictures)
and other school/troupe items

For Sharing:

names and addresses of good fundraising
companies, Troupe constitution, list of
officer's duties, etc.

TALENT REGISTRATION FORM
DEADLINE: TUESDAY, September 8, 2009

TROUPE #: _____

SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME: _____

DIRECTOR'S NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

PHONE NUMBERS (AND BEST TIME TO REACH):

WORK: _____

FAX: _____

HOME: _____

DELEGATES ATTENDING TALENT

Troupe Director: _____

home phone: _____

1) _____ Male or Female

home phone: _____

year in school (circle one): SO JR SR

2) _____ Male or Female

home phone: _____

year in school (circle one): SO JR SR

3) _____ Male or Female

home phone: _____

year in school (circle one): SO JR SR

4) _____ Male or Female

home phone: _____

year in school (circle one): SO JR SR

5) _____ Male or Female

home phone: _____

year in school (circle one): SO JR SR

6) _____ Male or Female

home phone: _____

year in school (circle one): SO JR SR

Facilitator(s) if applicable _____

_____ total # delegates attending @ \$35each = \$ _____

_____ total # directors attending @ \$35 each = \$ _____

_____ total # facilitators attending @ \$35 each \$ _____

total enclosed \$ _____

_____ Medical Release forms for all students and adults attending are attached

PLEASE NOTE: SPONOSRS MUST STAY OVERNIGHT WITH THEIR STUDENTS.

Mail all materials (1 check per school, payable to *Illinois Thespians*) to:
Jim Smith, Ridgewood High School, 7500 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge, IL 60706

