

# NSDC Theatre Explorers



Optional elective program for campers with an interest in theater, performance and improvisation.

First 2 periods of camp for 8 days, culminating in a show for campers, per camp session.

Campers who are attending more than one session may opt to continue with the program (and are encouraged to).

Space is limited, first come first served basis.

Please see additional information attached and permission form.

# NSDC Theatre Explorers Program

The Theatre Explorers program is an optional program in which older campers build performance skills by working on and performing live theatre for their friends and peers. It is designed for the North Salem Day Camp camper who has an interest in performance, and engaging in leadership opportunities with other campers. Within each camp session, Theater Explorers produce a show for a group of campers with increasing complexity.

**Session 1** Campers will begin in the first session by building performance skills through theatre games, and learning the fundamentals of scene study culminating in a short play attended by younger groups of campers. Theatre Explorers will build their confidence in this first session, and learn how theatre can be used to give back to communities they belong to.

**Session 2** In the second session, Theatre Explorers will receive a crash course in the Viewpoints and Laban movement systems, which will drive their exploration individually and as a company through a short play with more adult themes. At the end of the two week session the Theatre Explorers will perform this show for campers in their age group, and showcase the connections they have built with the material, as well as their own individual skills.

**Session 3** The third session offers Theatre Explorers a unique chance to flex their entertainment muscles by having the culminating performance be a devised show created with adult assistance. Theatre Explorers will share initial ideas with each other, and agree on an initial question to explore. The campers will then explore how their movement and voice can be used to tell a dynamic story that relates to the initial question raised at the beginning of the session.

Although there is a clear progression in the three sessions that the Theatre Explorers program is offering, campers may pick up or leave the program between sessions. The goal of the program is to introduce campers to the performing arts at a young age, and give them the tools to express themselves onstage. *You can enroll your camper in this program by signing the below permission slip. Spaces are limited, so it is first come first serve!*

## Details

- The Theatre Explorer Program is an elective. The program will take place during the first two periods of each camp day, beginning on the first Wednesday of each session. Participants may miss other activities during this time. The session will culminate in a performance for the other campers on the last day of each session.
- Campers may choose to participate on a session by session basis. Multiple sessions are encouraged but not required.
- Permission slips due by the first Tuesday of each session. No late enrollments will be accepted.

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## Permission Slip - Theatre Explorers

By signing below, you give permission for your camper to participate in the Theatre Explorers elective program and acknowledge the details outlined above.

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Camper's Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Session #: 1 2 3 (circle)