

## New Spark Performance Arts 2021 JTF Information

### **General Information:**

- Participant ages range from rising 5th-12th grade (at the time of the trip).
- We will select a group of students to travel to JTF and perform a 15-minute cutting of Seussical Jr. at the festival.
- The dates for this trip are **Thursday, June 24th - Monday, June 28th, 2021.**
- Our hotel is Springhill Suites Sugar Land. The festival will take place at the Smart Financial Center at Sugar Land.

### **Cost:**

- The trip's **total cost will be between \$450-\$550 per person** for students and chaperones.
- **A \$100 trip deposit will be due upon role acceptance.**
- The total remaining cost will be split into 3 payments in March, April, and May.
- The exact trip total, as well as a breakdown of costs will be given to parents ASAP.
- If a participant drops JTF mid-payment, money already sent to JTF cannot be refunded.
- According to JTF policy- Refunds will only be given if the child/chaperone has to quarantine in the month of June and cannot attend the festival.
- Families will be refunded any difference in fees if the in-person event is moved online.

### **Chaperones:**

- Parents can apply to chaperone the trip once the cast is announced.
- We are only taking 8 chaperones. Our child to chaperone ratio will be 3 to 1.
- Chaperones will be responsible for driving the children in their room to and from JTF.
- Chaperones will be background checked.

### **Rehearsal Schedule / Policy:**

- Our JTF rehearsal schedule is TBD due to COVID-19.
- We can expect to rehearse almost every day between June 1 - June 23.
- Conflicts will be taken upon signing up for JTF (please note, multiple conflicts may prohibit casting).
- Our rehearsal schedule for JTF will be binding, missing rehearsals that aren't pre-established conflicts will not result in removal from the trip, but may result in removal from the piece.

### **COVID-19:**

- As of now, iTheatrics (the company behind JTF) is moving forward with the June festival as planned and we are following their lead.
- Our COVID rehearsal guidelines will be in place, they can be found on our website.
- The festival itself will be altered to fit COVID restrictions. As of now, we know that each group will be in their own bubble including during the adjudication and in the main theater. As more COVID policies are put into place we will update parents.

**JTF Online Extravaganza:**

- There is a possibility of the festival being moved online due to COVID. If JTF Texas moves online we will be attending.
- If the trip goes virtual, our cutting will be pre-recorded and sent to iTheatrics.
- During the week of the virtual festival NSPA will rent space large enough for us to gather to watch the adjudication, live stream with judges as they critique us, do JTF music and dance workshops, stream the concert, and watch the Freddie G awards live.
- This may include 1-2 nights stay in a hotel here in Memphis.
- After new accommodations are made, families will be refunded the difference in cost.