

Kansas State Thespian Conference

January 3-5, 2019 Hyatt Regency / Century II, Wichita

Hotel: Hyatt Regency, 400 West Waterman, Wichita, KS 67202 Ph. (316) 293-1234
(Ms. Lindsay's cell phone: 452-1406)

(Kaylee Warren, Whitney Turner, and Courtney White are State Board Representatives and have been attending meetings to help plan conference -- they are excellent resources for conference info!)

F.A.Q.

1. *What time are we leaving?*

Please ARRIVE at school by 8:20 – departure at 8:30. This year we are taking school vehicles instead of a bus.

2. *Do we need to bring extra money? What is the situation for meals?*

Yes – you'll need money for lunch (or brunch as it will be an early lunch) on Thursday, and for evening meals on both Thursday and Friday. (You'll be going out for supper both Thursday and Friday) Also - if you need to purchase breakfast items or for any other purchases you want to make. Even though you can get breakfast items from the hotel coffee shop, the best solution is to pack some things to have in your room for breakfast and snacks. Friday & Saturday lunch are included in your registration fee and served at conference.

3. *Other things to consider* –you may want to bid on items from the silent auction, and some vendors also have items for sale. Some years there are headshots for around \$20 – I don't know if that is an option this year or not. You can look at the schedule and info to see.

4. *What do we wear at conference?*

During the day the dress is casual – you'll want to wear things you can easily move in for workshops. School clothes are appropriate. If you want to bring dance-wear for those workshops – you may. Sometimes we like to designate days for certain things (example: Thursday – show shirts, Friday – Drama Club shirts, Saturday – show or conference shirts). It's totally up to you. You might want to bring nicer clothes for the main stage shows. It's nice to be a little dressier (or at least less casual) for those events. Optional – but you might want to change especially if you've been in dance, improv, stage combat, yoga workshops... and sweating a lot. ☺

5. *When are we returning home on Saturday?*

Conference activities will end around 4:30-5:00 on Saturday. After that, you'll load the school vehicles and head home.

6. *Do we sit as a group at the main stage shows?*

Yes – we will have an assigned seating area and we do sit together as a troupe. Please remember to demonstrate proper audience etiquette at all performances. KEEP PHONES PUT AWAY OR WE WILL TAKE THEM DURING THE SHOWS.

7. **IMPORTANT** –

You may NOT return to your hotel room during the workshop sessions. Chaperones will collect keys each morning. This is a conference rule. If an emergency arises, find a chaperone to help you – they will accompany you to your room. I have also attached a copy of the security rules so that you can review them again. Remember – AT NO TIME IS A MALE ALLOWED IN A FEMALE'S ROOM OR A FEMALE ALLOWED IN A MALE'S ROOM.

*if you need to go back to your rooms for any reason, please arrange that with the chaperones.

Roger Coberly, Kim Warren, Gina Turner, and Vicky Sweet. All of these individuals are giving up time during their break – please show your gratitude and be respectful!

8. *The basic conference schedule is available on the website and on the Guidebook app* – download it to your phone if you can.

(Workshop schedules are posted at <https://www.kansasthespians.com/kansas-thespians-festival/> .)

Thursday – After arriving at the Hyatt, check into the hotel and unpack in rooms. For conference registration – only a chaperone and 1-2 others are all that's needed to go through the line. Kaylee will need to sign-up for an Honor Troupe session.

The conference program & workshop schedule is available online at <https://www.kansasthespians.com/kansas-thespians-festival/>. PLEASE LISTEN FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING TIMES AND PLACES – IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME!! Don't check your phones during workshops or performances, but do look for GroupMe messages! (Make sure you have joined our 'GroupMe' ... Salina South Theatre.)

9. *Have fun and bring back lots of great ideas to share with the rest of our troupe!*

Rooms --

1. Lauren, Courtney, Alivia, Piper
2. Kim
3. Kaylee, Whitney, Lies, Cameron
4. Gina, Vicky
5. Casey, Alli, Maisy, Ashley
6. KL
7. Jacob, Leighton, Thomas, Andrew
8. Roger

Here are a few more reminders about conference....

- The sponsors will decide on meal plans... remember you'll need money for lunch (Thursday), and for supper both on Thursday and Friday.
- You might want to pack breakfast stuff -- or bring money to purchase food at the hotel.
- Remember other stuff you need - if you are in IE's - music, auditions - music, honor troupe book.
- Double check that we have everything we need for any activities.
- Reminders from the State Directors...
 - a. IE's run from on Thursday. Students will perform in the order listed in the program and Guidebook. This is not a drop by event. **If a student misses their spot in the IE order, they will lose the opportunity to compete. All the students need to be in their assigned room by the beginning of their session. Make sure you plan to leave your school early enough for your students to compete in their IE's:**
 - b. **All students competing in IE's need to wear all black or they will be disqualified.**
 - c. Bring dance clothes/shoes for workshops.
 - d. Bring memorized and prepared monologues and songs to work with presenters.
 - e. Bring sheet music, if you will be singing a song in a workshop or at the College/Scholarship Auditions.
 - f. Bring a portfolio if you are participating in the Tech Portfolio Interviews.
 - g. Bring \$20 if you want to get headshots. (I don't know if these are offered or not - we haven't had them in recent years.)
 - h. Bring money for breakfast, snacks, dinner. (Lunch is provided on Friday and Saturday.)
 - i. Bring money for the Silent Auction and/or to donate to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids.
 - j. Be on time to the workshops. If a workshop is full, please attend another workshop. Don't wander around the halls during the workshop sessions.
- I know you'll be courteous, encouraging, and cooperative to your sponsors and classmates on this trip! (hint, hint!) Have fun and learn tons!!

REMINDING YOU AGAIN.... 😊

Please join our new GroupMe - Salina South Theatre. Please don't text unnecessary messages - use it when you need to get in touch with people. I've also attached the list with everyone's cell phone so you can contact people directly (especially if you need a sponsor).

Don't forget about the Guidebook app - a handy way to check conference events - load the guidebook app on your iphone/android for free. You'll want to have it for ThesFest.

Alivia	Heard	785-819-6437	Lies	IJsenbrandt	702-861-5110	Courtney	White	785-366-6757
Piper	Brady	785-577-6874	Andrew	Lagerman	785-342-2098	Lauren	Zimmerman	785-643-3555
Ashley	Carraway	808-747-5682	Maisy	Lowers	785-819-5744	Kate	Lindsay	785-452-1406
Leighton	Cline	785-371-9834	Cameron	Post	785-577-4830	Roger	Coberly	785-502-0968
Thomas	Flores	785-376-1995	Jacob	Sweet	785-643-4705	Kim	Warren	785-822-8541
Casey	Grennan	785-201-7478	Whitney	Turner	785-820-8612	Gina	Turner	785-452-8399
Allison	Hull	785-477-4627	Kaylee	Warren	785-822-7985	Vicky	Sweet	785-452-8259

SECURITY RULES FOR KANSAS THESPIANS

Sponsors: Please give a copy of this to each delegate and review these rules with all delegates.

1. **ALCOHOL/DRUGS** Delegates who consume alcohol or who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the conference weekend will be returned home at the expense of the parent on the First violation. **TOBACCO**-Use of tobacco is strictly prohibited. Delegates who use any tobacco product may be sent home at the parent's expense on the first violation.
2. **CURFEW** Delegates must be in their assigned rooms as per the instructions of their sponsor. All student delegates must be in their hotel room by the conference schedule. All delegates must follow the conference **LIGHTS OUT** conference schedule. Sponsors are to check rooms to make sure all are present and that lights are out on time. Sponsors are to work with the conference and hotel security personnel should any problems arise. The sponsor in charge of security should be immediately notified of any security problem.
3. **ROOM ASSIGNMENTS.** Delegates must stay in the hotel room assigned by their sponsor. (This is for security and emergency reasons.) Each sponsor should have a list with his/her delegates' room assignments. **AT NO TIME IS A MALE ALLOWED IN A FEMALE'S ROOM OR A FEMALE ALLOWED IN A MALE'S ROOM.**
4. **CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE** All delegates are required to attend the events scheduled during the conference weekend.
5. **PROPERTY DAMAGE.** Delegates will be responsible to the hotel or to the host school for any damage. All students are required to be in attendance at each mainstage performance and activities provided by the conference (workshops, one-acts, auditions, etc.) Any delegate not participating will be issued a warning or the conference badge lifted.
6. **BE A CLASS ACT.**
 - DRESS.** Proper attire (including shoes) must be worn at all times while at the festival. Delegates are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing for workshop activities and to dress appropriately for theatre attendance. Hats are not allowed in the building. Clothing which advertises, promotes or suggests inappropriate behavior is not considered proper attire.
 - BEHAVIOR.** Refrain from inappropriate language, unnecessary noise, reckless behavior. Show respect to fellow delegates and adults. Thank the workshop presenters.
 - FOOD/DRINK.** It is the responsibility of every delegate to abide by the host facility policies. There is to be no food or drink in the theatre at all times. Beverage and food containers must be relegated to specific areas. Check for those areas.
 - DAMAGE.** If anything is damaged, please notify a festival official immediately.
7. **BADGES.** Delegates must wear identification badges at all times. This badge must contain a copy of the delegate's health information. This badge is admittance to all conference activities.
8. **THEATRE ETIQUETTE.** Students are expected to behave as ladies and gentlemen at all times. Rudeness will not be tolerated. **DO NOT WALK IN OR OUT OF A PERFORMANCE IN PROGRESS.** Follow proper theatre etiquette which is listed in each program.
9. **VIOLATIONS and CONSEQUENCES.** Law enforcement officials will be contacted if students are found to be in possession of drugs or alcohol. Parents will be contacted and the student will not be allowed to participate in any additional conference events. Other major violations include, but are not limited to, fighting, excessive inappropriate behavior, not meeting curfew, or flagrant disregard to the hotel or conference rules. Incense is not be used in the hotel rooms. On minor infractions, the first violation will result in a warning. **If an adult witnesses a violation, that adult is to confiscate the name badge and turn it in to the registration table along with a description of the incident. The student's sponsor will be contacted and depending on the severity and/or frequency of complaints, a consequence (punishment) will be enforced. Violations of the security rules could result in the expulsion of a delegate from the conference and may cause their troupe not to be invited back to the Kansas Thespian Conference.**

CHECK OUT MORE INFO AT www.kansasthespians.com – CLICK ON THE STATE CONFERENCE LINK. THERE'S ALSO A LINK FOR THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM – YOU CAN READ DESCRIPTIONS OF THE WORKSHOPS AND BIOS OF THE WORKSHOP PRESENTERS!

Consider these presenters when selecting your workshops...

Megan Case (dance), Laura Lindsay © (S.M.), Dion Graham (acting), Paul Chun (yoga), Jonathan Dorf (playwriting), Jim Ryan (acting), Rachel Downs (painting), Peter Sargent (lighting).
(These are previous presenters...I haven't yet looked at this year's workshop presenters.)

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THURSDAY, January 3, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Registration**
Conference Entry – Hyatt Regency & Eagle D
Lobby Display Set Up
2nd level – Promenade Level
- 1:00-5:00 p.m. **Individual Events**
See program for I.E. room numbers
- 1:00-5:00 p.m. **Tech Challenge**
Redbud A/B/C (210A/B/C)
- 1:00-2:45 p.m. **Proof**
Maize HS
Mary Jane Teall Theatre
- 3:15-5:00 p.m. **Proof**
Maize HS
Mary Jane Teall Theatre
- 4:15-5:00 p.m. **Student State Board**
Eagle E
Thespian Sponsor Meeting
Eagle D
- 5:00-6:45 p.m. **Dinner**
On Your Own
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. . **Senior Audition Workshop**
Those auditioning **MUST** attend this workshop
Birch (203)
- 7:00 p.m. **Bring It On**
Kansas All State Show
Century II Concert Hall
Immediately following the play
Speed Charades
Cypress B (209), Redbud A (210), Eagle G
Creative Costumes
Eagle D & Eagle E
Competitive Improvisation
Cypress A (209A)/Redbud B (210B)/Redbud C (210C)
Theatre Quiz Bowl
Maple (205) & Walnut (208)
- Theatre Educator Scholarship Interviews**
Birch (203)
- 11:30 p.m. **Activities Conclude**
- 11:45 p.m. **Students in Hotel Rooms**
Sponsors check rooms - lights out by midnight

FRIDAY, January 4, 2019

- 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Breakfast**
Guest Artists only – Waterview Suite/Hyatt 18th Floor
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Session I**
- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. **Session II**
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Students and Sponsors in Convention Hall
College Reps, Guest Artists, Vendors in Maple (205)

FRIDAY, January 4, 2019 (cont.)

- 1:15-2:45 p.m. **Session III**
- 3:00-4:30 p.m. **Session IV**
College/Scholarship Auditions
Birch (203)
- 5:00-6:45 p.m. **Dinner**
On Your Own
Tech Portfolio Interviews
Cypress A (209A) – Dinner will be provided
- 7:00 p.m. **Wait Until Dark**
Lawrence Free State
Century II Concert Hall
- 10:00-11:30 p.m. **Final Rounds Improv**
Cypress A (209A)/Redbud B (210B)/Redbud C (210C)
I.E.'s Showcase
Mary Jane Teall Theatre
Afterglow
for Guest Artists & College Reps
Waterview Suite/Hyatt 18th Floor
- 11:30 p.m. **Activities Conclude**
- 11:45 p.m. **Students in Hotel Rooms**
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SATURDAY, January 5, 2019

- 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Breakfast**
Guest Artists only - Waterview Suite/Hyatt 18th Floor
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Session V**
College/Scholarship Auditions
Birch (203)
MacBeth
Field Kindley
Mary Jane Teall Theatre
- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. **Session VI**
College/Scholarship Auditions
Birch (203)
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Students and Sponsors in the Convention Hall
College Reps, Guest Artists, Vendors in Maple (205)
- 12:00-1:30 p.m. **College Callbacks**
Locations posted on callback forms
- 1:45 p.m. **Eurydice**
Olathe West
Century II Concert Hall
Awards and Farewell