



Giving Tree Theater Summer 2024 Class Descriptions

Grades PK-1, PK-2

Stories with a Twist (Grade PK-1)

June 10-14

Instructor: Sarah Hoffman (10 AM - 12 PM)

Once upon a time, a group of fun-loving kiddos gathered together to explore a familiar story through art, movement, and play! Join us as we explore some variations of a classic story and grow as storytellers along the way!



Puppets, Masks, and Theatre Crafts (Grade PK-2)

June 17-21, August 12-16

Instructor: Kirsten Brooks (10 AM - 12 PM)

From caped crusaders to beloved Muppets, masks and puppets are a popular and wonderful way to create extraordinary characters! In this camp, we will exercise our imaginations to create memorable characters by creating masks and puppets out of various materials, and then exploring how to bring them to life!



Silly Songs (Grade PK-1)

July 22-26

Instructor: Sarah Hoffman (10 AM - 12 PM)

Let's create the greatest playlist for your little musician! Join us for a week of singing, dancing and exploring the power of music in young lives. The world's a stage, let's get your little one ready to rock it!



Grades 2-8

Acting (Grades 2-4)

June 10-14, July 15-19

Instructors: Kirsten Brooks (10 AM - 12 PM)
& Katherine Sterling (2 PM - 4 PM)

There are no small parts, only small actors, and this camp is for them! Students will be introduced to the basic elements of theater including plot, voice, improv, movement, stories, and characters by collaborating with each other to present a short scene at the end of the week.





Creative Design (Grades 3-8)

June 24-28, August 12-16

Instructors: Melissa Murray (10 AM - 12 PM) & Kirsten Brooks (2 PM - 4 PM)

Come take a behind-the-scenes look at theater! Students will review a script, create a scene, and learn how to make it come alive. Students will engage in both prop and costume creation and learn about set design!

Acting (Grades 5-8)

June 17-21, July 15-19

Instructors: Rachel Bennett & Allison Sylvester (2 PM - 4 PM)

Our middle school acting camp is open to experienced actors, those new to the stage, and everyone in between. Students will continue to develop their acting skills through improvisation, movement, voice, and character work while digging deeper into the text of the short scene they will present at the end of the week.

Musical Theatre (Grades 2-4, 5-8)

July 8-12

Instructor: Caleb Haselhuhn (10 AM - 12 PM, 2 PM - 4 PM)

Be the star in an exclusive performance of a medley of your favorite songs from musicals! Middle school musical theater will further develop the skills necessary for effective performance in a musical theater ensemble including acting through song, movement, and vocal technique. Older students will also have an opportunity to polish their own solo work to prepare for performances and auditions.

Play in a Week (Grades 2-5, 6-9)

July 29 - August 2

Instructor: Anne Ohrt (10 AM - 12 PM, 2 PM - 4 PM)

Play in a Week is a performance-intensive group camp in which students will experience how to be in a play from the audition process all the way through to a performance. If this is your first play or your fifth, this camp is a great way to get more experience on the stage. Take your acting skills to the next level while putting together a fun, yet challenging and exciting short production in just one-week! The focus is on actor training and building stage experience, not on spectacle. The camp will culminate in a single performance for family & friends on the final day.



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Grades 9-12

Writing for the Stage (Grades 9-12)

June 24-28

Instructor: Rachel Bennett (2 PM - 4 PM)

Do you have a story you'd love to stage? Love to write but don't know where to start? Join us for this week-long camp where we will explore where ideas come from, stage directions, act structure, compelling characterization and dialogue, and giving and receiving feedback. By the end, you'll have created an original one-act play and have the tools and skills to write stories that move people on the page and on the stage!

Acting (Grades 9-12)

July 22-26

Instructor: Melissa Champion Waldschmidt (2 PM - 4 PM)

In this week-long camp, you'll dive headfirst into a whirlwind of activities designed to hone your acting skills. From improvisation games that'll have you thinking on your feet to script readings that'll transport you to different worlds, get ready to open up your imagination muscles to new possibilities like never before. We will also capture character development, projection, blocking, and finally, individual, partner, and ensemble scene work. At the end of the course, you'll have a chance to show off your new-found (or enhanced) acting skills in a showcase in front of your friends and family!

Improv Class (9-12)

June 9 - August 11, Sundays 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Instructor: Logan Pratt

Do you always find yourself not knowing what to say? Do you want to be the rizz master at your school but just don't know how? Improv is the art of saying things when you don't know what to say. Never be left speechless again as we learn tips and tricks for how to make stuff up on the spot. You'll explore the secret rules of improv that help guide some of your favorite comedic actors, apply those rules to exercises and games, and eventually be able to create scenes from nothing but a one-word suggestion! Come spend part of your summer vacation doing jokes and bits and learning how to make other people laugh! Don't worry about not being good enough, everyone starts somewhere, and there's no way to play pretend wrong!

Adult

Improv Class (Adult)

June 9 - August 11, Sundays 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Instructor: Logan Pratt

What do actors like Steve Carrell, Will Farrell, and Amy Poehler have in common? They all got their start doing improv! In this weekly introduction to the magical world of make-em-ups, we'll learn how improv can be used as a foundational tool in your comedy and theatre toolbox, and how not knowing what to say doesn't have to be scary! In this class you'll learn the foundational tenants of improv, how to apply them in games and exercises, and eventually be able to perform short scenes, all of the top of the dome! Come celebrate the Sunday Scaries by unwinding with a couple of brewskis and having some laughs and goofs with friends. Don't worry about being bad or not good enough. After all, there really is no way to play pretend wrong!