

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Theatre Company to Form Troupe and Offer Workshops

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The Tulare County Office of Education's Theatre Company is forming a new after-school workshop designed to teach children grades 1-12 the basic elements of theatre arts. The Theatre Company is also holding auditions for a performing troupe, which will represent the group at community functions!

After-School Musical Theatre Training Workshops

The new after-school workshops are designed to teach students, grades 1-12, the basic elements of theatre arts, including singing, dancing and acting as well as some theatre history and elements of technical theatre. The workshops will culminate in a live performance in December. This program is open to all Tulare County students; there is no experience or audition necessary. Students will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis. To obtain a copy of the registration form, or for more information, please contact the Theatre Company at 651-1482. The following workshop classes begin the week of September 10:

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Age Group	Class Day/Time
1st - 3rd grade	Mondays 4:15 - 5:15 pm
4th - 6th grade	Fridays 4:00 - 5:30 pm
7th - 8th grade	Thursdays 4:15 - 5:45 pm
9th - 12th grade	Thursdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Performing Troupe

The Theatre Company is seeking students interested in auditioning for a performing troupe. Five to twenty students from throughout Tulare County will be chosen to represent the Theatre Company at various community and statewide events. This is an excellent opportunity to gain extended experience in the performing arts, which requires a semester commitment. Rehearsal for the troupe is tentatively scheduled for Mondays from 5:30-7:30 pm, depending on the schedules of the students selected. Students, grades 1 – 12, who want to be considered for the Performing Troupe should bring a prepared piece of music for a vocal audition, Friday, September 7 at 5:30 pm. Auditions will be held in the Elderwood Room at 7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia. Students are encouraged to wear dance or athletic shoes and comfortable clothing. Please contact us before the audition if you need sheet music as an accompanist will be provided. As an option, students may bring their own sheet music.

The troupe and the workshop will be directed by Nicole Zweifel, who has been teaching workshops in dance and drama with the Theatre Company for 3 years and has 15 years of professional experience in dance instruction, choreography and direction.

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“The workshops and new Performing Troupe are the latest in a long line of achievements for our Theatre Company,” says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “In three short years, this group has established an extraordinary summer musical schedule, involving students from throughout Tulare County. I’m pleased to see these venues extend opportunities for young people to become involved in theatre arts.”

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