Dear Theatre Arts Senior Camper,

On behalf of camp director Nathan Wyman and his staff, I am delighted to welcome you to this year’s Theatre Arts Camp Senior. We all look forward to seeing you at Northern Illinois University on Sunday, July 16.

Camp registration is scheduled for 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. and is a two-step process this year. First, park in the lot immediately south of the Music Building and carry your luggage to the Gilbert Hall residence dorm, which is just across Gilbert Dr. There you will collect your room key and check into your room. After checking in at Gilbert, walk to the Concert Hall lobby of the Music Building to pick up registration materials and meet the camp staff.

There is an orientation meeting for campers immediately after registration at 4:30 p.m. on the Gilbert Terrace (rain location: inside the Gilbert cafeteria). Parents are welcome but are not required to stay. On Friday, July 21, parents and friends are invited to a final performance in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium in the Holmes Student Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. If parents are unable to attend the performance, they can meet campers at the residence hall at about 8:30 p.m. to pick up their camper and his/her belongings.

The theme of this year’s camp is Mystery, Thriller and Suspense! Auditions for the production are informal and will take place on Sunday evening; rehearsals are held every day. Campers attend daily acting classes, warm-up sessions, and improvisation exercises. In addition, campers have a choice of daily workshops; see the attached form. It is important that you return this form to us as soon as possible, as assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Your final camp schedule and workshop assignments will be provided at registration on Sunday. As always, we are planning a camp talent show, so bring your guitar, trumpet, or tap shoes and volunteer for a number. Participation is optional. It’s always lots of fun!

Enclosed with this letter are a general information sheet, a workshop form, rules for campers, final payment information and a health/consent form. Parents, complete the health/consent form and return with the balance of payment by June 16 (receipt deadline), to: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115. If you want to pay your balance by credit card and have not pre-arranged for automatic payment, you must provide this information on the balance of payment form. Campers, don’t forget to send your workshop form!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We must have the health/consent form before the start of camp. The camp registration fee covers the cost of room and board and all materials and activities of the camp. I would like to remind parents whose children have been promised scholarship support that they are responsible for the unpaid balance of payment.

**Website:** You will find maps and directions, along with the forms and other paperwork, on our website at www.artscamps.niu.edu.

**Visitors:** If parents or other relatives want to pick up campers during the week for any reason, I must have a letter detailing the name of the person/s, as well as the date and times of pick up and drop off. You may mail this ahead of time or drop it off at registration. Be prepared to show identification at the time of pick-up.

**Medicine:** Our counselors are instructed not to provide campers with any medicines, not even routine over-the-counter products. If your child is likely to need any medications, please make sure these are included with his/her toiletries. For any serious medical problems, parents will be consulted by telephone as soon as possible and the camper will be attended by a person with medical training. All medical bills are the responsibility of parents.

**Rules:** Enclosed are the camper rules. Campers, please read these carefully ahead of time, as they will be strictly enforced by the camp staff.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are unable to attend the camp. And feel free to call with any questions or concerns. My number is (815) 753-1450.

Sincerely,

Josh Anderson
Director, Summer in the Arts at Northern

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