

THE ACADEMY OF ARTS

SUMMER DRAMA  
TEAM 2011  
INFORMATION



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ACCEPTANCE PACKET

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# ACADEMY OF ARTS DRAMA/MUSIC TEAMS

## General Information Summer 2011

- Training Camp Begins:** All team leaders must arrive by Wednesday evening, June 1, 2011. Team members must arrive by Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 PM at:
- The Academy of Arts Headquarters  
80 School Street  
Taylors, SC 29687
- Location:** Training Camp is held in Taylors, SC. Students and chaperones are housed. Details will be mailed to team members in early May. Please email *immediately* if you have not received arrival details by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Training Camp Opening:** The official Opening Ceremony for Training Camp 2011 begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Logos Theatre. There will be a brief Parent/Staff meeting during that event.
- Team Assignments:** Team members are *assigned* by the *first* Monday of camp. Requests are considered, but not always granted. The needs of the team and the presentation must take priority. Remember this is a missions tour.
- Tour Dates:** Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> through Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, Awards Banquet & Program at 6:00 p.m. Team Leaders are required to stay until Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Application:** Applications must be filled out in full and a *recent* photo must be included.
- Application Fee:** Enclose an application fee of \$25.00 [non-refundable] with application. Make checks payable to the Academy of Arts.
- Medical Release:** A medical release must be filled out completely and signed by a certified physician. Medical form may be turned in upon acceptance.

**Reservation Fee:** A \$100.00 *reservation* fee is paid *upon* acceptance. This fee is also *non-refundable*. This fee holds your place on one of the teams.

**Team Outfit Fee:** A \$150.00 team outfit supply fee is *due* May 1<sup>st</sup>. It will cover the cost of a team sport shirt, duffel bag, tie for guys, top for girls and costume needs for each team.

**Support:** One thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) must be raised for the 9-week tour. Support covers the cost of a two-week training camp, lodging and food for the team members. Brochures, sample support letter and return envelopes are provided by **The Academy of Arts**. **The Academy of Arts** receipts are sent directly from our office. Stewardship Statements are sent monthly. All checks and money orders must be paid payable to **The Academy of Arts**. Support must be raised entirely by May 1, 2011.

**Overage:** Support raised beyond the required \$1,600.00 will go toward the ongoing needs of **The Academy of Arts Ministries**, which is a 501-C3 non-profit charitable and educational institution. Tax receipts cannot be given to individuals if the check is made out to the students' name rather than **The Academy of Arts Ministry**. Make all checks payable to **The Academy of Arts**.

**Underage:** Special arrangements for the balance to be paid can be made with the business manager (on an individual basis). Team members with underage will be asked to *continue* to raise their support throughout the summer months.

**Spending Money:** Students will *need* spending money for personal needs, snacks, & souvenirs. Students will also need money for entrance into amusement parks and/or professional programs. Spending money can be held by team leaders in the team lock box. Students should NOT carry a large amount of money.

**Phones:** Students may carry personal phones, however, the team leaders have the right to limit callings times. We have found that cell phones can become a problem for some team members. We prefer pre-paid calling cards.

**Awards  
Banquet:**

The Awards Banquet will be on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. All teams will *return* to Greenville, Monday afternoon, to prepare for the evening Awards Banquet. Tickets for SDT members are discounted. Parents and friends are also welcome to purchase a ticket to reserve a place. Cost is usually around \$10.00.

**Acceptance  
Packet:**

A Congratulations/Acceptance Packet will include all the support materials and information that you will need to make your plans for the summer.

**Ongoing  
Communication**

As soon as you have read this General Information Sheet, please email us at [information@theacademyofarts.org](mailto:information@theacademyofarts.org) so that we have a digital copy of your correct email address. It will be imperative that we are able to actively communicate with you and your parents via email. Email is our preferred mode of correspondence.

**Who Do I Talk  
To If I Have A  
Question?**

To help us keep information streamlined and accurate, direct all questions to our home office either at 864.268.9342 or to [information@TheAcademyOfArts.org](mailto:information@TheAcademyOfArts.org).





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## SUMMER DRAMA TEAM 2011 Commitment/Reservation Form

I am excited about traveling this summer and look forward to being a member of the 2011 Summer Drama Team. I realize that by signing this Reservation Form, I am committed  to the ministry for the *entire* summer tour. I will begin to immediately raise my missionary support (\$1,600.00) and will *faithfully* pray for God's blessing on our ministry this summer. I am enclosing my \$100.00 non-refundable **Reservation Fee. PLEASE HOLD MY PLACE!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please write legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nicky Chavers, Founder and Director

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## SUPPORT RAISING SUGGESTIONS

1. Read the **SAMPLE LETTER**. Adjust the letter to be a personal letter from you.
2. Have the letter typed and printed. Send each letter personally and add a personal note.
3. Make a list of contacts. If you are using the computer, **Microsoft Outlook** is a wonderful way to keep a list of contacts. Think of people who would appreciate the ministry you will be involved in this summer. Many unsaved people think it is *wonderful* and this contact *may* bring them to a meeting. Don't leave unsaved relatives and friends off the list!
4. Ask the Lord to use each contact to His glory. **Remember** that you are asking folks to be a part of the home mission's tour. Their prayer and financial support will be your *strength* and *confidence* to boldly proclaim the Gospel.
5. Raising support is your *first* step of true "faith". Raising support is a *learning* experience that will *last* a lifetime. Raising support makes you *humble* before the Lord and *accountable* to those you represent.
6. Enclose the self-addressed return envelope and Drama Team brochure with each letter.
7. The support checks should be made out to **THE ACADEMY OF ARTS**. We will print out receipts and send them to those who request them. You should write prompt **thank you** notes to your supporters. Their names will be listed on your monthly **STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT**.
8. Support should be raised by **May 1, 2011**. If it is not raised by that time, team members are asked to send a second letter to supporters. The only extra money that will be needed will be for personal needs, souvenirs, snacks, etc. **ALL** meals and lodging arrangements are paid for by **THE ACADEMY OF ARTS**. Team trips to amusement parks and sight seeing areas are done at each team member's expense.
9. Those who **support** team members are **NOT** placed on our **support** mailing list. However, they may be mailed a newsletter from time to time.

If you have additional questions, please call 1.800.620.9997  
or email the office at [information@theacademyofarts.org](mailto:information@theacademyofarts.org)



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## SAMPLE SUPPORT RAISING LETTER

Your Name  
Your Address  
City, State, Zip

Date

Dear Friend:

I have exciting news to share with you! The Lord has opened a door of opportunity for me this summer to serve the Lord through the ministry of **THE ACADEMY OF ARTS** Summer Drama/Music Mission Team. **THE ACADEMY OF ARTS** has been ministering through the fine arts for the past forty years.

I am writing to you to ask for your help. First and foremost, I need your prayers. I will need the wisdom of the Lord to serve effectively as a team member and as a witness. Our team will conduct approximately thirty to thirty-five meetings presenting the Gospel in drama and music. The main goal is to evangelize the lost and to edify believers as we travel across the United States.

There will be a total of three teams traveling this summer. One of the teams will perform "**Faith of our Fathers**," a dramatic presentation that **Nicole Chavers Stratton** has put together. It is a series of historical scenes, each with period costumes and props and punctuated with excellent musical numbers to climax the scenes. The other two teams will be presenting a brand new musical dramatic presentation by **Dr. Nicky Chavers** entitled "**The Conflict of the Ages**." All the musical pieces will be fully orchestrated and beautifully staged.

Secondly, I need you to prayerfully consider helping me raise my support for the summer tour. The total support is \$1600.00. This is a real step of faith for me. I know that God has called me to travel with the team this summer to use my time and my talents in His service. Therefore, I am confident that "*He which has begun a good work in me will also perform it.*" Will you consider supporting me financially this summer? Any gift will be greatly appreciated. Enclosed is a brochure that explains the summer team ministry. There is a place for you to pledge your support. Make all checks payable to **THE ACADEMY OF ARTS**. All gifts are tax-deductible and receipts are sent directly to you from the home office.

Thank you for taking the time to read over my letter. I will be praying for you as you seek the Lord's direction concerning your part in this summer mission opportunity. May the Lord richly bless you. I trust we will be able to share in the eternal rewards for our investment together this summer. Please check on our team throughout the summer by frequenting the ministry's website: [www.theacademyofarts.org](http://www.theacademyofarts.org).

Thank you for caring.

Sincerely in His Service,

Name of Team Member

PLEASE ADAPT THIS LETTER TO SEND TO YOUR PERSONAL SUPPORTERS.  
We are praying for you!





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## SUMMER DRAMA TEAM QUICK QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What happens if all my support does not come in by the time I come to Training Camp?

A: We send out a second support letter during training camp and trust God to bring in the balance due by the middle of June. He has always met our needs!

Q: Can I request a certain team position — South, East or Mid-West?

A: Yes. You may request a certain team position and we will consider all requests; however, we cannot guarantee that each request can be granted. The effectiveness of each team is of utmost consideration. Be in prayer for God's leading. He makes NO mistakes!

Q: Are girls allowed to wear sleeveless dresses or blouses?

A: Yes. They may not be the "cut in" style, however. We do request that blouses tuck in.

Q: Can we wear the one-piece dress outfits that have split skirts to the ankle?

A: Yes. Girls may wear split skirts or full slacks. No tight jeans or slacks will be permitted. There are occasions when slacks may be worn; however, they must be loose fitted.

Q: Would long, baggy walking shorts be the same as culottes?

A: Yes. Long, loose-fitted walking shorts that come to the top of the knee are fine.

Q: Can sandals be worn?

A: Yes. Guys may wear sandals on days off. However, not during load up and tear down. Yes. Girls may wear sandals. They are not required to wear hose or socks with sandals. Hose are worn for performances and Sunday Dress. They are not necessary for travel.

Q: What is an appropriate bathing suite "cover up"?

A: Guys: T-shirts

Girls: Dark T-shirt — culottes or walking shorts

Q: What is appropriate for travel clothing?

A: Guys: Slacks — no denim jeans unless on an off day; sports shirt with collar.

Girls: Dress or skirt & blouse; unless day off when culottes, slacks, jeans, or walking shorts are allowed. Teams always arrive at a church in Dress clothes. No shorts or slacks allowed for arrival at churches. Remember, we are in a position of leadership.

Q: Do we get a day off each week?

A: Yes. We normally have Mondays off and Saturday is travel.

+ Each team will visit at least one amusement park.

Q: Can we practice our instruments?

A: Piano practice can be arranged through each church. All team responsibilities must be completed before piano practice and permission to use pianos must be granted by team leader and church staff.

**Q&A: WILL WE HAVE A GREAT SUMMER? YES! THE SUMMER OF A LIFETIME!**



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## WHAT DO I BRING TO TRAINING CAMP?

We are excited to have you aboard! Here is a list of items that you will need for training camp! Be sure to read over the list *carefully* as you *begin* to plan for the summer of your life!

- Bible
- Small notebook
- Pen and pencil
- Cell phone or calling card
- Wash cloth
- Towel
- Beach Towel
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Personal items
- Small travel pillow
- Light jacket or sweater
- Laundry bag
- Alarm clock
- Girls: Tan & Black ankle length skirt (suggestion: Walmart, Lee, etc.)
- Limit luggage to average size suitcase & one hanging bag
- Spending Money: anywhere from \$75.00 to \$100.00. Cash or money order
- Vitamins? If you *already* take them!
- List of supporters
- Stamps
- Medical Release Form - notarized
- Thank you notes
- Grubby work clothes
- Sense of Humor
- Personal items
- Performance/overnight bag is provided
- Stamps, envelopes
- Towels, washcloths, pillow (TC)
- Sheets, blanket, or sleeping bag (TC)
- E-mail address
- Smile
- Teachable spirit
- Bathrobe or cover up
- Travel iron (*optional*)
- Guys: Tan & Black dress pants; White oxford long sleeved dress shirt. \* (Performance shoes – black)
- Girls: Modest one-piece swimsuit with cover up for going to and from pool area
- Guys must wear T-shirt (sleeveless O.K.) with swim suit.
- (Girls may wear dark T-shirt as cover up while swimming with mixed group.)

Did we think of *everything*?

TC = TRAINING CAMP

## WHAT DO I NOT BRING TO TRAINING CAMP?

- ⊗ Radio or head set
- ⊗ Portable TV or DVD player
- ⊗ Magazines
- ⊗ Cigarettes
- ⊗ Short Shorts
- ⊗ Hand-held computer games
- ⊗ Telephone Books
- ⊗ Valuables that may be lost
- ⊗ Instruments – unless pre-approved
- ⊗ Weapons of any kind
- ⊗ Laptop Computers, Netbooks
- ⊗ CD Players, or CD's, Mp3 Players, I-Pods, I-Pod Touch, Smartphones, etc.

## GET EXCITED!

The time is *here!* Soon you will be off to the most *exciting* time of your life!! Traveling, food, seeing *new* places, meeting *new* people, playing games, having fun, fellowshiping, ministering, learning lines and eating food and more food! Be sure to bring a *great* attitude and *desire* to learn all you can! Welcome to the TEAM!!

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## TEAM SIZING CHART INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Cell: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

GIRLS:								
Dress Size	3/4	5/6	7/8	9/10	11/12	13/14	15/16	_____
Blouse	30	32	34	36	38	40		
	Small		Medium		Large		X-Large	
Shoe Size	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	_____
Bust: _____								Back of neck to waistline: _____
Waist: _____								Inside sleeve length to wrist: _____
Hips: _____								Waist to ankle: _____
Hat size: _____								

- You will need black flats with closed toes. You will need both white and black hosiery.
- You will need a long half or full white slip. The slip must cover the waist to the ankle.
- You will need a half or full black slip (at least to the knee).

GUYS											
Shirt	14	14 ½	15	15 ½	16	16 ½	17	17 ½	18	_____	
Slacks ( <i>waist</i> )	26	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	36
Slacks ( <i>length</i> )	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	_____	
Sport Shirt	Small		Medium			Large		X-Large		2X	
Hat Size: _____											
Inside sleeve to wrist: _____											
Suit Coat Size	34	36	38	39	40	41	42	44	_____		
Shoe	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	_____			

- You will need dress shoes. They may slip on or tie but they must be black leather – polished dress shoe. Black sneakers are NOT acceptable.
- You will need a white long sleeved oxford collared dress shirt for Sunday.
- You will need a black leather belt to wear with black dress pants.

Thank you for *neatly* completing this form and  
*quickly* returning it to our office by **April 1st**.

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## MEDICAL RELEASE & INSURANCE FORM 2011

<b>Team Member's Name:</b>	<b>SS #:</b>
	<b>Cell:</b>
<b>Street Address:</b>	<b>Home Phone:</b>
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	<b>DOB:</b>

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

As a parent and/or guardian, I do hereby authorize treatment of the above minor by any licensed physician in the event of a medical emergency which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his or her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment, or undue discomfort if delayed.

The undersigned assumes the responsibility for any costs connected with such treatment and hereby releases **The Academy of Arts**, its' staff, or representatives liable for any injury sustained during any of The Academy of Arts activities.

Date or dates when release is intended: **June 4<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup> , 2011, inclusive.**

This release form is completed and signed of my own free will with the sole purpose of authorizing medical treatment under emergency circumstances in my absence. I hereby grant Dr. or Mrs. Nicky Chavers or other staff leader permission to obtain medical assistance and/or to hospitalize my child if it is deemed necessary.

I hereby release from liability for injuries to my son or daughter named above, that may be incurred while he or she is in their care.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Mother/Legal Guardian (Both parents must sign)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Notary:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please schedule a physical for your child to be completed before May 1, 2011. Please have the doctor's office complete the form and the physician to sign.**

Specific medical allergies or other conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Last Immunization: Tetanus: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Pox: \_\_\_\_\_ Pertussis: \_\_\_\_\_

Measles: \_\_\_\_\_ Mumps: \_\_\_\_\_ Hepatitis: \_\_\_\_\_

*(All immunizations must be current. Please call us if there is a question.)*

Other contact in case of emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last physical: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is physically able to travel. *(Have physician sign below)*

Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE INFORMATION** (Attach copies of the insurance card)

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Group No: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy or Plan number: \_\_\_\_\_

Policyholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and sign immediately and return by fax, email (scanned as a PDF file), or regular mail by May 1, 2011**

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