

Free Summer Musical Program Youth Musical Audition and Crew Sign-Up FAQ

Q: Does my child need to make an appointment to audition?

A: No. Auditioners are welcome to show up at the theater anytime during the scheduled audition times. If a child has a conflict with all of the scheduled times, please reach out to Miki Robinson at mrobinson@belltowertheater.net prior to the first audition day.

Q: Is it okay for my child to miss some rehearsals?

A: We would prefer for your child to be present for all rehearsals that they are called for. However, we understand that the summer is a busy time, and conflicts might arise. Cast members are allowed to be absent for up to 5 rehearsals (before “no miss” rehearsals start). Please be sure to list these dates on the audition form so we are aware when casting and finalizing the rehearsal calendar. **There are rehearsals listed as “No Miss” meaning that attendance is required. Any child with a conflict on the “No Miss” days will not be allowed to be part of the cast but could be eligible for some crews.**

Q: What should my child prepare for their audition?

A: At the auditions, kids will be asked to demonstrate skills in both singing and acting. Before the audition date, there will be selections of music and dialogue from the show available on our website (www.belltowertheater.net) under the “Free Summer Musical Program” page. You are able to print these out for your child to practice. We encourage all children to be familiar with one song selection and one script selection before auditioning. They will need to audition using the provided songs and dialogue, but they are not required to be memorized. This allows your child to have a successful audition!

Q: What crew options are available?

A: We have many different ways for kids to be involved on the crew. Kids can help build props, costumes and set pieces; help at performances and work technical positions like deck chief, light board operator and spotlight operator. A complete list of crew positions will be posted on our website (www.belltowertheater.net) under the “Free Summer Musical Program” page 2-3 weeks before auditions and crew sign up. **Be sure to check age and height requirements before selecting crew positions.** We recommend that all kids that audition list a crew position(s) as well. Auditions will be considered first. But, if a child does not make the cast, this gives them an option to still participate. Also, in some cases it is possible to be part of the cast and on a crew.

Q: Is my child guaranteed a spot in the cast if they audition?

A: Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we have to limit the number of children in each cast. We often have more children audition than we are able to cast. Casting in the show is determined by audition. We have many crew opportunities available, and we strongly encourage everyone to indicate on their audition form any crew positions your child is interested in. It is our goal to provide the best possible experience for every student and to include every student in the production in some way, however, we cannot guarantee everyone who auditions will be cast. *When choosing crews please pay attention to age and height restrictions.*

Q: How does my child sign up for crew?

A: If you have a child who does not wish to audition but would like to be on crew, they should fill out the areas applicable to crew on the audition/crew sign-up form and bring it to the theater during audition times. They will need to turn in the form and get their picture taken but **they will not have to audition.** *When choosing crews please pay attention to age and height restrictions.*

Q: What are callbacks? And how do they work?

A: After every child has auditioned, we may have some kids that we would like to see again. This is called a callback. We will notify each family of kids who receive a callback and will look forward to seeing them back at the theater at the scheduled time. **If your child does not receive a callback, this does not mean that they are not cast!** During callbacks, the director may ask for kids to read scenes with others to see how they interact with each other and further demonstrate their acting skills. This process is for the director to see kids in different roles to see which one fits them best!

Q: How will I know if my child is cast/assigned a crew position?

A: We usually announce the cast/crew list the Friday afternoon after the callbacks. There will be signage in the theater at the auditions noting the exact date. The list will be posted on www.belltowertheater.net under the “Free Summer Musical Program” page.