Tom Sawyer Community Donation Wish List

Voice and Vision Studios

We are gathering affordable materials, costumes, props, and storage supplies for our youth production of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Many of the most helpful items may already be tucked away in a garage, craft room, attic, or closet.

Please contact admin@vvstudios.org before bringing large items or anything intended as a loan.

Most Needed Now

Category	Useful donations
Greenery	Old unlit artificial Christmas trees, artificial branches, vines, garlands, flowers, and greenery.
Leaf making	Green tissue paper, brown or yellow tissue paper, green yarn, macrame cord, floral wire, and floral tape.
Scenic materials	Large clean cardboard sheets, newspapers, kraft paper, paper grocery bags, clean plastic grocery bags, foam board, and pool noodles.
Craft supplies	Low temperature glue guns, glue sticks, tacky glue, scissors, painter tape, hook and loop strips, zip ties, binder clips, and clothespins.
Fabric and costumes	Neutral sheets, burlap, muslin, cotton fabric, gingham, calico prints, ribbon, trim, buttons, elastic, and period style clothing.
Organization	Clear bins with lids, garment racks, sturdy hangers, laundry baskets, rolling carts, clipboards, and divided organizers.

Clean, usable items are wonderful. Donations do not need to be new.

Scenery and Craft Materials

Category	Useful donations
Outdoor scenery	Artificial greenery; unlit Christmas trees; branches; vines; baskets; picnic baskets; quilts; blankets; natural looking rope and twine.
Paper and texture	Newspapers; brown paper bags; packing paper; cardboard; clean corrugated sheets; tissue paper; cardstock; construction paper; old maps.
Scenic forms	Pool noodles; foam tubes; foam board; coroplast; upholstery foam scraps; wooden crates; wooden boxes; cabinet doors; picture frames.
Paint supplies	Usable latex paint and primer; acrylic craft paint; brushes; foam brushes; small rollers; trays; drop cloths; stir sticks; rags; sanding blocks.
Hardware	Cabinet knobs; hinges; casters; small clamps; floral wire; hook and loop strips; zip ties; twine; clear fishing line; removable hooks.
Work supplies	Five gallon buckets; paint cups with lids; reusable table coverings; aprons or oversized paint shirts; safe extension cords.

Costume Donations

Category	Useful donations
Boys and men	Button down or collarless shirts; plain trousers; suspenders; vests; bow ties; neckerchiefs; straw hats; flat caps; jackets; dark shoes or work boots.
Girls and women	Long skirts; plain blouses; simple dresses; aprons; shawls; cardigans; bonnets; straw hats; ribbons; lace collars; slips; dark flats or ankle boots.
Sewing supplies	Black, white, brown, navy, and beige thread; needles; sewing clips; straight pins; safety pins; seam rippers; buttons; snaps; elastic; lace and trim.

Costume items should be clean and free of smoke, mold, strong odors, and active insect problems.

Props and Set Dressing

Category	Useful donations
Home and town	Small wooden tables; sturdy wooden chairs; benches; wooden crates; wash tubs; baskets; pitchers; serving trays; old picture frames.
Tom Sawyer props	Old fashioned fishing poles or bamboo poles; wooden or galvanized buckets; jam jars; marbles; jump ropes; checkers; horseshoes; chalk and small chalkboards.
Church and court	Simple lectern or music stand; old looking books; intact Bibles; small tables; battery operated candles; neutral fabric for reversible dressing.
Picnic and island	Picnic baskets; quilts; blankets; enamelware; tin cups and plates; artificial fruit; fake food; pie plates; battery operated lanterns.
Cave and treasure	Wooden boxes; treasure chest style boxes; rope; battery operated lanterns; dark fabric; lightweight plastic chains; rock colored fabric or paper.
Useful oddities	Lightweight wheelbarrow; plastic shovels; safe costume guitar or banjo; fabric scraps; socks; rolled paper; brass colored doorknobs.

Backstage and Storage Supplies

- Clear plastic bins with secure lids, milk crates, fabric cubes, laundry baskets, and large reusable bags
- Rolling carts, garment racks, sturdy hangers, garment bags, and hanging shoe organizers
- Clipboards, index cards, labels, painter tape, permanent markers, colored dot stickers, and gallon size bags
- Toolboxes, tackle boxes, small divided organizers, flashlights, batteries, and new unexpired first aid supplies

Items We Would Be Glad to Borrow

Larger pieces can be loaned rather than permanently donated. We will label borrowed items and coordinate their return after the production.

- Church or courtroom benches
- Sturdy wooden chairs and small tables
- Picnic tables
- Lectern or music stand
- Large wooden barrel or barrel style planter
- Lightweight wheelbarrow
- Rolling carts and garment racks
- Sewing machines in safe working condition
- Large artificial trees
- Costume guitar or banjo that does not need to be playable

Please Do Not Donate

- Real knives, firearms, weapons, or live flame candles
- Cracked or chipped glass
- Rusty metal, exposed nails, or items with sharp edges
- Moldy cardboard, fabric, costumes, or furniture
- Upholstered furniture with pests, stains, or strong odors
- Broken electrical cords, lights, glue guns, or power tools
- Dried out paint, oil based paint, spray paint, or unlabeled chemicals
- Heavy furniture that students cannot safely move
- Heavily flocked or glitter covered artificial trees

How to Help

Email admin@vvstudios.org with a description or photograph of the item. Please let us know whether it is a donation or a loan.

Thank you for helping our students create the world of Tom Sawyer.