



Nevada
Thespians

2023 STATE CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Your student has earned the opportunity to attend the Nevada Thespian State Festival at K.O. Knudson MS; 2400 Atlantic St, Las Vegas NV 89104.!! The festival is a wonderful opportunity for your student to attend some amazing workshops and performances. Find information below and if you would like your child to be a part of this opportunity, please sign the permission slip and return with payment to your child's theatre teacher. Your child must register with their theatre teacher and or drama club advisor.

Nevada Thespians is a chapter of the International Thespian Society, a division of the Educational Theatre Association. The International Thespian Society is a non-profit, tax-exempt honorary organization for middle and high school theatre students. The society is committed to the advancement of educational theatre, and to this end publishes *Dramatics Magazine*, sponsors Thespian Festivals and theatre workshops, produces educational materials, and provides college scholarship opportunities for students.

Who attends the Conference? Over 600 of Nevada's most dedicated theatre students in grades 6 to 12th grade.

When is the Conference? A detailed schedule will be provided the week of the conference.

- Wednesday, March 1st (Opening number participants only 4-10pm)
- Thursday, March 2nd 4-9PM (workshops/one acts/performances)
- Friday, March 3rd 9AM-9PM (workshops/guest artist/performances/Thespys...)
- Saturday, March 4th 9AM-7PM (workshops/guest artist/performances/awards...)

Why should you attend? Students will have the opportunity to train with some of the Nation's leading professionals in Acting, Directing, Playwriting, and Technical Theatre. Students who qualified at the regional level will audition for the State Conference Showcase and compete for ITF scholarship money. Nevada Thespians will be awarding college scholarship money, any current 12th grade Thespian may apply. Troupes can apply for honor troupe status, and final rounds of Technical Theatre Olympics, and One Act Chapter Select will occur. The conference also affords students the opportunity to attend auditions, work with professional guest artists, as well as view theatre productions and main stage presentations, produced by other Nevada school theatre programs.

Some of the student opportunities and benefits are:

- Attend cool, exciting workshops
- Learn new acting techniques, technical theatre skills and more
- Be entertained by Nationally Recognized Performers.
- Earn a Scholarship to attend the International Thespian Festival this summer for being a top performer.
- Earn a scholarship to attend the International Thespian Festival for participating in workshops!

- Seniors, apply for a Technical or Acting Scholarship to college
- Seniors, apply for the \$1000 Maureen Bernstein Memorial Education Scholarship for college
- Seniors, apply for the "Theatre for Life Scholarship" for college
- See amazing theatre from other schools in Nevada
- Run for a State Board position: Make decisions for the State of Nevada Thespians. Students must apply by the deadline date
- Compete to be named a Nevada Thespian Honor Troupe
- Meet College Reps and learn of other exciting programs

How much does the conference cost?

REGISTRATION AND FEES: **EVERYONE** attending this event **must be registered** (this includes parent chaperones). Registration allows entry to the entire campus, including all shows, events, workshops, Tech Olympics (for the qualifying schools from regional) and Thespys as well as Friday lunch. All adults who are not currently in high school or employees of the school district will need to be fully registered AND complete a background check. (Background checks will be conducted every 2 years for attendees over the age of 18) **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

- **\$60** Per student.
- **FREE One Troupe Director** with 3 hours of assigned work assisting at conference includes Friday lunch
- **\$50** per **Chaperones/ Teachers other than the troupe director** includes Friday lunch
- **THERE ARE NO DAY BADGES ALLOWED IN 2023. ALL CHAPERONES AND PARENTS WHO WISH TO ATTEND ANY EVENT EXCEPT IN THE THEATRE MUST BE REGISTERED**
- **FREE** Thespys (those auditioning for state showcase qualified as the top 10% from regional) - (all attendees must be registered)
- **No one (including teachers) except the registered auditionees and judges are allowed in the Thespy showcase or scholarship audition rooms.**
- Absolutely no audio or video taping is allowed in any of the auditions, workshops or performances.
- \$5 Tickets to the one-acts, guest artists and main stage shows will be sold when seating is available for these performances. Masks are recommended. CASH ONLY
- **FREE** Tech Olympics, however participants must register. The top 3 teams from each region are invited to compete for the overall State Tech Olympics awards. Only register if you were one of the top 3 teams in each region.
- There are no refunds or exchanges once registration is submitted

OTHER CHARGES

MEALS:

- Friday lunch tickets may be purchased when registering for \$5 each. It is highly recommended that you purchase lunch tickets for all in attendance on Friday unless you plan to bring lunches with you. **School is in session at KO on Friday, so it will not be possible to order food "in" for lunch.**

- Meals will be available Friday evening and Saturday lunch for purchase from food trucks on or near campus.
- Participants in Opening Number will be asked to bring a “sack lunch” on Wednesday evening and Thursday lunch. Meals will be provided for dinner Thursday evening and Friday lunch.
- Board members, Sto and Sto Candidates will be provided meals throughout the weekend.

T-SHIRTS

- Will be available first come first serve in the lobby for \$8.00.

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY INDIVIDUAL EVENT, ONE ACT, WORKSHOP, SHOW OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES AT STATE.

The host school will provide food for purchase during the conference with proceeds going toward the host school as a fundraiser. There are also several fast food establishments in the area and food trucks will be available for Thursday/Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

Is there supervision at the conference? YES! Each troupe director who has students attending is **required** to attend whenever their students are present or to provide a **registered chaperone** authorized by their administration to supervise their group. Nevada Thespians provides security in and around the conference location. **TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED**

This form is made available and may be changed by any teacher to meet their particular registration needs/deadlines.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE for Nevada Thespians: February 15, 2023

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PLEASE RETURN THIS TO YOUR TEACHER

Student Name: _____

I _____ give permission for my
(Parent Signature)
son/daughter _____ **to attend**
(Student's name)

The Nevada Thespian State Conference at KO Knudson Middle School March 2-4th.
(or I understand that my child's school is providing bus transportation for my child.)

Registration Fee (\$60/student, \$50/chaperone, \$5 per Friday lunch)

My total registration amount due is: \$ _____

I am purchasing a lunch ticket for Friday and my dietary needs are as follows

_____ **No restrictions**

_____ **Gluten Free**

_____ **Vegetarian**