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MEMO: 9th- 12th Grade Students in Rutherford County

FROM: Laura Beth Jackson, Conference Director, Express Yourself Arts Conference

RE: Fall 2010 Express Yourself Arts Conference, Wednesday, October 27, 2010.

The Business Education Partnership (BEP) is pleased to announce the fourth Express Yourself Arts Conference, an arts experience for high school students in Rutherford County, to be held **8am-2:30pm, Wednesday, October 27, at the Patterson Park Community Center** in Murfreesboro.

The conference is tuition-free and is an approved activity of the Rutherford County school system and may be considered a field trip for students. *Each school will need to provide at least one (1) coordinating teacher who can accompany accepted students to the conference.* The BEP is working with schools to communicate with teachers about this opportunity. Contact us if you have questions.

EYAC gives 9th-12th grade students the chance to meet peer and professional artists in Rutherford County, participate in arts workshops, gain perspective on arts-oriented careers, and find resources locally for further creative work. In your application, you can choose two or three workshops to attend during the day.

This year's workshops will be led by local artisans from Youth Empowerment Through Arts and Humanities (YEAH), the Tennessee Shakespeare Festival, the Nashville Film Institute (NFI), YouthSpeaks Nashville, MTSU, and other organizations.

Applications are due by **September 15, 2010**. ALL of the forms must be completed and included with the application to be considered, and otherwise will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Acceptance letters will be sent out the last week of September, along with a schedule and directions.

If you have questions or want more information, please call (615) 838-8444 or email ljackson@rutherfordchamber.org. We look forward to seeing you in October!

Yours in the Arts,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura Beth Jackson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

Laura Beth Jackson
EYAC Conference Director



2010 EXPRESS YOURSELF ARTS CONFERENCE
STUDENT APPLICATION FORM
8am-2:30pm Wednesday, October 27, 2010
Patterson Park Community Center, Murfreesboro

❖ Along with this Student Application Form, students **MUST** also submit the following required information. Applications with incomplete or absent forms will be immediately disqualified.

- ___ One (1) page letter of interest typed in Times New Roman or Arial 12 pt font.
- ___ One (1) sample of writing or visual art sized comparably to a **8.5/11in.** sheet of paper (CANNOT accept larger). Photo copies of visual art is acceptable. ****NOTE: Art will not be returned.**
- ___ *EYAC Workshop Options* designated and checked
- ___ *Photo and Artist Release Form*
- ___ *Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Form*

Submit applications to:
Business Education Partnership Foundation/ Express Yourself Arts Conference
501 Memorial Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

*****Applications are due September 15, 2010*****

Student Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Gender _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Attending Teacher from your school _____

Student's Parent/Guardian _____ Phone # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

T-Shirt Size (Adult): Small Medium Large X-Large XXLLarge



EYAC WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Students have their choice of workshop schedule during EYAC. Below are the details for workshop content. Any supplies required for the workshops are provided for the students.

Acting: This workshop will focus on enhancing stage presence, learning how to engage in different character roles, and enhancing cooperation in performance (1hr).

Instructor: Actors of the Tennessee Shakespeare Festival.

Creative Writing: Using chance, found language, word substitution, various narrow formal constraints, stream of consciousness, students will learn hands on experience of different writing techniques and a sense of how to apply them in their own style (1 hr).

Instructor: Aaron Shapiro, MTSU English Dept.

Improvisational Theatre: Learn about improv acting techniques and great games for honing your thespian skills (1 hr).

Instructors: Roy Lee, actor; Lee Rennick, actress

Junkyard Symphony: In the vein of improvisational music groups like “Stomp,” this workshop will focus on

using rudimentary objects to facilitate your own music style (1 hr).

Instructor: Taylor Powell, Youth Empowerment Through Arts and Humanities (YEAH)

Poetry Composition: Recharge and energize your poetry writing with new ideas and techniques (1hr).

Instructor: Ben Smith, Youth Speaks Nashville

Portrait Painting: A workshop about techniques in portrait painting (2 hr).

Instructor: Mai Harris, Youth Empowerment Through Art and Humanities (YEAH)

Rock Blok: Music education program where students learn the art of playing music through the experience of playing in a band. Students choose what music they want to play, if they want to write or work on cover songs, what their name will be, and all other things that go into making a band (1 hr).

Instructor: Ryan York, Youth Empowerment Through Art and Humanities (YEAH)

Screen Printing: Been there, done that, get the t-shirt! Learn how to create your own screen print frame and make your own designs for clothing and paper (1hr).

Instructor: Mai Harris, Youth Empowerment Through Art and Humanities (YEAH)

Speak, Shout, Sing, Slam: Poetry Writing and Performance: Slam is a fusion of poetry, music, and theater, collapsing boundaries between page and stage. This workshop uses Slam as a guide for writing and performing original poems, and exploring how poetry takes shape (2 hr).

Instructor: Ben Smith, Youth Speaks Nashville



EYAC WORKSHOP OPTIONS

Please indicate your preferred workshop sessions by numbering them in order of your interest, #1 being highest interest. Students will be placed in workshops based on a first-come, first-served basis.

You will be given a schedule the day of the conference what workshops you will participate in.. Depending on placement, each student will participate in three workshop sessions (two in the morning, one in the afternoon), OR two workshops (one in the morning, one in the afternoon).

Workshop Session (2 hrs.):

- Portrait Painting
- Speak, Shout, Sing, Slam: Poetry Writing and Performance

Workshop Sessions (1 hr.):

- Acting
- Creative Writing
- Improvisational Theatre
- Junkyard Symphony
- Poetry Composition
- Rock Blok
- Screen Printing



**EXPRESS YOURSELF ARTS CONFERENCE
PHOTO AND ARTIST'S RELEASE FORM**

I, _____ (Student's Name), give permission to the coordinators of Express Yourself Arts Conference (EYAC) to use examples of my art which I may have submitted to them, AND any photographs of myself as a conference participant (no names will be used in photographs), in any and all promotional and publicity materials relating to EYAC. I also waive responsibility for the officials of EYAC for any loss, alteration, or damage to any artistic work which I may submit to them.

Name of Student (Print) _____

Name of Student (Signature) _____

Date _____

Parental Signature (if student is under 18) _____

Date _____



**EXPRESS YOURSELF ARTS CONFERENCE
WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS FORM**

(Name of Student) _____ desires to participate in the Express Yourself Arts Conference (hereafter referred to as EYAC) and all related activities being offered therein. *Upon acceptance of* _____ *(name of student) into this activity*, the undersigned parent/guardian assumes all responsibilities and risks related to or in any way connected with these activities.

I assure the officials of the EYAC that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict my child's participation in this activity.

I understand and agree that the EYAC is granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, and that this action shall be subject to the terms of this agreement. I understand and agree that the members of these same supporting parties assume no responsibility for any injury or damage which might arise out of or in connection with any authorization of emergency medical treatment.

I assure officials of the EYAC that I have adequate health insurance necessary to provide for and pay any medical costs that may directly or indirectly result from my child's participation in this activity and that I will indemnify and hold the supporting parties of EYAC harmless.

The undersigned does for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors, successors and assigns, release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the supporting parties of the EYAC and all employees and agents connected therewith, successors and cost, loss of services, expenses and compensation arising out of, on account of, related to, or in any way connected with my child's participation in this activity.

This agreement will also prevent my family from suing the aforesaid supporting parties of the EYAC. It is my intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, my heirs, assigns and personal representative. This agreement shall be deemed as a release and consent not to sue regarding any claims these parties may have against releases relating to my child's participation in this activity, whether these claims arise out of the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made. I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent, and I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

This agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Signature of Student _____

Date _____