



**August 15, 2011**

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

**FROM: Lee Rennick, Conference Director, Express Yourself Arts Conference**

**RE: Fall 2011 EXPRESS YOURSELF ARTS CONFERENCE: ART IS THE MOVEMENT,  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011**

The Business Education Partnership (BEP) is pleased to announce the fifth annual **Express Yourself Arts Conference: Art is the Movement**, an arts experience for high school students in Rutherford County. This year's conference will be held 8am-2:30pm, Wednesday, October 26, 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, but contact us if you have questions.

EYAC gives 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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. Students can choose three (3) workshops to attend during the day.

Applications are due by **September 16, 2011**. 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 first part of October, along with a schedule and directions.

If you have questions or want more information, please call (615) 278-2008 or email [lrennick@rutherfordchamber.org](mailto:lrennick@rutherfordchamber.org). We look forward to seeing you in October!

Yours in the Arts,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lee Rennick' in a cursive style.

Lee Rennick  
BEP Executive Director  
EYAC Conference Director



**Express yourself Arts Conference 2011: Art is the Movement**  
**8am-2:30pm Wednesday, October 26, 2011**  
**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, OR you may submit a CD or flash drive of a recording of a personal performance art piece—dance, music, theatre, etc. (Please note that art and media CANNOT 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  
3050 Medical Center Parkway  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

**\*\*\*Applications are due September 16, 2011\*\*\***

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 WORKSHOPS

Students have their choice of workshop schedule during EYAC, and are put in workshops based on first-come, first served. Below are the details for workshop content. Any supplies required for the workshops are provided for the students. ***Please mark your top FIVE (5) choices.***

- 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.
- Cultural Journalism:** Study the styles and trends of music and arts journalism and learn how you can kick start a freelance writing career now!
- Composing a Film:** Moving images are powerful, but how can you harness their potential to tell the story YOU want? Whether you're filming a drama or a documentary, this workshop will guide you in telling your story.
- Fashion Illustration:** Learn how to conceptualize couture in this workshop that teaches you how to create designs for new fashion.
- Folk Jam:** Get back to your folk music roots in this interactive workshop that shows how poets can collaborate with musicians to create a completely unique music style.
- Glee! Theatrical Dance:** Put on your best dance moves and perform with confidence in this singing and dancing performance workshop.
- Graphic Design:** Put your visions on the screen by learning tools and techniques to make images speak for themselves.
- Improv Theatre:** Learn about improv acting techniques and great games for honing your thespian skills.
- Music Promotion:** You've got your band, but where's your crowd? Learn how to build your bands' identity and image online and through visual art.
- Photography:** Who needs PhotoShop? Learn how to use even the simplest cameras to take incredible photos through knowledge of lighting and composition.
- Portrait Painting:** A workshop on techniques in portrait painting.
- Rock Blok:** Students learn the art of playing music through the experience of playing in a band.



## EYAC PHOTO AND ARTIST 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## EYAC 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 \_\_\_\_\_