



Arts Alive, Inc
Missoula Children's Theatre Drama Camp Information
July 29th – August 3rd
Rising 1st through Rising 12th Graders
Robinson / Olsson Civic Auditorium @ West Point High School

Registration opens Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 8:00 AM
<https://artsaliveinc.org/summer-camps/>

SHOW SYNOPSIS – HERCULES: Welcome to Ancient Greece, where the focus is on the big tournament! The Olympic Games are starting soon, and the Cyclops and Titans are both expecting to win big in the Games. But the tournament can't start without Hercules. Will the legendary strongman of the ancient World spark the flame and start the festivities on time, or will his legendary tardiness get in the way of the Games? Join us for a tale the scholars will talk about for ages as mythical creatures and Olympians alike share in a friendly competition. Along the way we may just learn that true strength lies not in our muscles but in our character.

PERSON IN CHARGE: **Bev Hammond** (cell: 804-370-4006) will be the on-site supervisor during the week. Assisting her is Patricia Hilton (cell: 804-695-4659). If you have questions, please contact Bev Hammond or email artsalivesac@gmail.com.

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS: Camp will be held at the Robinson/Olsson Civic Auditorium and Fine Arts Center located at 1040 Thompson Avenue in West Point. Drop-off and pick-up are at the auditorium entrance.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: Campers participating in Missoula must be rising 1st through rising 12th graders. The cost per camper is \$125. The performances will be videotaped; therefore, parents must give consent for their child to be photographed or videotaped in order to register.

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES: We will adhere to the latest CDC and school guidelines. We will sanitize rehearsal/performance/dressing room/restroom/lunchroom locations. Please stay home and contact us if you or your child(ren) are sick. Children must wear tennis shoes or closed toe shoes that they can dance in. We do not allow running in the auditorium and children must be signed out by a parent or parent designee before we will release each child at midday or at the end of the day. We advise that children come prepared with a sweater or light-weight jacket as the auditorium can get cold. No NUTS in lunches and snacks due to allergies. Cell phones will stay in lunch boxes so as not to interfere with rehearsals or workshops. Please contact Bev Hammond (above) if there is an emergency. If your child has special needs or health issues, please make sure that appropriate information is provided to the camp staff.

TIMES: The rehearsals/workshops will begin each morning **promptly at 9:30 am**. Please be at the auditorium entrance between 9:15 and 9:30 for check-in. *Don't Be Late!* MCT is very strict about time.

- Children **Rising 1st – Rising 2nd grade will need to be picked up at 12 pm each day after lunch**. All participants will receive a schedule on the first day of the workshop.
- Children who are **Rising 3rd grade or older** will stay until **2:00 pm on Monday and Friday**. They will **stay until 3:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** because special workshops are scheduled on those days. All times are subject to change, as the final schedule will be determined by the actors.
- If the schedule from the Missoula actors indicates that the camper is not practicing on stage, campers will need to be at camp and will be participating in workshops.
- Because of the work required to put together a show in a short period of time, campers must plan to attend camp every day.
- Performances on **Saturday will be at 3:00 and 5:30 pm**. Campers should plan to **arrive by 1:00 pm** to get into costume and rehearse. (Be sure to eat lunch BEFORE arriving). Participants will need to bring a nice-sized snack to eat after the 3:00 p.m. show to tide them over until after the 5:30 show. Children are required to participate all day on Saturday; this is what they work towards all week! **The public is invited.**

CLOTHING: Dress comfortably each day and wear tennis or soft-soled shoes. **No sandals or flip flops or crocs.** It does get cold in the auditorium, consider a light jacket or sweater.

BRING A LUNCH, SNACK, AND DRINK. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to noon each day, although Friday may run a bit later due to dress rehearsal. (Please bring a snack on Saturday as well). Please do not pack soft drinks. Juice and sports drinks are fine. Please do not bring any snacks that contain nuts. This is for the safety of campers who have severe allergies. There will also be snack time in the afternoons on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

CELL PHONES and other personal devices can only be checked during lunch or breaks and should **not** be used during workshops or rehearsal. Parents may call the Directors' cell phones if there is an emergency.

COSTUME BAGS, COSTUMES, ETC.: By **THURSDAY**, each cast member should bring a **LARGE BAG** with his/her **NAME** and **CHARACTER** clearly printed on it. The bags are to coordinate costume assignments and to store each actor's own clothing during the shows. All sets, costumes, props, etc. are provided by the Missoula Children's Theatre. We ask that the cast provide their own soft-soled, closed-toe shoes. All cast members should wear their hair pulled back and out of their eyes on Friday and Saturday.

PERFORMANCES: There will be a photo session after each show, please no flash photos during the performances. On show day, watches and jewelry should not be worn. The Missoula Children's Theatre will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Arts Alive will have someone video the performances and a DVD will be available for purchase. You may drop off the order form anytime during the week of camp. Tickets will be sold at the ticket window throughout the week and also be sold at the door.

HAVE FUN! Auditions are held on Monday morning, and the Missoula actors will assign each child a part in the production. Many of the parts are based on the camper's age in order to fit the costumes brought from the Missoula Children's Theatre. All parts are important and unique to the production, but sometimes a child may be disappointed after the audition announcements. Please be encouraging and supportive, and your child will have a fun week!

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