



SUMMER 2019

WELCOME TO THE STAGEDOOR FAMILY!

We hope that you love theatre and the performing arts, because you are embarking on a summer in an exciting and unique environment, where you will eat, sleep and live theatre. Stagedoor Manor is like no other camp in America...or the world for that matter. Our campers, ranging in age from 10 to 18, are talent, hard-working kids who love being on stage. There are 8 theatres on our campus, and over the course of the summer (9-weeks of it) we will produce 42 Broadway style shows!

Each year, our incredible staff comes from all over the world (as do our campers) to share their talents and love of theatre. We are very excited that you will be joining us and bringing to our family your energy, skills and theatrical passions. We will do everything possible to provide a pleasant and rewarding experience for you. This document will hopefully give you a better idea of what your summer home will be like.

Stagedoor is located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains in New York State. The area is rural and lushly green...scattered with small lakes and resorts...all this and only 2 hours from the excitement of New York City. Your address at camp will be:

STAFF: *Your Name Here*
Stagedoor Manor
15 Stagedoor Drive
Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759
USA

Ask your family and friends who plan to write to you to print "**STAFF**" clearly on the front of the envelope. This will make sorting mail easier and get your mail to you quicker.

The emergency number for Stagedoor is (845) 434-4290. You may also receive faxes at (845) 434-1466. Please limit your personal faxes and remember that they will be coming into a business office, so not too personal.

Our primary camp orientation begins on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. PreCamp begins on May 29, 2019 and Tech contracts on June 5, 2019. We know you will be tired after your long journey and will gently ease you into camp life. Many people will be waiting for your arrival and will be there to help you move in, find your way around, and answer your questions. The orientation covers five (5) days and will be made up of various workshops, activities and social events designed to cover all aspects of your jobs, the world of Stagedoor and your new family for the summer.

- * *If you've been hired for Session 2, your arrival and orientation will occur on July 7, 2019 and will begin around 1 PM. Please plan to arrive late morning on that day.*
- * *If you've been hired for Session 3, your arrival and orientation will occur on July 28, 2019 and will begin around 1 PM. Please plan to arrive late morning on that day.*

Stagedoor Manor is unique! As a specialty camp, we attract children and teens from all over the world. While highly motivated, energetic and talented, all campers benefit from the strong leadership and guidance you provide. Much of the staff training will be devoted to techniques useful to your success.

Now, a bit about camp living! Stagedoor Manor is housed in what used to be THE KARMEL HOTEL. The buildings were built at various times over the last 75 years. The rooms are not fancy, but still it is unlike most other summer camps that house staff & campers in bunk cabins or tents. The dining room, offices, costume shop and several of our theaters are air-conditioned...and all rooms are provided with fans. Well-kept grounds, with large shade trees make for inviting outdoor work and relaxation areas.

TO BRING, OR NOT TO BRING!

All bedding, towels, and pillows are provided for overseas staff. **American staff should bring their own linens.** All beds are single size and most rooms shared...Artistic staff beds are full or double size.

Bring your most comfortable clothes...jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sneakers, sweatshirts, and sweatpants. You will want a jacket or jumper for early mornings and evenings, as it is very cool in the mountains in the morning and after dark. It is also very damp here, so bring some shoes for wet days. A dressy outfit could also be useful as you may have the opportunity to go into NYC to see a show. We also have an end of summer staff party where some staff enjoy getting dressed up for the evening. A battery-operated alarm clock is a plus, as power failures are common. A watch will be useful to keep you on schedule. Please do not bring expensive or irreplaceable jewelry or personal items. **Your door will have a lock and we have a safe, but personal belongings are your own responsibility.**

There are several inexpensive places close by (Walmart, Dollar Tree, Rite Aid) to purchase hair dryers, toiletries, cosmetics, prepaid cellphones for International Staff, etc. You will find most American prices low; so do not overload your luggage. However, if you are a tea drinker, you may want to bring your favorite, as American tea is not the same. **Also, no vegemite or marmite can be found in America...so bring your own!!**

Please feel free to bring photos of family, friends, and shows you have done as everyone loves to see them.

As technology is the norm in today's society, we encourage you to bring your laptop, tablet, e-reader, etc. We do offer wi-fi at Stagedoor Manor, to which you will be allowed to connect one device. We also have several staff printers you will be able to access if you need to print something. The office computers are for **OFFICE USE ONLY**...please don't ask to use them.

Don't worry about tools or supplies to do your job. We will provide everything you need unless you have a highly specialized tool or instrument that you know you can't live without.

If you plan to perform in our Staff Showcases (a great idea) bring anything you may need for your performance.

If you plan to drive you will need an international or valid US drivers license (international licenses will need to be obtained prior to leaving your home country). You must be at least 25 years old to rent a car from most US rental agencies.

Please remember to bring:

1. Your completed medical form.
2. If you are certified in First Aid, CPR, Lifesaving, Bronze Medallion, St John's Ambulance, etc, bring a copy of your card or certificate.
3. Two forms of ID for filling out payroll paperwork. (*Ex: Driver's license, Social Security card, Passport, State I.D., copy of your Visa, etc.*)
4. Any of the Stagedoor Manor paperwork you have not emailed or submitted yet.

Finally...come to camp refreshed and ready for a fast paced, exciting and fun summer. Prepare to be surrounded by singing, acting, laughter and the constant chatter of a happy, busy atmosphere where there is never a dull, or free moment! This summer you will have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child...to be one of those rare adults to make a positive and healthy impact on the growth of a youngster. While the work is often tiring, and the hours long...the rewards and feeling of accomplishment will last a lifetime.

Here's to a great summer...full of laughs, good friends, and life long memories!

See you all very soon!

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