



SUMMER 2020

The Top Ten Questions About Your Summer At Stagedoor Manor... & More Importantly, The Answers!

WHAT KIND OF CAMP IS STAGEDOOR MANOR?

Stagedoor Manor Performing Arts Training Center is a Coed Summer Performing Arts Camp for ages 10 -18, located in Loch Sheldrake, NY (about 2 hours northwest of NYC in the heart of the Catskill Mountains). Our program is designed for youth interested in intensive exposure to the world of theatre, in a Summer Stock style setting. Both our students & staff are recruited from all over the world and tend to return to us for several seasons.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING ONCE I ARRIVE?

Those who arrive before June 10th for **PreCamp** will be doing a variety of activities to get the camp open & ready for the arrival of the remainder of the staff and the kids. The camp has been closed up and winterized for the last 9 months and everything must be opened & cleaned. All pre-camp staff will participate in all activities and camp set-up and cleaning. *A list of Important Camp Dates is included on the following page.*

WILL I GET SOME SORT OF ORIENTATION PRIOR TO THE KIDS ARRIVAL?

Yes. On Wednesday evening, June 10th, there will be a general gathering to meet each other and become acquainted with Stagedoor's philosophy and your new home. Beginning Thursday morning there will be four days of orientation, in both large and small groups, during which you will cover all aspects of your job and the running of Stagedoor. There will also be time for you to get to meet and know your new friends on the staff.

WHAT WILL MY LIVING AREA BE LIKE? WHO WILL I LIVE WITH?

Most housekeeping, kitchen and power staff live in rooms with a couple of roommates...although, there are a couple of larger rooms that house 5. The bathrooms are down the hall with private stalls and standing showers. After all, we are a camp. Counselors live in large rooms with 4-5 other counselors and a bathroom in the room. Tech rooms will vary but most will share a room with another tech staff member. The beds are twin size and/or bunk beds. Artistic staff will typically have private room but occasionally will share with one other person. Artistic rooms contain a full size bed with a shared bathroom. All rooms have carpet, windows and a fan. We try to match roommates up by age and job areas, and whenever possible mix countries so that you can meet new cultures.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING WITH ME?

All bed linens (pillows, sheets, etc) are provided for **international staff** (Americans see the document titled "**Welcome To The Stagedoor Family**" that was emailed to you or can be found on our staff website: www.stagedoorjobs.com). Any tools or supplies you may need for your job at camp will be furnished... including notebooks, tape, art and craft items, make-up, etc. We suggest you wait until your arrival to purchase any cosmetics, toiletries, or small personal items such as a hair dryer or rain boots. These items are relatively inexpensive, easily bought nearby and take up a great deal of space in your luggage. However, those of you from the UK & Australia...bring Tea & Vegemite!

WILL I HAVE DAYS OFF? CAN I TRAVEL LOCALLY?

Yes to both. Each staff member has one 24-hour day off per week. If you are into outdoor activities you will find many diversions in the area for your day off. We are approximately 2 hours from New York City for those of you who prefer a bit more urban distractions. Public transportation is relatively easy to access and car rental is possible. Most US car rental agencies have a minimum 25-year-old age restriction and many require the renter to have a major credit card. Also, there are many staff members who will have cars and group trips are

common. All sorts of local travel information will be available to you at camp.

WHEN DO I GET PAID AND WHEN WILL MY TRAVEL MONEY BE REIMBURSED?

Money spent on public buses or taxis from the bus to camp will be returned to you upon your arrival at camp. You must save your receipts in order to be reimbursed. Your salary will be paid each week on Friday. We have a lock-safe where you may keep valuable papers.

WILL I BE ABLE TO CHANGE MONEY FROM MY COUNTRY AT CAMP?

No. You should change your money before leaving New York City; it's very tough to find places to exchange money outside of New York City. Those arriving early to work pre-camp will be paid in cash (US dollars). **We recommend that you purchase travelers checks which may be cashed at or nearby camp.**

WHAT WILL BE MY LAST WORKING DAY AT CAMP?

Your contract will end on either Monday, August 19th or Tuesday, August 20th ...depending on your job at Stagedoor. Free buses will take you back to New York City.

IMPORTANT CAMP DATES 2020	
May 27th	PreCamp
June 1st	Tech Team Leader Start Date (9 AM)
June 3rd	Tech Staff Arrival/Start Date (Arrival by 4 PM)
June 8th	Group Leader Start Date (9 AM)
June 10th	Full Staff Arrival Date (Arrival by 4 PM)
June 10th - 14th	Orientation (All full summer & Session 1 staff)
June 13th & 14th	First Production Meetings
June 15th	Session 1 Begins
July 5th	Session 2 New Staff Arrival/Orientation
July 26th	Session 3 New Staff Arrival/Orientation
Aug 17th & 18th	Last Staff Day at Camp: 5 PM (Depending on responsibilities)

AND FINALLY...HOW DO I ACTUALLY GET TO STAGEDOOR?

Specific information regarding transportation depends upon your arrival date. If you arrive prior to, or after Wednesday, June 10th, the public bus from Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City (more info about this will be included in a document titled "**NYC to Stagedoor**" which will be emailed to you as we get closer to the summer or can also be found on our staff website: www.stagedoorjobs.com). If you are arriving at camp *on* Wednesday, June 10th, then you will be traveling to Stagedoor Manor from New York City on a private charter bus. The bus will depart from Holy Cross Church, across the street from Port Authority Bus Terminal on 42nd street at approximately 1:30 PM (more info about this will be included in a document titled "**NYC to Stagedoor**" which will be emailed to you as we get closer to the summer or can also be found on our staff website: www.stagedoorjobs.com).

WELCOME TO THE STAGEDOOR FAMILY!

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