



WRITERS THEATRE CAMP VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

Writers Theatre Education programming works to build strong, positive ensembles. We ask that you read through the following ensemble agreements with your camper prior to the start of camp. We expect that campers and parents will embrace the following:

Kindness & Collaboration: It is important that every camper is safe emotionally, physically, and creatively. As intentional artistic collaborators we will be mindful of how we use our words and physical actions. Writers Theatre celebrates leading with kindness by:

- Actively listening to each other's ideas and making space for everyone to share.
- Taking turns during games and activities.
- Embracing curiosity over judgment.
- Using safety and awareness with our bodies.
- Being supportive ensemble members.

Respect: Respect comes in many forms at theatre camp. We ask for campers and parents to respect the staff, fellow campers and families, and the work being created. This looks like:

- Clear and intentional communication
- Timeliness
- Enthusiastic participation
- Openness to new experiences
- Observing personal boundaries
- Actively creating an inclusive environment and honoring each person's identity.
- Treating the space and materials with care so they are available for future participants and programs.

Problem Solving: By following the values of kindness, collaboration, and respect we anticipate a smooth and fun camp session. That being said, it's important for us to have agreed upon structures in place should any challenges arise.

- If any issues occur during camp with your child or another camper, we ask that you come to us first and solve them in collaboration with WT staff. Please do not approach another camper or parent about a problem you may be having without WT staff present.
- If behavior and engagement is a consistent challenge for your camper, WT staff may reach out in person or via phone/email after the camp day. We are committed to finding a successful path forward for all campers and find that it is best to use the tools and routines already present in a child's life. Please feel free to communicate ahead of time any information that might help us best meet your child's needs.

Screen Time: Presence is of the utmost importance in theatre! We ask that phones and smart watches only be used for emergencies or important check-ins with guardians and that campers always check with their teaching artist before using technology. Please remind your camper of this rule and be sure to leave all non-essential technology at home or in the car.

Thank you so much for reading through this information and going through it with your young person!