



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LITTLES EXPERIENCE**

### **Will I/my child have a good time in this show?**

The goal of the staff and the WCT in general, is that all families enjoy themselves in the process of creating a show together. We have found that the more that children and parents are willing and able to commit themselves to working together to accomplish a great show, the better experience they will have.

### **What is expected of Little Adventurers during their time at WCT?**

All Little Adventurers should arrive ready to do their best work, which means arriving on time, eating a snack and using the bathroom before they come, and practicing their songs and dances at home. Little Adventurers are also expected to be respectful and kind to each other, the staff, and themselves. In cases of disrespectful or dangerous behavior, parents will be notified. If this behavior continues, the staff may need to assess whether the child can continue in the program.

### **Will a session ever be cancelled?**

Due to the challenges of New England weather, there may be a time when a session is cancelled due to snow or ice. If this is the case, an email will be sent to all participants in advance regarding the status of rehearsal. In addition, a message will be placed on the Announcements line at WCT - 617-926-ARTS ext 6.

### **What happens if a Little has to miss a session?**

In order to have an **excused absence**, you must call **Kathi Tighe, Program Associate**, at 617-926-ARTS (2787) before 3PM or e-mail her at **ktighe.wct@gmail.com**.

### **How many rehearsals may a Little miss and still be in the show?**

Only **two excused absences** are allowed. It is, of course, best for all concerned if there are none at all. With understanding that there are illnesses or sometimes unavoidable conflicts, we do allow two (only with prior notice) before he or she may be asked to leave the show. Absences that are not communicated prior to rehearsal are unacceptable at any time.

**During the final week of production (tech week), we do not allow any absences/early dismissals/late arrivals**, as these final technical rehearsals are essential to the success of the production. Exceptions can be made only in cases of a severe family or health emergency.

### **Should I bring my child if he/she is sick?**

If your child has any of the symptoms below, we ask that you inform us, and keep him/her home from rehearsal until the symptoms subside or he/she is cleared by a doctor. Symptoms include cough, runny nose, fever greater than 101 F, chills, aching muscles. Most children with mild flu symptoms do not need to visit their doctor, but we feel it is prudent to keep your child out of rehearsal if s/he is experiencing these symptoms, especially if there is a fever.

Although our absence policy allows only 2 excused absences, any changes to a child's role due to additional or prolonged absences due to illness will be addressed on a case by case basis. Should children arrive for rehearsals/classes presenting with flu-like symptoms, parents will be contacted immediately to pick up their child.

### **Will snacks be provided for actors at any time during this production?**

**Due to the health risks of accidental exposure to allergens, WCT requests that no snacks be eaten in our rehearsal spaces except those provided during production week.** Please encourage your child to eat before arriving.

Light snacks will be provided towards the end of the rehearsal schedule when rehearsals become busier and more involved. Snacks will also be provided during the performances. **If your child has any food allergies, please be sure to provide your child with his or her own appropriate snack to avoid emergency situations during performances.**

### **What is the Show Bulletin Board?**

The Show Bulletin Board is a one-stop online location for show information. On this page, the schedules, notices, and forms for the cast will be posted in downloadable PDF format, so that parents can access any of these forms and documents without having to request extra copies from the staff. If your child is absent, this is also a place to look for any missed information that may have gone home. You can access the Show Bulletin Board by going to [www.watertownchildrenstheatre.org](http://www.watertownchildrenstheatre.org) and clicking on the link under Show Bulletin Board.

### **Where does our registration fee go?**

To pay for space rental in this building, costumes, props, lights, show royalties, and staff salaries. The WCT is a non-profit organization, largely run by a volunteer board, and puts any money raised directly back into the programming to benefit the children.

### **Why are parents asked to volunteer for a committee?**

In order to keep our registration fees as low as possible, and therefore accessible to all children, we require volunteer help on our big productions to supplement the work of the hard-working board and staff. Over many years we have found it a wonderful way to include parents in one of their children's activities and to build a strong WCT community.

### **What if I have questions about my role, committee assignment, rehearsal schedule or anything else?**

You may leave a message for **Deidre Purcell** at 617-926-ARTS, and either she will return your call or pass on the message to the appropriate person who will respond to you.