

Kansas Junior Thespians Festival

KSJFest 2024

The KSJFest is a great chance for middle school students to participate in theatre activities and learn from some outstanding theatre artists. Join us for an exciting day filled with performances, workshops, and time to meet theatre students from across the state.

Register Online

This registration packet contains information to help you and your students to enjoy the Kansas Junior Thespian Festival or KSJFest.

Beginning January 16, 2024 you will be able to register your school registration at this link:

<https://forms.gle/Q3qRfvthHPuJUzrPA8>

Prior to the school registration, interested students must complete the Student Registration/Health Form. They will return the form and registration fee to their school. The school sponsor/theatre teacher will then complete School Registration via the link above.

Your school registration is due by February 23rd, 2024. No late registrations will be accepted.

When you've completed the online registration, we will send you an invoice for payment that will include registration and Thespy fees. Checks should be made payable to "Kansas Thespians." or you may pay by credit card. (if you pay via credit card, you will be charged the credit card fees as a part of your payment)

Mail registration payment to:

Dana Davis
c/o Prairie Trail Middle School
21600 W. 107th St.
Olathe, KS 66061

You are not officially registered until your online registration form has been submitted, all of your fees have been paid.

Who Can Attend

Middle school students, their teachers, and chaperones are welcome at the KSJFest. Please encourage all middle school students that are interested in theatre to attend the festival. Students do not have to be Thespians to come to the festival.

The KSJFest is an excellent opportunity for students of all backgrounds and experiences to view and enjoy outstanding theatre activities. Please plan an appropriate number of chaperones for the size of your delegation. All chaperones should plan to participate and accompany students throughout the Festival day. This will help ensure a successful, smooth and enjoyable Festival for all!

Teacher Responsibilities

1. **All students MUST have a designated lead teacher or chaperone that is on-site throughout the festival.** Registration must be submitted by the school, and the school must designate the lead teacher or chaperone responsible for a school's delegates.
2. All chaperones have a responsibility to help ensure all students have a safe and educational experience at the festival. Please monitor your own students. Please contact Festival officials if there are issues with ANY student throughout the Festival. Together, we will be able to provide students the very best opportunity for learning!

Schedule Overview - Saturday, April 27th, 2024

9:00 am - 9:30 am - Registration open

9:30 am - 9:50 am - Opening Ceremony

10:00 am - 10:30 am - Team Building

10:40 am - 11:30 am - Workshop session 1

11:40 am - 12:30 pm - Workshop session 2

12:30 pm - 1:05 pm - Lunch

1:10 pm - 2:00 pm - Workshop session 3

2:10 pm - 3:00 pm - Workshop session 4

3:10 pm - 4:00 pm - Program Showcase, Thespy Showcase, Tech Awards Ceremony, and Closing Ceremony

Festival Fees

The basic registration cost per person includes: (\$50)

- Workshops from outstanding theatre artists
- Performance opportunities
- Lunch

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- Workshops from outstanding theatre artists
- Performance opportunities
- Lunch
- **Festival shirt**

Other Fees:

- Teacher Sponsor- free
- Chaperones - \$30

No refunds will be awarded for schools and/or students that cancel after the registration deadline. The registration deadline is “postmarked” by March 2st, 2024. Registrations received after the deadline will not be valid.

Festival Health Forms

All students are required to submit a completed Festival Health Form. Teachers will make two copies of student health forms. One for the on-site nurse at the festival and one for the supervising teacher to keep them at the festival.

Student Behavior Guidelines

- Students are expected to hold themselves and their classmates accountable for their behavior. Festival staff and teachers reserve the right to pull disruptive students from workshops and activities at any point.
- Students are expected to attend all assigned workshops.
- Students should respect JCCC and Carlsen Center spaces.
- Students must wear the proper attire to the festival.

Badges

Each student will receive an identification badge that must be worn for admission to all Festival activities. The spelling of names on the badges will appear as submitted on the online Festival Registration Form.

Additional Student Opportunities KSJFest also offers these other events:

1. Thespy (monologues, duet acting, solo singing, group/duet singing)

Thespy are performance opportunities that students prepare for professional judges to evaluate and give constructive feedback. Superior ratings earn medals and the top performances from each category will present their piece at the end of the day celebration. Thespy fee: \$10 per person.

2. Tech challenges

Students get the opportunity to play with behind the scene elements and compete in engaging activities that represent technical theatre work. Tech challenges will include activities such as prop shift, spiking-a-ground plan, costume quick change, etc.

3. Program Showcase

Teachers/Directors will bring a prepared performance to the festival to showcase their program. This could include a musical number, scene work, or other speciality performance. Directors must have permission from publishers to perform in the showcase. Obtaining permission to perform is the responsibility of the director.