



January 21st, 2010

MEMO: 9th- 12th Grade Students in Rutherford County

FROM: Sandra Pineault, Read to Succeed

RE: Spring 2010 Express Yourself Arts Conference, Thursday, March 11, 2010

Are you a high school student who is interested in pursuing an arts career? Or who wants to know a community of peers who share common interests?

Read To Succeed of Rutherford County is excited to announce the third annual Express Yourself Arts Conference, an arts experience for high school students in Rutherford County, to be held **8am-2:30pm, Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Patterson Park Community Center** in Murfreesboro.

The conference is tuition-free and is an approved activity of the Rutherford County school system and may be considered a field trip for students. *Each school will need to provide at least one (1) coordinating teacher who can accompany Accepted students to the conference.*

EYAC aims to provide high school students the opportunity to know fellow artists in Rutherford County, participate in arts workshops, gain perspective on arts-oriented careers, and find support and resources locally for further creative work. In your application, you have the opportunity to choose two or three workshops that you will attend during the day. This year's workshops will be led by local artisans from Rutherford County and by members of Youth Empowerment Through Arts and Humanities (YEAH), Rutherford County's premier young artists organization. This year's keynote speaker will be Sigmund Brouwer, acclaimed author of youth and adult novels including the *Ghost Rider* and *Accidental Detective* series.

Applications are due to Read To Succeed no later than **February 17, 2010**. ALL of the forms must be completed and included with the application. Applications will be judged based on student interest, neatness and legibility. Acceptance letters will be sent out the last week of February, along with a schedule and directions.

For more information, please call (615) 838-8444 or email ljackson@rutherfordchamber.org.

Yours in the Arts,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sandra Pineault'.

Sandra Pineault,
Read to Succeed



**SPRING 2010 EXPRESS YOURSELF ARTS CONFERENCE
STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**

8am-2:30pm Thursday, March 11, 2010 Patterson Park Community Center

❖ **Along with this Student Application Form, students MUST also submit the following required information. Applications with incomplete or absent forms will be immediately disqualified.**

- ___ One (1) page letter of interest typed in Times New Roman or Arial 12 pt font.
- ___ One (1) sample of writing or visual art sized comparable to a 8.5/11 in. sheet of paper. Photo copies of visual art is acceptable. ****NOTE: Art cannot be returned.**
- ___ *EYAC Workshop Options* designated and checked.
- ___ *Photo and Artist Release Form*
- ___ *Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Form*

**Submit applications to:
Read To Succeed/ Express Yourself Arts Conference
P.O. Box 12161
Murfreesboro, TN 37129**

*****Application Deadline: Wednesday February 17th*****

Student Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Gender _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Student's Parent/Guardian _____ Phone # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

T-Shirt Size (Adult): Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large



EYAC WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Students have their choice of workshop schedule during EYAC. Below are the details for workshop content. Any supplies required for the workshops will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE: Workshops are limited by space. Students will be assigned to workshops on a first-come, first-served basis.

Introduction to Drawing: For students new to drawing, and a place for seasoned artists to receive new inspiration.

Introduction to Improvisational Theater I/II: Want to learn improvisational theater? Or just want to "improv" your skills? This session teaches you how to think on your feet and turn on a dime through fast-paced games to get your brain and your body moving. For those who have done theater or feel like having some creative fun while learning!

Yes, And... More Improvisational Theatre II/III: If you have had some improv training or chose to take the "Improvisational Theatre I/II" class, join this session as a follow up to hone your skills. Come find out what happens when a blue monkey and Nick Jonas show up at your Mom's Tupperware party. Hey, in improv anything can happen!

Introduction to Painting: Need some painting pointers? Looking for ways to enhance your skills? This workshop will cover different painting techniques with a twist.

Introduction to Screenprinting: Learn how create your own screenprinting table and make your own designs.

Junkyard Symphony: In the vein of improvisational music groups like "Stomp," this workshop will focus on using rudimentary objects and experimental vocalization to facilitate your own music style

Manga Sketching: An introduction to creating your own manga. Learn what manga is, how it relates to anime and the difference between American and Japanese manga.

Playwriting: Students explore the fundamentals of playwriting through constructing their own theatrical scene while developing and telling stories through characterization, conflict and dialogue.

Poetry Composition: Experiment with fresh techniques for creating poetry, and learn new ways for expression through the poetic form.

Speak, Shout, Sing, Slam: Poetry Writing and Performance: Slam is a fusion of poetry, music, and theater, collapsing boundaries between page and stage. This workshop uses Slam as a guide for writing and performing original poems, and exploring how poetry takes shape.

Turn Passion into a Paycheck: You need to do more than write great stories or articles to become published; you have to know how to sell them too. This session focuses on dozens of shortcuts to take what you love to do and turn it into something that other people will find in magazines and books.

Instructor: Sigmund Brouwer



EYAC WORKSHOP OPTIONS

Please indicate your preferred workshop sessions by numbering them in order of your interest, #1 being highest interest.

You will be given a schedule the day of the conference what workshops you will participate in.. Depending on placement, each student will participate in three workshop sessions (two in the morning, one in the afternoon), OR two workshops (one in the morning, one in the afternoon) if placed in the morning session of "Speak, Shout, Sing, Slam: Poetry Writing and Performance."

Workshop Session (2 hrs. 20 min.):

Available only in the morning.

Speak, Shout, Sing, Slam: Poetry Writing and Performance

Workshop Sessions (1 hr. 10min.):

Introduction to Improvisational Theatre I/II

Yes, And...Improvisational Theatre II/III

Introduction to Drawing

Introduction to Painting

Introduction to Screenprinting

Junkyard Symphony

Manga Sketching

Playwriting

Poetry Composition

Turn Passion into a Paycheck



**EXPRESS YOURSELF ARTS CONFERENCE
PHOTO AND ARTIST'S RELEASE FORM**

I, _____ (Student's Name), give permission to the coordinators of Express Yourself Arts Conference (EYAC) to use examples of my art which I may have submitted to them, AND any photographs of myself as a conference participant (no names will be used in photographs), in any and all promotional and publicity materials relating to EYAC. I also waive responsibility for the officials of EYAC for any loss, alteration, or damage to any artistic work which I may submit to them.

Name of Student (Print) _____

Name of Student (Signature) _____

Date _____

Parental Signature (if student is under 18) _____

Date _____



**EXPRESS YOURSELF ARTS CONFERENCE
WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS FORM**

(Name of Student) _____ desires to participate in the Spring 2010 Express Yourself Arts Conference (hereafter referred to as EYAC) and all related activities being offered therein. *Upon acceptance of said student into this activity*, the undersigned parent/guardian assumes all responsibilities and risks related to or in any way connected with these activities.

I assure the officials of the EYAC that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict my child's participation in this activity.

I understand and agree that the EYAC is granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, and that this action shall be subject to the terms of this agreement. I understand and agree that the members of these same supporting parties assume no responsibility for any injury or damage which might arise out of or in connection with any authorization of emergency medical treatment.

I assure officials of the EYAC that I have adequate health insurance necessary to provide for and pay any medical costs that may directly or indirectly result from my child's participation in this activity and that I will indemnify and hold the supporting parties of EYAC harmless.

The undersigned does for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors, successors and assigns, release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the supporting parties of the EYAC and all employees and agents connected therewith, successors and cost, loss of services, expenses and compensation arising out of, on account of, related to, or in any way connected with my child's participation in this activity.

This agreement will also prevent my family from suing the aforesaid supporting parties of the EYAC. It is my intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, my heirs, assigns and personal representative. This agreement shall be deemed as a release and consent not to sue regarding any claims these parties may have against releases relating to my child's participation in this activity, whether these claims arise out of the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made. I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent, and I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

This agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Signature of Student _____

Date _____