Participants Housing

Student participants and chaperones will be housed in gender-specific residence halls. Shared shower/toilet facilities are located on each floor. We do our best to accommodate roommate requests; however, both participants must make the request during online registration for it to be honored. Students may not transfer room assignments. Please do not practice in your room between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. so those trying to sleep are not disturbed.

Parents & Chaperones

Family and the public are welcome to any performance or exhibit on the schedule of public events. All performances are free. Festival students are chaperoned in a 1:10 ratio. Chaperones must stay in the dorms on campus and are responsible for shepherding students to and from rehearsals, workshops, and performances as needed. For parents who wish to volunteer, overnight accommodations on campus are available free of charge.

To receive complimentary room and board, chaperons are respectfully requested to volunteer for 2 two-hours shifts (4 hours total) either at registration, during a meal, or otherwise, plus assist with night room checks. Complete information for parents, including maps and directions, a schedule of public events, housing and including maps and directions, a complete information for parents, plus assist with night room checks.

Student Staff

In addition to teachers, directors, and adult chaperones who will reside in the halls with participants, staff are hired to patrol the hallways at night.

Participant Check-In & Check-Out

Thursday: Check-in TBD

*Please refer to your student schedule for your assigned check in time.

Thursday: Check-in is located at TBD

Friday: Check-in 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Dalton (Festival headquarters)

Saturday: Check-out at dorm front desk by 5 p.m.

Peak check-in times are 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Thursday. Expect lines and keep track of your time. If you need to leave to go to rehearsal, you can check in after your practice session ends.

Important Phone Numbers

Festival Headquarters @ Dalton 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (269) 387-5815

Ackley/Shilling Hall Reception Desk

6:30 a.m. - 1 a.m. (269) 387-4754 Britton/Hadley Hall Reception Desk

6:30 a.m. - 1 a.m. (269) 387-6602

University Police (24 hours):

(269) 387-5555

To reach a Festival participant in the event of an emergency, call (248) 545-9200 or leave a message at Festival Headquarters in the Dalton Center.

Room Checks

Room checks will be done by the staff and chaperones on Thursday and Friday nights after the residence halls are locked at 11:15 p.m. They will have a floor roster and confirm that all students are accounted for and in the proper rooms. Be sure you're there and ready to answer the door by 11:30 p.m.!

Parking

Parking permits for all 3 days of the Festival are available for $10 (CASH ONLY) when you check in. With a WMU permit, you may park in any employee or student lot. Guest permits may not be used in handicap, reserved or “director” spots. School buses should drop off students and then park in the Lawson Ice Arena lot (lot #64).

The Miller Auditorium parking ramp is also FREE for the duration of MYAF!

Linen

Due to concurrent events on WMU campus, there will be limited linens available for MYAF participants. Therefore, each student should bring his or her own XL Twin sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, and washcloths. Participants will be expected to make their own beds. There will be a charge for missing WMU linen.

Keys

Turn in keys at the end of the Festival to the residence hall reception desk. The charge for lost keys is $75 and it is your responsibility to pay this fee during check-out.

Meals

Name tags are required for admittance to all meals! Adults not wearing name badges may pay by cash or credit card.

Thursday: Dinner is only provided to students who are rehearsing and/or performing that day.

Friday: Breakfast/dinner in the Bigelow dining room. Lunch is in Miller Auditorium. Please do not go to the cafeteria for lunch.

Saturday: Breakfast in the Bigelow dining room. Box lunches available in the Dalton Center.

First Aid

Students in need of medical attention will be taken to Sindecuse Health Center or Bronson Hospital. It is imperative that the Health Permission Form be completed by every participant regardless of age and returned with the registration materials. Indicate on the health form if you have special needs.

Student Social

Following Friday night’s performances there will be a reception in the TBD LOCATION for students & chaperons. Refreshments will be available.

Please visit the Soundwaves table at Dalton Center and Miller Auditorium during MYAF.

Questions? Contact MYA staff at festival@michiganyoutharts.org

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