

June 11, 2014

Dear Parents of English PreAP/AP Students and Drama Students:

Thirteen years ago, one of our dreams as teachers came true: Taking students to Utah's Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City and then to hike and write in Zion National Park. This summer, we have put together our thirteenth annual trip. We will see four Shakespeare plays, (*Comedy of Errors*, *Henry IV*, *Measure for Measure*, and *Twelfth Night*). Also on our agenda: the musical *Into the Woods*, and Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*, adapted for the stage.

The festival is hosted by Southern Utah University (SUU) and won a Tony Award in 2000 for Outstanding Regional Theatre. The trip is designed to give PreAP and AP English students and drama students additional exposure to Shakespeare, the theatre, and creative writing. Because the trip is meant for enrichment to our regular curricula and because the workload in PreAP and AP English is already heavy, the preparation for this special field trip is not arduous. Our intent is to add more pleasure and depth to our English and drama courses. The trip will include opportunities to see many facets of working theatres such as how sets are changed in repertory, as well as give students the chance to hear actors and directors talk about their craft at the actors' seminars held under the fir trees. Several of the events students like best are the Stage Combat and Shakespearean Text classes taught by actors performing in the Festival.

We have obtained discounts where we could, but the cost of the trip may still be beyond what your family can afford. PLEASE, IF YOUR STUDENT WANTS TO COME BUT COST PROHIBITS IT, LOOK FOR INFO ON CAR WASHES ON MR. BALL'S ATORT WEBSITE. SEVERAL CAR WASHES ARE PLANNED FOR JULY and AUGUST. We also may have some scholarship money available. **Remember, your fees can count as an Arizona Tax Credit. Be sure to ask Nina in the bookstore to deposit your trip fees in the Utah Trip Acct, #548. If you forget to ask, she'll put it in a different account that will not allow you the credit. (State law allows married couples to deposit more than this trip costs, so if you'd like your whole \$400. credit allowance to go to Drama or the Utah Shakespeare acct. for further use in these programs or to finance another student's trip, feel free; we always have students who need financial help. (An unmarried person is allowed a \$200. tax credit.)**

Time is very short; deadlines are approaching rapidly. **All money must be turned into the bookstore by Tuesday, AUG. 19. A \$40. deposit is required to hold your spot if you cannot pay in full right away.** For more info, check the festival's excellent website at www.bard.org. A detailed itinerary and breakdown of costs and additional info follows. Thanks for sending your children to us!

Chaperoned by Andrea Meyer (PreAP Eng. 10) James Ball (Theatre) Klint McKear (Dual Enrollment English)

Some of our Common Core and State Standards Addressed:

Relate literary works to traditions, themes, issues of their era and to personal experience.

Analyze author's use of lit elements

Identify how author's choice of words and imagery sets tone and advances theme. Analyze author's use of figurative language.

Analyze use of rhetorical strategies

Use words that evoke clear images. (Also practice in Expressive writing, one of the six modes of writing in our State Standards.

Thursday, 8/28 Arrive cafeteria parking lot at 4:00 a.m. Depart Mingus by 4:30 a.m. The detour around Page makes it imperative to leave on time. Eight-hour drive to Cedar City, Utah. LUNCH on the bus! Pack it. No time for fast-food stops!

Arrive 1 p.m. in Cedar City. (Utah is 1 hr ahead of AZ time.) Play orientation for *Sense and Sensibility*.

2 p.m. *Sense and Sensibility*

4:30 Repertory Magic. See how sets and tech are changed between two different afternoon and evening plays.

5:30p.m. Arrive at KOA 1121 N. Main St. Cedar City, UT (435) 586-9872. Stay in 4-person cabins. There are clean showers and restrooms plus go carts (\$6 and \$12), a small convenience store, and a pool. *There is a microwave to heat your food.* We will eat dinner here out of ice chests and will stop at the grocery store on the way to KOA.

6:45 Play orientation for *Comedy of Errors*

7:10 p.m. Greenshow, a free musical variety show on the green (the lawn) at SUU. Vendors sell tarts, and Elizabethan concession stand is open.

8 p.m. *Comedy of Errors*

11 p.m. *Actors' cabaret* at The Grind Coffeehouse in downtown Cedar City. (Please bring a \$10 donation with you.)

Friday, 8/29 Eat breakfast from ice chests. We will go to the supermarket this morning as well.

9 a.m. **Literary Seminar** Go to Seminar Grove under the fir trees to hear audience discuss last night's plays. (The seminar is free.)

10-12 **Classes in Shakespearean Text and Stage Combat**

12 p.m. **Lunch from ice chests or walk 2 blks to downtown.**

1 p.m. **Play Orientation for *Twelfth Night***

2 p.m. *Twelfth Night*

4:00-6 p.m.: Eat, swim, relax

6:45 p.m.: **Pre-play orientation for *Measure for Measure***

7:10 p.m. *Green show* on the lawn

8 -10 p.m.: *Measure for Measure*

Saturday, 8/30

9 a.m. **Literary Seminar**

10:15 **Backstage Tour:** Tour affords students a trip beneath the stages to see actors' dressing rooms, hair piece making, orchestra pit, prop areas, green room, and more.

11 a.m. **Actors' Seminar**

1 p.m. Play orientation for *Into the Woods*

2 p.m. *Into the Woods*

4-6:30 p.m. eat, swim, relax

6:45 p.m. Orientation for *Henry IV, part I*

7:10 p.m. Green show or gift shop

8-10 p.m.: *Henry IV, part I*

Sunday, 8/31

Depart 8 a.m. for 50-min. drive to **Zion National Park for Writers' Workshop.** Hike through the Virgin River's "Narrows" to a spot where we will read and write nature poetry. Easy hike up River Trail (1 mile) to beginning of "The Narrows," a gorgeous section of the Virgin River. All hiking up into The Narrows (2 miles) is in the water, sometimes hip-level. Time for writing and journaling in small groups as you hike. If the weatherboard at the Zion Ranger Station forecasts inclement weather, we will choose a different hike to avoid the possibility of a flash flood in The Narrows. Pack a lunch. Voluntary writing share in the evening.

5 p.m. Stay at Pioneer Lodge, 838 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale, UT 84767 (at entrance to Zion) (435) 772-3233

Monday, 9/1

8 a.m. Depart for Mingus

4 p.m. Arrive at Mingus (AZ will be 1 hr behind Utah's time.)

COST:

Transportation in school bus	\$50.00
Green shows	free
Tickets to 6 plays, Repertory Magic & Backstage Tour	\$182.
Actors' Seminar & Talk Back	free
Two classes (Stage combat & Shakespearean Text)	\$4.00
KOA	\$47.25 (total for 3 nights)
Zion Nat'l Park entrance fee	waived
Pioneer Lodge (one night)	\$41.00

Costs defrayed approx. \$13. per person by tax credit donor, deduct \$13. 30

- **TOTAL MONEY DUE in BOOKSTORE = \$311.00, by Tuesday, Aug. 19, plus bring \$10 with you for the cabaret show.**

Grade checks are due Wednesday, Aug. 20, to your English teacher or Mr. Ball. If you have a D or an F, you may not go on the trip, subject to discretion of teachers. This means you may lose your trip monies.

Make up work: Ask your teachers for the work you'll be missing on Thursday and Friday. Do this work BEFORE you leave, if possible.

Limited Space—HURRY! Payment (full or partial of at least \$40.) in bookstore holds your place. There are 27 student spaces for this trip. Mrs. Henager is in the bookstore to accept payment. This trip fills.

Optional Parent Info Meeting: Monday, Aug. 25, 5:30-6 p.m., room 117. Please come. We'll cover issues such as content of plays, sleeping arrangements at KOA, safety, medicines, dress code, and any concerns parents may have.

Cell phone numbers for emergencies:

928-300-4352 (Andrea Meyer)

847-858-1372 (James Ball)

WHAT TO BRING: DO NOT BRING RIPPED OR FRAYED CLOTHING, even if it has rips below the knee!

Clothing for the festival is informal but still must meet or exceed our MUHS dress code, e.g., tops must have sleeves, no tops or transparent fabric that exposes your midriff, no inappropriately revealing clothing. If in doubt about your clothing choices, lean toward more modest, conservative choices. Young men might bring a collared shirt for the evening plays, but ties are not necessary. Dresses are fine for young women during the evening, but it gets cold. Nice looking Capri pants or pants are just fine as well. No sexually suggestive slogans on T-shirts. You will be conspicuous and identifiable as a group. Every year we are announced and pointed out to the general public as being from Mingus Union H.S. Sometimes we are filmed or up on stage (the Green show). Wear modest clothing that doesn't show your underwear when you sit on the grass or crawl around in Stage Combat class.

Journal or notebook and pens

Towel for KOA and river

Pillow and sleeping bag or blanket and sheet

Non-slip river shoes or old tennies, NOT flip-flops that will come off in the current

Backpack for Zion

IMPORTANT: 3-4 Zip Lock Baggies for river

Sunscreen

Hat

Swimsuit. You may wear tank tops or strappy tops on the river hike.

Light jacket or sweatshirt, umbrella, blanket. The evening Shakespeare plays are outdoors. You will be *miserable* and cold at the evening plays if you have no sweater. It often rains during our stay! Cedar City is colder than the Verde Valley.

Toiletries

Festival gift shop money (optional for posters, tee shirts, mugs for your favorite teacher...)

Food for ice chests and money for possibly one restaurant meal and money to purchase groceries when we get to Utah. All told, you will be eating 15 meals. We will be stopping at the supermarket twice in Cedar City. At all times you will have the option of eating out of your ice chest or buying at a grocery store. Sometimes you may have the option of eating at a restaurant or a fast food place,

but you must pack breakfast and lunch for Thursday and lunch on Sunday at Zion. In order to get to Utah before the matinee, we will not stop to purchase a meal. Pack breakfast and lunch for Thursday!