

Nationals

Lincoln Nebraska
June 24-June 29th

Leave PHS

Approximate 8 p.m. on Sunday June 23rd

Arrive Lincoln around 10 a.m. on Monday June 24th

****We must be at the National Mainstage showcase by 4 p.m. on Monday****

Leave Lincoln

Saturday June 29th (vote by Parents for later date)

Morning 9 a.m. arrive evening of 29th approx 8 p.m.

5 p.m June 29th arrive approx 3 a.m. on Sunday June 30th

Main Stage

Slated for Thursday June 27th 2 shows

Move in for set and pre build Wed June 26th

We get 5 hours to load in on stage on morning on 27th

Shows are 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (if i remember correctly)

Current Juniors/Rising Seniors

Colleges are on site to begin college audition process

National Qualifiers

Can compete at the National Level

All week, activities-only fees (housing and meals off campus):

Inducted Thespians: \$604.

Non-member students: \$634.

Adults: \$604.

Hotel: Embassy Suites (based on 5-6 in a room) 1040 P St, Lincoln, NE 68508

\$190 for the week

Hotel provides breakfast every morning and a big “happy hour SANS THE DRINKS” at 5 p.m. every afternoon. NO other food is provided

On Wed and Thursday we will order lunches to be delivered to the students since that is their only chance to eat. About \$7-\$10 a student

Pearce Theatre will provide a dinner on Tuesday night for the students (pizza) as we will have a “run through” of the show that night before mainstage performance.

College Audition Fee: \$46 a student (this is a STEAL!)

National Qualifiers: \$30 a person

****Adult/Chaperone facts****

We have 4 hotel rooms on hold for chaperones. You **ONLY** need to pay for the full week of thespians if you want to attend activities with the students (the actual festival)

To attend and see our show you will take **OUR BADGES** and sit in **OUR SEATS**. You **DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE THE WEEK FOR THIS**. However, if you want to see all the other shows for the week you run the risk of not getting in if you do not purchase a badge (however there are day of tickets (you can only purchase 2 a day) it's tricky but those of you that want to come as chaperones we can figure it out.

If you are flying in just to help with load in and watch the show you DO NOT need to purchase a badge we will have seats for you to watch the show (this is NOT LIKE TEXAS THESPIANS. It is a “known and done” thing, passing off the badges)

What happens at Nationals

The International Thespian Festival is much more than a performance showcase; it's also a valuable learning opportunity for students and teachers. Workshops on all aspects of theatre practice are offered each day of the ITF week. With more than 200 workshops to choose from, delegates can dabble in anything from drawing techniques for costumers to safe stage combat to singing, acting, and dancing.

Delegates do not have to sign-up for workshops. They may attend any that they wish and may decide on-site.

Workshop schedule will be available on Guidebook in June.

There is also 1 mainstage “large venue” and 1 mainstage “smaller venue” show a day. (these are known as the main attractions”

Everynight the students have: dances, talent shows, and events.

Students do not move around with chaperones or directors during the day or night. There are 5 scheduled check in's a day and a hotel check-in, lights out check in with the chaperones or directors at night.

Safety

Safety is the #1 concern for the festival and Pearce Theatre.

There is a Thespian Court and it is not a joke, if a student breaks any rule they will be brought up at Thespian Court and could be sent home, our charter could be revoked or our show pulled. (see below from EDTA)

Campus police will be on duty at all times

Festival officials will handle security responsibilities during the Festival. After arriving at UNL, troupe directors will be notified of their building and floor captains. Directors, chaperones, and students must cooperate with these officials. Festival rules go into effect Monday of Festival.

Alcohol/drugs/weapons/tobacco

Alcohol/drugs/tobacco/weapons. The illegal possession, use, or distribution of drugs or alcohol or drug paraphernalia by student or adult delegates, staff, or other guests of EdTA is a violation of International Thespian Festival (ITF) policies as well as local, states, and federal laws. The ITF supports these laws and practices a "zero tolerance" policy while supporting and cooperating with local, state, and federal agencies in the prevention of drug use. The International Thespian Festival prohibits any use of alcohol, on or off ITF managed premises, that adversely affects staff or adult work performance or staff, adult, or delegate safety or the safety of others. Violations will result in dismissal from ITF. Possession of drug paraphernalia will be treated the same as possession of illicit drugs, even if never used. Vaping and Juuling is strictly prohibited. New this year, UNL is a tobacco free campus, including all indoor and outdoor areas. This prohibits the use of all products containing or derived from tobacco on campus. Delegates bringing any type of weapon onto campus will be sent home immediately.

Curfew

Delegates (both students and adults) must be in their assigned dorms by 12:30 a.m. and in their assigned dorm rooms by 1:00 a.m. Quiet hours—with lights out—begin at 1:00 a.m. Monday night curfew is 11:45 p.m., with lights out at 12:30.

Health center

Students requiring emergency medical attention during the day will be directed to UNL's health center. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday–Friday, and closed on Saturday. After-hours medical emergencies must be taken to the Bryan Health West Hospital, 2300 South 16th Street, 402.481.1111.

Students are to report illness to their troupe directors/chaperones. Notify the twenty-four-hour desk clerk of illness during the evening. Only delegates who completed and are carrying their medical release form will be treated on campus.

The health center does not treat adults over the age of twenty-one. Adults requiring emergency attention must be taken to the Bryan Health West Hospital.

Delegates in need of transportation to the health center or hospital should call 911 in case of emergency. Otherwise, contact the Festival nurses.

Festival attendance

All student delegates are required to attend the events scheduled during Festival week. Students are not permitted—under any circumstances—to leave the UNL campus after 11:00 p.m.

University regulations

Beverages and food are not permitted in the auditorium, classrooms, or lobbies of the Lied Center or the UNL theatres. The burning of incense is prohibited in dorm lounges and rooms. Delegates are not allowed to have fireworks on campus. Delegates are not permitted to play loud music in their rooms after 12:30 a.m. Delegates are not permitted to use chalk on the UNL sidewalks.

During performances, use of cameras and recording devices is prohibited in the Lied Center and UNL theatres.

Delegates are guests of the University and should conduct themselves graciously. Respect for other delegates, UNL staff and students, and local citizens is expected of all Festival participants. Excessive noise, improper language, and reckless operation of automobiles will not be tolerated. Delegates should walk on sidewalks (not in the streets) and avoid campus parking structures. Skateboards, razor scooters, hoverboards, and in-line skates are not permitted.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and International Thespian Festival, LLC are not responsible for loss or breakage of personal effects, money, or valuables.

Violations

Delegates violating Festival security rules and regulations will meet with their troupe director/chaperone and security personnel at the 8:00 a.m. security meeting in the Schramm Conference room. If more than three delegates under the supervision of the same troupe director/chaperone are required to meet with security personnel, the troupe may be asked not to attend the 2020 International Thespian Festival. If a student is sent home from the Festival for any reason, the parents, guardians, or next of kin will be responsible for all costs incurred in returning the student home.

Expenses for Pearce Theatre: (all estimates)

3-4 Directors registration: 2,416

3 hotel rooms: 2,556

Flight/car rental for sound engineer: \$350

Hotel room for two nights: \$284

Travel for show/set itself: \$4,000

Costumes: \$1,000

Incidentals: \$1,000

Average: \$10,000

Educational Theatre Association reimburses: \$3,100 for travel of SHOW expenses only.

Disney: Unknown what they can or will contribute towards the show

PHS: Unknown if they can contribute anything

RISD: Unknown if they can contribute anything