



Attention All Cypress Ranch ITS Students and Parents

Thespians Troupe 7372

Auditions for Texas Thespians State Festival for ITS students have taken place in theater classes over the last couple of weeks. So many talented students auditioned but please be aware that ITS limits the number of events and students a troupe is allowed to send to compete. *If your child is chosen to participate, please take note of the following dates, fees, and expectations.*

The anticipated cost per student for State Thespians should be no more than \$460. This includes transportation, hotel, security, and Texas Thespians Festival Fees. (TTF fees include all workshops, plays, festival shirt, IE fee, evening meals, and a festival badge.)

- ⇒ Mandatory Parent/Student meeting **Oct. 19, 2017**, at 6:00PM before the Booster meeting.
- ⇒ State Thespians fees are due October 19, 2017—(payable to S.T.A.R.) (Deposit checks will be cashed once the company is announced so deduct your \$50 deposit from your final payment.)

⇒ If you would like the payment plan

Oct. 10: \$50 deposit

Oct. 19: \$200

Nov 3: \$200

- ⇒ There will be extra costs for students participating in Leadership Workshop, Texas Techie Relay, Scholarship Auditions, College Auditions, Dance and Improv Contests.
- ⇒ Students attending the state festival and competition will be on field trip status and are not considered absent toward exemptions.
- ⇒ *All students attending must be passing all classes on the second six week's report card. NO REFUNDS will be given.*

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Texas Thespians is a Festival, but also a competition with the goal of qualifying for Nationals: **For those who rank Superior at Texas Thespians and advance to Nationals it is an expectation for you to go to Nationals.** Again, for any one or any group that advances from State to Nationals we will need a commitment you will attend Nationals with the troupe to compete in June. If you are unable to fulfill this commitment please do not go to Texas Thespians as we would want to reserve that spot for someone who is able to attend Nationals. There may be financial support for Nationals for all students who qualify at state for Nationals. The district pays half of Nationals registration while last year Supporting Theatre at Ranch paid the other half of registration. Our goal again this year is to help supplement every student's expenses for Nationals as a "job well done and deserved" incentive. The estimated cost for Nationals, June 2016 is \$1400, with the **estimated** maximum student contribution of \$800.00. STAR Booster has fundraising events that earmark specific portions to help fund Nationals reducing the student contribution. This includes our Signature Fundraiser in February.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the expectations for Texas Thespians and for the National Theatre Festival. Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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