

2006 WI 4-H DRAMA COMPANY YOUTH MEMBER APPLICATION INFORMATION

The 4-H Drama Company is comprised of adults and high school teens from all over Wisconsin. Included in the Company are actors, adult members, assistants to the director (former Drama Company members), and technicians (see attached descriptions).

The 2006 Drama Company works to learn directing and teaching techniques, to study the theatre arts curriculum, and to create a show to be performed for delegates attending Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference. Since a written script is not used, members learn improvisation and acting techniques for creating a play that will be entertaining and thought provoking. Additionally, members share their knowledge at the local club and county levels.

Members of the 2006 Drama Company will meet as follows:

Tentative 2006 Drama Company Time Commitment

Evening April 7 – Noon April 9	Get-acquainted and leader training in drama, Upham Woods, WI Dells
Noon June 15 – Morning June 22	Pre-Conference rehearsal and training, and attendance at Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, Madison, WI
August 2-9	Performances at the Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, WI

Youth applying to be a member of the 2006 Drama Company must be available for **all** of these dates. Occasionally, scheduling conflicts can be accommodated.

Members of the Drama Company are 4-H members who are in high school at the time of application.

How do youth apply to be a member of the Drama Company?

1. **Complete the general 4-H State Teams Youth Application form.**
2. **Complete the Drama Company Youth Application form** and attach it to the general form.
3. **Attach a photograph** of yourself to the application form. (Snapshots are fine. Include your name on the back of the photo.)
4. **Include two letters of recommendation**, *written by someone other than a parent*, sent on your behalf to the WI 4-H Youth Development Office, attention Drama Company.
 - a. One letter written by an individual familiar with your *leadership* experience and potential. This letter addresses your skills, initiative, self-discipline, and other leadership qualities.
 - b. One letter written by an individual familiar with your *performance* or *technical* experience and potential. This letter addresses your performance skills, willingness to learn and take direction, creativity, initiative, self-discipline, flexibility, ability to work with others, potential as a performer or technician, and other performance or personal qualities.
5. **All potential actors (only actors) should audition** for Drama Company at one of two face-to-face auditions:

Dec. 3 (7:00 pm)	Arts Leadership Lab, State Fair Park, West Allis, WI
Jan. 14 (2:00 pm)	Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

(Questions: contact Tim Talen, 920-459-4429)

A videotaped audition (VHS or DVD, 3-5 minutes) highlighting your dramatic abilities will be accepted in the event that a face-to-face audition is not possible.

Remember that you must still send in your complete application packet to the State 4-H Office by February 15.

Costs: If selected, all youth members, are expected to pay a fee of \$675.00 that will be applied to instructional costs, housing, and related expenses. Write the check payable to UW-Extension and send it **by April 1, 2006** to WI 4-H Youth Development Office, Attn: Drama Company, 431 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703. Scholarships and mini-grants will be available to those who qualify.