



Waterville Opera House + Missoula Children's Theatre
Summer 2026 Theatre Camp for Children in Grades 1–8

The Tortoise and the Hare: July 27–August 1, 2026

The Wiz of the West: August 3–8, 2026

Registrations on sale: Monday, February 23 at 11am

STATEMENT OF POLICIES

Tuition:

- \$240 per week. A sibling discount of \$25 is available for additional registrations.
- Tuition must be paid in full at the time of registration.
- Tuition includes a video recording of Saturday's performance. See details below.
- Tuition includes a show-specific camper t-shirt from Missoula Children's Theatre.
- In the event of camper cancelation, \$50 of each registration is nonrefundable. No refunds are given if the cancelation occurs within 14 days of the start of camp. Please see the Waterville Creates refund policy for full details. <https://www.watervillecreates.org/tickets-box-office/>
- Theatre camp is eligible for the Youth Arts Access Fund, please visit our website or call the Ed Harris Box Office at 207-873-7000 for more information. <https://www.watervillecreates.org/yaaf/>

Overview:

- Theatre camp consists of auditions on Monday (every camper gets a role), rehearsals throughout the week, and a full performance on Saturday.
- Campers must attend a full day on Monday. Missing Monday will result in dismissal from camp.
- Rehearsal times and attendance vary depending on roles.
- Each weekday will consist of 2 rehearsal blocks. Campers will receive their rehearsal schedule Monday afternoon at pick up.
- Drop off and pick up take place at the Paul J. Schupf Art Center, 93 Main St, Waterville (PJSAC). Children must be accompanied by an authorized adult.
- Health and safety are top priorities. Please review the [Waterville Creates Camp Sick Policy](#) for full details on how these situations will be handled.

Schedule:

- Drop off is 9:30–9:45am. Mid-day pick up is at 12pm (1pm on Friday). End of day pick up is 3–3:15pm.
- A \$20 surcharge will be required for campers who are picked up later than 3:30pm.
- All campers will attend a full day on Monday.
- A rehearsal schedule based on casting/roles is distributed Monday afternoon at pick up.
- Parents/guardians will be responsible for reading the rehearsal schedule and bringing their child to the correct rehearsal blocks. Most campers will attend full days of camp.
- The littlest campers (usually grades 1–2) will attend only the morning sessions Tuesday–Friday.



Monday:	9:30am 3pm	Drop Off for ALL campers. Pick Up for ALL campers.
Tuesday–Thursday:	9:30am 12pm 3pm	Drop Off for ALL campers. Pick Up for LITTLEST campers. Pick Up for OLDER campers.
Friday:	9:30am 1pm 3pm	Drop Off for ALL campers. Pick Up for LITTLEST campers. Pick Up for OLDER campers.
Saturday:	9:30am 12pm	Drop Off for ALL campers. Performance

Clothing/Costumes:

- Participants should dress comfortably in clothes that permit freedom of movement and closed-toed shoes (sneakers are best).
- There will be Theme Days for Tuesday–Friday. Participation is encouraged but not required.
- Most of the costume pieces required for the performance will be provided. However, participants may be required to have their own shoes and some basic items such as jeans, tights, leotards, or T-shirts.

Casting:

- The Missoula Children’s Theatre Tour Actor/Directors (TADs) are responsible for auditioning, casting, and directing the show. Casting decisions are made solely at the directors’ discretion and are nonnegotiable.
- Please impress upon your child that they may not get the role they want, but that part of the theatre experience is doing their best with the role they are given.

Performance:

- On Saturday, **ALL** campers should arrive at the regular time of 9:30–9:45am.
- The performance starts at 12pm.
- Following the performance and photo call, the audience should exit and clear the theatre.
- A parent/guardian will need to sign out their child(ren) with camp staff at a table in the theatre lobby.
- Campers are dismissed once all costume pieces and props have been returned to MCT staff.
- One complimentary ticket to the performance is included in the tuition. Comp tickets are available to pick up at the Ed Harris Box Office throughout the week or at Will Call one hour prior to the show.
- Tickets are \$8–\$10 (prices include a per ticket handling fee). Available online at operahouse.org

Recording/Media Release:

- Saturday’s performance will be recorded. Recording done by Crossroads-TV.
- Camp tuition includes the cost of the recording, which will be made available through a link in the weeks following camp. WOH staff will contact parents/guardians when the recording is available.



- **WC Media Release:** Photographic, video, audio and other recordings may be captured by Waterville Creates at its events and venues, including the Maine Film Center, Waterville Opera House, and Ticonic Gallery + Studios. This media may be used for marketing purposes in print, web, and social media marketing, as well as in third-party publications. Your or your child's presence at Waterville Creates events and venues constitutes your consent to being included in such media recordings. This includes the recording of the public camp performance.
- Registering your child(ren) for Theatre Camp acknowledges that you grant permission for Waterville Creates and Crossroads-TV to capture and publish photographs/recordings of your child(ren).

Personal Belongings:

- Waterville Opera House is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- Loose items will be gathered throughout the week with final attempts on Saturday to find the owners. Any unclaimed items will be held in the Box Office for two weeks then donated to a local charity.
- Unless authorized by camp staff, cell phone use is strictly **PROHIBITED** and phones are to be turned off while the camp is in session.

Lunch:

- Campers who are participating in **both morning and afternoon rehearsal sessions** should bring a bagged lunch. Due to possible food allergies, campers should not share lunches.
- The Opera House will provide a snack on Saturday prior to the performance.

Conduct:

- Waterville Opera House wants all participants to benefit from theatre camp as fully as possible and have a meaningful and enjoyable arts experience.
- **We are unable to provide prolonged one-on-one attention to campers or administer medication** (epi pens and inhalers are the exception).
- Due to the structure and staffing of camp, parents are urged to carefully consider their child(ren)'s interest in group activities, capacity for following directions, and demonstrating age-appropriate self-regulation before registering.
- In the event of seriously disruptive behavior, a child will receive a verbal warning. If the conduct continues, a parent will be notified and given an opportunity to help resolve the issue. If disruptive behavior persists, the child may be withdrawn from the session at the discretion of the Camp Director and/or WOH staff. No refunds will be given for withdrawals under these circumstances.

Additional questions should be directed to:

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