



Student Conference *January 6, 7, 8 2012*

Dear Student Conference Sponsor,

We are very excited to be contacting you about this year's student conference. As the co-chairs of this wonderful conference, we are excited to continue the tradition of excellent student experiences. This is the 15th Annual Student Conference and we have many exciting and special things planned for our attendees. During these tough economic times we are thrilled to inform you that all rates for this year's conference will stay the same as last year, while we continue our partnership with the Villa Roma Resort and Spa. As always, the Villa Roma will have a vast selection of activities for the students and adults, including snow tubing, bowling, tennis, and rock wall climbing.

Because the Villa Roma has a limited number of sleeping rooms, we will have to contain the number of students to 550. To facilitate this, **the Board has decided to continue to limit the conference to students in grades 10, 11, and 12.** This will allow us to maintain our 3rd year student program and to avoid having to place limits on the attendance from any single district.

The "Techie Challenge" continues to be a tremendous success and we expect this year to be no different. During the Friday night activity period, techies will be able to join a team and take part in a friendly competition of tech skills. Theatre technicians also have the opportunity to apply for a \$100 scholarship to the NYSTEA Student Conference. For details of the *Karl Hueglin Scholarship* and how to apply, go to the NYSTEA website (www.NYSTEA.org).

In an effort to contribute to a sustainable future, all of our communications will be sent by email, with the exception of the Registration Application. To ensure timely and accurate flow of information it is imperative that you provide us with an up-to-date email address that you check regularly.

Please remember we are using a streamlined registration procedure:

You will submit your *entire registration* in one packet. This packet will include: a full list of students, completed workshop preference sheets, completed sponsor and chaperone forms, applications for 3rd year students, the Festival of Plays (if applicable), and a **FULL NONREFUNDABLE PAYMENT. In order to be registered, the completed packet must be received by November 15.** *Incomplete packets will not reserve space for your students.* Once your packet has been received, you will be sent either a confirmation letter or a notice indicating what is still needed for complete registration. Schools that do not meet the deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

Rooms will be assigned in December. Because many of the rooms are suites, up to 5 students will be able to room together. Instead of a rooming list, your registration form will include a list of students, separated by gender. In December we will let you know how many rooms will be assigned to your school and whether they will accommodate 3, 4 or 5 students. At that time you will determine the rooming list.

As per board policy no refunding of any kind can take place. We suggest you create a waiting list of students to fill in for any last minute absences due to illness or emergency.

We are very excited about returning to Villa Roma and continuing this amazing conference. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Tony Ravinsky and Adam Shatraw
Co-Chairs

PS: HEY HOW ABOUT PRESENTING A WORKSHOP???

How about giving a workshop yourself this year? Your students would be so proud and your administrator would consider it an honor for the school. So don't hesitate to apply. We know you do great things. Here's your chance to show it. So come on, submit the form already. **If you have done a workshop in the past and wish to continue it please respond by e-mail confirming you are interested in repeating your workshop.**

NYSTEA Student Conference 2012 Workshop Proposal Sheet for Sponsors

**Thank you for your interest in doing workshops for the 15th Annual NYSTEA Student Theatre Conference.
Please fill out the following form and send it as soon as possible to:**

Tony Ravinsky
Cornwall Central HS
10 Dragon Drive
New Windsor, NY 12553
E-mail: aravinsky@cornwallschools.com (E-mail preferred)

All workshops are 90 minutes long. I would be interested in doing workshops the following time slots:

- I am flexible. Please schedule my workshop in any time slot! (This is the preferred answer)
- Friday evening January 6 8:45-10:15 pm
- Saturday morning January 7 9:15-10:45 am
- Saturday morning January 7 11:15-12:45 am
- Saturday afternoon January 7 4:00-5:30 pm
- Sunday morning January 8 9:15-10:45 am **(Note: We will need the most workshops at this time)**

How many times would you be willing to do your workshop?

(Incentive: The more workshops you do the less supervisory duties you will have.)

(Please note if you wish to repeat a workshop you did last year, just write the title and write "Same as last year" or make any changes and corrections on the form below)

Workshop Title:

Workshop Instructor: (please give your name and title)

Workshop Description: (50 words or less please)

Workshop Noise Level: loud moderate quiet

Participation level: (please check one)

FP: Full Participation- Each student in the room will be expected to actively participate

PP: Partial Participation- Approximately 50% of the students will actively participate

D: A few students will be asked to demonstrate for the rest of the class

Q&A: Lecture or performance with a question and answer period

Please indicate the Skill Level of this workshop: (please check one)

B: Beginners- no previous knowledge needed to participate in the workshop

I: Intermediate- some knowledge of the subject matter is necessary

A: Advanced- student must have a good working knowledge and/or experience in the subject.

Your Biography: (please include your biography for the program- write as much as you wish- don't be modest)