

Parent Packet #1: COSTUME RULES AND INFORMATION

TCT Costume Shop
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Costumes will be provided by TCT, however Cast Members will be expected to provide things such as shoes, socks, tights, underlayers and/or accessories.

Fittings will be before rehearsals at the TCT building. Please sign up for a time through SignUp Genius; it will be posted on the Cast Member Access page soon! Cast members and their caretakers should be prepared to come for a second fitting, if requested by the costumer. Bring your shoes to all fittings! Please be on time and respectful of others who are also using the building. Please contact the costumer in the event that this does not work for your cast member.

As a general rule, **TCT does not provide shoes**. We will provide guidelines for which type of shoes will be acceptable for the production and will approve the selection. If there is an issue with a cast member acquiring shoes, we can see what usable options are available in the costume stock. Please let the costumer know no later than the first fitting if there is a need.

Shoe assignments are posted on the Cast Access Page. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the costumer.

Hair and makeup must be done. ALL cast members should wear natural toned makeup. Principal characters' makeup will be discussed during fittings. For young ladies, hair must be pulled back out of the face; a half up-half down style is preferred unless otherwise instructed. For young gentlemen, use styling gel to secure hair. Please do not make any major hair decisions without discussing it with the costume designer.

Sometimes the styles of costumes can be uncomfortable, but **we will make every effort to provide an ideal fit** and as much comfort as possible. If there is a concern with the costume, *please be sure to voice those concerns to the costume designer*. It is much easier to fix things in the beginning of the process than it is during tech week.

Please do not complain about costumes. Each look is part of a much larger design and is chosen to work together with the other costumes to create a specific world onstage, within a budget and using available resources. Sometimes a costume may not be a performer favorite, whether it's perfect for the character or not. Please remember to show appreciation and respect the designer's hard work.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- **Always bathe/shower** before wearing your costume. This includes fittings as well as shows. (Many costumes cannot be easily laundered.)
- **Everyone should use deodorant** every day, and a non-antiperspirant deodorant when wearing costumes. Antiperspirants will stain costumes and cannot always be corrected. This is for ALL cast members, no matter what age.
- **All Cast Members must wear underwear** at all times. It is recommended that cast members or their caretakers purchase nude/flesh colored undergarments as soon as possible. This is a requirement for the Be Our Guest Ensemble.
- If you wish to wear a layer of clothing under your costume that are not undergarments, i.e. camisoles, tshirts, shorts, please discuss this with the costumer before hand. Please note that being able to do so is not a guarantee. Remember that you will need to come in "street clothes" and change back into them after each performance. It is recommended that cast members wear something comfortable and that can be removed easily without messing up hair or make up.

A NOTE FROM THE COSTUMER

Questions are always encouraged! I am happy to provide any additional information that cast members and their caretakers might need. Please **EMAIL**; I will reply as soon as I am able.